Do The Write Thing

Violence has affected my life in many ways. Not only youth violence but other kinds of violence like verbal and domestic violence. I think if we don’t stop youth nor prevent it will evolve into something more epidemic than it is today. It will become way worse than two little kids fighting for a seat on the bus. I also believe violence evolves into three major stages one of them depending on your childhood. One crucial stage is the example and influence your parents give you. If your parents abuse you and are violent themselves you’re most likely going to become like them. That’s the point a lot of people miss. They complain about their kids but they don’t look at themselves. What they don’t know is that they have gotten it from them. Nobody’s perfect but when parents want to change their way of living into a more peaceful and safe way their kids might not be ready to adapt. Especially at a young age kids absorb everything they see and hear.

So, my advice for violent kids is family counseling. One of the things that make violence worse is not speaking up. I believe in minding your own business and worrying about yourself but when it comes to an inappropriate situation you must “snitch” to save someone’s life or whatever the situation may be. Most teens aren’t like that and they prefer to hold it in. For many things really, they might be scared of getting caught snitching, guilty, and even think they will get in trouble or blamed.

Parents should make the first step in living a non-violent life and look at themselves for once. As I said before, parents are the main cause of youth violence. Don’t tell me toddlers hitting each other are funny because it may seem it is in the moment but then you pay the consequence. It may be amusing at the moment but those two little kids fighting will evolve into hate and that hate rolled up into a ball will grow up with you.

Violence is also caused by peer pressure. Teens are so desperate to fit in that they do whatever it takes to be “cool”. That cool might involve bullying someone, smoking, drinking, and additional stuff that worsen the prevention of youth violence. From my own experience I know that middle school is awkward. There are changes in your body, much more insecurities, problems, and maturity that goes along in becoming a good student. Since most of our drama happens in school I think there should be more counseling in school and more attention to our needs.

The third step is maturity. Youth Violence is also caused by immaturity. For example, middle schoolers must learn how to act properly for high school and other things in their life. At least if middle schoolers are showing the right example for the little kids they will follow along as well. All we need is a good role model. That may be our parents, teachers, cousins, or any other person with good qualities.