How has violence changed your life and mine?

As we all know or some of us may know, the definition of violence is "the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against a person that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injuries, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation". So that's what I am going to be talking about today. How has violence affected your life and mine, what are the causes of youth violence, and what can we do about youth violence. Our first topic is how violence has changed our lives. I'm sure all of you can relate back to the incident at Sandy Hook elementary on December 14, 2012. 20 children and 5 adults were murdered for no other reason then just being themselves. That incident has brought tears to eyes and fear into the hearts. Of family members staff members in the building and the children in the building. This incident even brought tears into my eyes as well as fear into my heart. This has affected me in the worst of ways because it showed me this guy had no heart. Especially if you have the nerve to point a gun to the person who put you on earth, and the nerve to point a gun to a child who did nothing wrong. This shows this young man had no heart. I was crying with fear. I was praying with fear. I was also thinking with fear. It's like every where I went fear followed me. I started thinking to myself if I were in that position how would I have reacted. In that situation to see this young men kill little children in front of my face I would have been shocked, I would not no what to do with myself. From the day of the incident I made a promise to myself. That I would never carry or hold a weapon fake or real. From that experience I learned that violence has played a big role in my life. Because I would never want to hear something like
this happens again, because I am the future of or world and have a bright future ahead of me. The next topic we will be covering is youth violence. Youth violence is usually caused by the media, substance abuse, gangs, unemployment, weapons, poverty, peer pressure, broken homes, poor family environment, bad neighborhoods, fiction intolerance/ignorance, and bullying. I remember I was in the 4th grade and I used to get bullied. I had no clue for why I was getting bullied and for what reason. Then I stood up for myself and told the bully if you bully me I am going to tell the principal. But as I observed closely I saw the reason for why he was bullying me. It was because his parents did not show love for him. Then the next day I walked to him calmly and asked him if he wanted to be my friend. Then he started crying I asked him what was wrong and he said I never had a friend. Then I said I will be your friend if you stop bullying because it is not cool. He said okay but you promise you will be me friend, and I said apologize first then I will be your friend. He apologized and I forgave him and he became my friend. From this experience I learned that you shouldn’t be afraid of bullies, but you should be able to face your fears. But there are a couple of things you can do about youth violence. One way you can help with youth violence is keep young adults away from drugs and alcohol. Another way you can help with youth violence is trying to keep young adults away from possessing guns and other weapons. The last ways you can help is spending more time with your young adults, and enroll them in different activities so it’s more likely they won’t end up in gangs or drug position and have a better future. In conclusion I learned from my fears. Also you should always try to do the right thing, and never feed into the bad behavior. Because bad behavior will not take you far. This is how violence phased who I am today.