DO THE WRITE THING

Violence is any form of hurting others. Examples of violence may include punching, kicking, fighting, stabbing, shooting, using any sort of weapon, etc. Violence is happening everyday. There are kids who are killing themselves because they are being bullied. There are kids killing other kids. There are here are people shooting others. There are people who are abusing animals. Some people use gang violence. Many areas have gun shops. Because of the gun shops people are in possession of guns and they are killing other people.

Violence has affected my life in many ways. For starters, My brother was walking home one night. Then a group of boys walked up to him and started asking him questions. Well it turns out that they jumped him and he had to walk home. When he got home he told my mom what had happened and she took care of him. News spread quickly and the next thing I knew, my coach came to see if my brother was okay. After a while my coach found the kids and it turns out that he knew them and ever since then we have not had a problem with them. At first my mom kept us inside the house and wouldn’t let us leave. But now she lets us go just about anywhere we want. Another way violence has affected my life happened in elementary school. I’m a chill person so I don’t use violence unless somebody makes me angry enough. In my school there was a bully. He liked to hurt smaller kids. One day he decided that I was next. When we were outside in recess, he pushed me and threatened me. I told him that I wasn’t the one to bully and that I didn’t want any
trouble. He just ignored me because he didn't want to listen. So in the end we ended up fighting. I had no choice but to defend myself so I have an excuse for why I used violence.

Some causes of youth violence include guns, knives, peer pressure, and wanting to “fit in”. Many people use guns, obviously they buy them to use them on something...or someone. Other human beings may end up being their target practice. I know a lot of people who carry or carried a pocket knife because they needed a way to protect themselves from violent people. But what they don’t know is that using that knife is also a form of violence as well. In some cases people are “dared” to do something violent to someone else. This is a form of peer pressure. At other times, people might hurt someone else because everyone else is doing it. They want to fit in so they do what ever the “cool kids” are doing.

I can’t do anything to stop this if I’m alone. But if millions of people protest we can change this together. “We the people” together we can make a difference by protesting. In my opinion one person can’t change the laws. This is my Do the Write Thing essay.