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What are some of the causes of youth violence in your community?

A young African-American is perceived as America's future, but in which way?
In another light, our future differs. Our future holds zones and women, a future told by callouses, is a future desired by us, though a future told by caretakers is questioned by us.

Young men are drawn to women, drawn to something we don't respect, something we don't respect, something we try to fight over, talking about things we don't know about, trying to use some false use, act like we know a girl's body, just to impress others, use women as accessories for our own pleasure, all this for a spot on the status quote.

Young men are fighting each other, little boys afraid to walk away, don't wanna be a punk.
Don't wanna stay strong
Victims of peer pressure
Guys begin to fit in with the popular
Try to be cool with disrespect
Hurt their true friends
Bullies others for fun
Trying not to get bullied themselves
Avoiding trouble there
Causing it here
Healing but hurting in the same

It is the cause of pain
Makes young ones all too grown
People become ignorant
Lives are destroyed
For one known as drugs
We know not the cause
But the source
The pain, violence, and suffering
Turns man into a savage
Savage into animal

How does violence affect our daily lives?

Youth violence has affected my life in ways
My cousin was sacrificed in cross fire
I will never see him again
I am executed
Encouraged to realize the reality
Do the right thing

my cousin faced the ultimate price
he died one road on his books
the others on his A+ report card
Youth violence has hurt my family
so it has effect
but one thing it takes
is realization

What can you do as an individual to
reduce youth violence in your community?

We as a Community must stand
to show our youth
Show what really matters
Brotherhood, family, respect, and love
Respect is not in fear
Brotherhood does not equal
dery it for the money
And family doesn't mean a gang
We as a Community must demonstrate
demonstrate you don't have to be cool
or all in
A Community is a family which is a part of you

"The man that smears his blood with me today
shall be my brother"

William Shakespeare