How has violence affected my life? Violence has affected my life because now I can’t walk down the street or be outside of the house knowing that I can get hurt because there is so much violence in the street. Now young kids are doing things that they are not suppose to be doing at this age. Almost everyday I see people fighting and getting killed or badly hurt. Everyday when I watch the news I see young people getting killed or doing something that they shouldn’t be doing. Violence has become so bad that millions of people a day are dying or getting hurt because of violence.

What causes violence? Well there are a lot of things that cause violence...like people not minding their own business, people talking about each other (gossiping) and mostly people being instigators and starting rumors just to see two people fight. Sometimes it can be the little things, like looking at someone the wrong way or saying someone’s name. A lot of teenagers and adults are setting the wrong example for young kids and children. This is the main reason why so many people in this world are being violent and causing problems. Peer pressure causes violence. When people start to say, “She said she wants to fight you... What are you going to do? Are you going to fight her?” This all starts when people start to say these types of things to other people and then the other person doesn’t know what to do and it causes a fight.

Being in the wrong crowd also causes violence. When you hang out with people that are very violent, they give you the wrong example of what to do. People who are considered “Wanna be’s” follow the wrong crowd and then get hurt and sometimes they get hurt and end up in the hospital or badly hurt. These types of games keep going on and then people think that it’s just a game but when someone gets hurt and they get the blame for it, they don’t think that it’s a game anymore.

What can I do to stop violence? Well I can start a group to stop violence. I can talk to people about it to see how they feel about it when they see or hear violence. I can teach kids at a young age that violence isn’t always the answer. But no one can change people from the way they are. No one can force someone to be something that they are not. I’m not saying that we should just let people be violent.... But if people really want to stop violence then they should talk to people that they know who are violent and make them think about what they are doing to the world, to themselves, and others. People can find ways so people can use their anger on other things instead of on people... For instance boxing is one way to get all your anger out. There are so many ways to stop violence but first we have to start with the little ones. Little kids and children all over the world are looking at adults and teenagers and THEIR behavior. They see what they are doing and things they shouldn’t be doing. Once they get older it reflects on how they act as an adult and they will possible pass it on to their children.