Violence

Violence is an affective part in everyone’s life. We experience violence everyday. Violence is on the streets, around your neighborhood, at parks in our schools, homes and more. Violence has affected my life in many ways. When I want to play sports with my friends I can’t play in certain areas. There are either people doing drugs or youths looking for a confrontation. Walking home on city streets at night can become fearful. I never know if I will come across gangs or someone looking to verbally bully or physically hurt me. I have learned to always be attentive and cautious of my surroundings. With all the crimes happening in schools, at times I don’t feel safe. Sometimes I fear that a crazy person will shoot up our school and take many lives away. If violence wasn’t so viral we could all live a more comfortable and safe life.

There are many causes associated to youth violence in my community, Cyber bullying and bullying kids at schools, picking on others for the way they look or how their not into the popular crowd. Peer pressure, friends or school mates chanting and pressuring you to do things you know are wrong. People dealing and taking drugs, many of them have poisoned their body and burned out their brains. They are on our street corners, playgrounds
and T-stations. Robbery, many youths forcefully take things from others that don’t belong to them. Robbing money from stores and things from people’s homes. Domestic violence, boyfriends and girlfriends getting into fights and end up breaking up with each other, some lead to tragedies. Gangs, many kids feel it’s the only way to be respected in life and choose this negative way of living. Racism, people not interacting with other cultures in a positive way. There are so many more! All of these can lead to danger or death.

Violence has always been around and will continue to be. We need a lot of help to control violence, but I don’t believe we can ever cure it. Some of the things I can do to help with youth violence is that if I see bullying, or fighting I can report it to an adult, cop or supervisor around the area. I can introduce myself and become friends to new students and help them fit in at my school so they are not singled out. Volunteering at my church and community center by helping kids who have nowhere to go stay involved with activities. I can show a follower how to be a leader!
There are communities all over the world affected by violence. We should all work together and every time you see a crime or a violent act you should take control and be a hero, give and get help. Have you ever come across a situation where you have seen or been a victim of a violent act? Have you done anything to fix the cause or stop it? Well, if you haven’t now is your chance and time to change and to take action, to make a difference in your life and that of others. It’s never too late!!!

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