Youth Violence

The Biggest Problem in society today is youth violence. It seems to have a big affect on our communities. Every day the population decreases due to youth violence. I believe if we don’t do something about it now then we’ll end up losing a lot of people. There’s kids I know who haven’t even lived more than 17 years who’ve lost their lives due to violence. There’s also people who I know suffered from losing someone to violence including me.

I’ve lost my cousin and a friend due to violence. It was hard for me because I’m not really use to losing people and especially not the way I lost them. My cousin died because he was shot and stabbed to death by a group of boys and my friend was shot. I feel that no person should have to face a brutal murder like they did. The craziest part to me is that they both died when they was sixteen and didn’t even get a chance to really experience life like
any sixteen year old should. I feel like although they caught the people who killed them justice still isn’t served because locking them up isn’t bring my cousin and friend back.

When I hear the word violence I began to think about death and other negative things. I think the cause of violence is that there’s a lot of hate and miss guidance in society. If everyone would stop hating each other and take the time to understand each other’s situations and stop being so judgmental then the world would b a better place. Every day I worry about what challenges my family and I will face during the course of the day. Sometimes violence stops me from going out because my parents think something bad could happen and they want to avoid getting that phone call saying something’s happen to me or any of my siblings.

Another cause of violence is gangs and wanting to feel protected. People join gangs to be and feel protected and to know
that if something happens they can rely on one of their members to have their backs. Also people will do whatever they can do to feel protected even if it involves killing or hurting someone else. Which I think there would be no need for it if everyone respected one another. Also when you’re in a gang you feel big because you know people are going to be intimidated of you and your gang. I feel that when you’re in a gang it makes you look weak and less of a person because u can’t protect your self and you need others to save you.

One main reason I think people do violent things is because they come from a broken home or has had an abusive childhood. When people live through things like that they feel they have to be negative because that’s what their use to but I think they should break the cycle. Eventually those who are being negative are going to drag other people in and the next thing you know everyone is going to be full of negative energy. But not everyone
can be easily influenced. I learned that no one can force you to do anything you don’t want to do. Only you can determine what you do and if you chose to be influenced by negative energy then as they say “you live by the sword, you die by the sword’.

If I could make a change in society the biggest change I would make would be to have peace. I think if everyone goes around showing each other that it’s better to help someone than hurt them maybe we can have peace. I want others to realize that violence isn’t the key solution because there will be a consequents for your actions. I could help by telling others how to avoid drama and help them solve their problems in a better manner. That’s my solution to having a peaceful community.