It was a windy day in October and I had just got back from playing basketball. My brother got a call from my cousin telling him that my other cousin got shot and is in the hospital fighting for his life. I felt like my legs couldn’t hold my weight anymore. I wasn’t breathing well. I was praying that he would survive, but he didn’t. My brother rushed to the hospital as I stayed home crying in my room. Violence is not a good thing in anybody’s life.

Violence and drugs had affected my life in a few ways. I’ve lost dear family members to violence that wasn’t necessary. My uncle can’t come back to the United States due to drugs. Sometimes when I walk alone I have to keep an eye on people because a lot of people like to jump others for their belongings. Nowadays, it’s not safe to wear certain hats because some represent gangs. That’s the reason why I don’t wear hats.

I think the main reason for all of the youth violence is because of peer pressure. A lot of kids get provoked to do drugs and to kill others. Some people have easy access to weapons like guns, knives, and etc. another reason for youth violence would be because of anger. A lot of people just build up a lot of anger and just explode one day and when that happens, violence occurs. That’s why it’s not good to bully anyone.

I think if there were more after school programs there would be less violence. If they stay after school then they would be away from violence. You could also stop drug dealing. That’s a big factor in today’s life. A lot of people sell drugs out in the streets, and if someone doesn’t like the drug or if you gave them the wrong one there would be violence.

In conclusion, violence and drugs had affected my life because I lost loved ones and family members are unable to come back to the United States. I think the main
reason of youth violence is because of peer pressure and the ability to access weapons
easily, a lot of youth have been shooting or stabbing each other. I think schools could
have more after school programs, so that people could stay out of trouble. Doing these
things will definitely reduce the deaths in the United States.