VIOLANCE IN LIFE

Violence is probably one of the biggest problems we confront when we try to make our society better. We will never be able to eliminate violence completely for our society can never be perfect. In life, we will have to meet and greet good people and bad people, sooner or later. In life, there are always people who are gentle and people who are violent. The only thing we can do is to face it and deal with it, and we have been trying to reduce violence as much as possible for a long time.

Violence has affected my life, our lives, our society, our country, and to the most extent, our world. What is the cause of crimes? Two main culprits to all crimes in this world are greed and violence. Most crimes like robbing, threat of violence, murdering, terrorism, and physical abuse like rape, torturing, hurting, etc. all require violence. That’s the reason why we established the law system and the police force, to stop crimes. We have army because we can be attacked by terrorists and other countries. War is also generated from greed and violence. Violence makes us feel uncomfortable and afraid. That’s why we are afraid to go into dark, deserted road at night alone because someone hiding there might do violence to us and no one else is there to help. That’s why we have the Second Amendment, which gives us the right to bear arms so that we can use violence against violence to protect ourselves. That’s why our world is not good and that’s why we have to try our best to stop violence.

Imagine that violence never exists, how much better and funny and robotic and unreal the world would be? All the big crimes would be gone and only minor problems left like stealing and lying, which would be reconsidered as “big crimes,” and I don’t even know what minor crimes would be then. Another possibility is that stealing and lying would be considered the only two crimes because our society is so great and peaceful and civilized. There would be no need for military
base because war is violence and this new world doesn’t have violence, which means it can’t have wars. There would be no need for weapons since no one would want to use a weapon to hurt anyone else so you wouldn’t need a weapon yourself to defend from someone else, either. And one can’t come to you and threaten you with a gun or snatch your purse anymore, but instead, they might run up to you and ask politely “May I have your purse? I am fond of the dollar bills of yours and I would love to have them!” because they can’t do any violence to you. If you don’t want to “donate” your purse to that person, you would just have to simply say “No,” and that person would stop bothering you and walk away. But of course that is impossible unless we are under some kind of control like a robot or a program that we can’t do any kind of violence to achieve what we want but respect other people’s welfare and simply walk away.

Back to reality, violence can happen anywhere that has people at any time. It could be at school, at home, at work, at the White House, in the community, or in an airplane. As for me, I have seen violence twice with my own eyes. The first time was when I saw a man hitting his son badly because the boy was being disobedient. The second time was when two boys were fighting over a conflict in the cafeteria at my school. Fortunately, I have never really experienced any real violence myself and I wouldn’t want to for the rest of my life.

There are a lot of things that cause youth violence. It could be the familiarity or witnessing of violence since one was a little kid; the exposition to real violence; bad environment, bad home, or bad community; exposition to violent media like violent video games, violent movies, etc. There are still debates about the causes of youth violence. In many cases, I believe, it is just how one is. It’s like violence is in his gene, and he was born violent. Personally, I feel deeply sorry for people like that because it is not really their fault at all when you think about it. As I have already said, many of them were born like that. Imagine finding yourself love doing violence since you were a kid with no particular reason and then you realize when you grow up that violence just happens to be what your society hates and is trying to get rid of. How would you feel then? It’s completely unfair, right? I totally agree. You go out to the world and you see other people considered to be “good”, being loved by society while you being abandoned, until other people who just like you, are violent, come and join you. Then the anger would grow inside you towards those people, and you would want to hurt them using violence because the world is so unfair, which I might say that’s another reason, being abandoned and revenge, why people who are already violent become even more violent. I would say that people who have good virtues are lucky because it just
happens that they were born having those “nice qualities” and it just happens that our society considers those qualities to be good and acceptable. However, that’s just what I personally feel. I didn’t say anything about violence should also be acceptable or people who do violence should be forgiven. I just want other people to understand that it’s not really their fault. In fact, we shouldn’t blame the others who are influenced by the environment or media at all, either. We should blame the home, the community, the video games and the TV shows for corrupting them. Still, violence is a serious problem and it has to be stopped, no questions about it, and effort can be made to reduce violence down to a minimum rate.

We can do a lot of things to stop violence. We can ask the government to stop all the violent media. Don’t the media people have anything better to show, but violence? If necessary, we can even demonstrate in case the government refuses to interfere in this issue with some dumb, unreasonable reasons. The school can educate its students more about violence; show them how bad violence is. Aren’t schools there to help kids to become educated and good citizens? As for me, I can encourage other students to stop playing those violent video games, though I’m pretty sure it is not going to be very effective for as far as I know, they can’t stand not playing those games for just one day and why would they listen to a kid like me anyway? Honestly, just two years ago, I was very addictive to those violent video games myself but somehow I managed to stop because I realized that playing games was a complete waste of time and the benefits it brings are far less than the disadvantages and there are so many better things I could have done instead. Anyway, a better way to do it is that I can write a petition to the government and ask them to stop those violent media. As said in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, I have the right to express my thoughts, my opinions, and write a petition to ask the government for changes. The only problem is that I don’t know how to write a petition yet. I can learn it online or I can ask my parents to do it for me. However, if there are more people who also want to stop those violent media just like me, then it’s more likely that we can persuade the government to make a change. Stopping these media is a big deal because it could bring the economy down, though I have no idea whether it would affect the economy a lot or not, so there has to be many of us to strengthen our voice. I can also encourage my friends and other people to write petitions. There are always hopes and I believe together we can all make a change to help our community become a better place.