Remember that time when it was your first time walking home from school? I remember when I did. All I had in my head were “what if this happens or what if that happens?”. All that worrying and all those questions made my house farther away from school than it actually was. I consider myself blessed since every time I walk home from school whether it is early or late God allows me to return home safe and sound. No, I do not consider myself lucky I consider myself blessed.

Violence isn’t really apart of my life. I’ve heard about shootings of kids in Boston and of kids dying of overdose, but in reality, violence hasn’t quite got to me yet, and I hope it stays that way. I guess you could say I’m one of those kids that live a worry-free life and everything is just perfect and safe. However when I go to school I am exposed to a lot of things like stabbing, and seeing people getting bullied, and hearing people threaten others of how they’re going to beat them up. Sometimes there are fights in the hallway or in the cafeteria, but then again I could care less. I’m not the one getting beat up, but what if I was for a change the one getting beat up? I’m the type of person that will do almost anything to avoid conflict since I’m not a big fan of “drama” since it spreads so quickly. All it takes is one word to get one person started and they end up beating you up. Yes, violence affects my life but just not in a big way.

In my opinion I think the 2 main causes of violence are social media and mixed communication. You know that game the game “Telephone”? When one person has a message and the job is to get the message to the last person, and along the way the message changes and gets all mixed up, and by the time it gets to the last person they receive the message wrong. The message represents a rumor and it starts with one person, and that rumor is passed
on till it ends up to the person that it's meant for, people get hyped up and mad, and that's exactly how a fight starts. Mixed communication isn't clarified, so people assume that you said was true, and then you just have two or more people fighting over something stupid. People use social media to pass on these messages, that's the problem with social media. People decide to use technology to communicate something negative to one person without confronting the individual in person. People are what make social media look so bad, but it's one of the causes of youth violence today.

There is a lot of youth violence nationally; fortunately we can put a stop to this. One thing we can do is to minimize gun control. The problem nowadays is that there is easy access to guns which shouldn't be. Gun Company's or stores that sell guns should have some sort of law that requires you to have something from the government that requires you to have access to gun. Another solution to stop violence is to create more after school programs. Children or students that get out of school early seem very bored after school. When you're in boredom you do stupid / dangerous things without thinking. Things happen when you do dangerous things, and to prevent dangerous things from happening, creating more after school activities and after school programs that are interesting enough to join will stop youth violence.

You know how they say it only takes one person to mess everything up? Well, reverse that saying and it'll say "It only takes one person to make a difference". They also say that actions pass on. So if one person is doing the right thing someone may see that and want to follow you, and that passes on and it repeats itself meaning that action passes on and on and on. Yes, there is a lot of youth violence, but it's about time that we stop talking about how bad it is,
and it's time that we start talking about how we can stop youth violence. If we all do the right thing we can make a difference and put an end to this youth violence.