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Many people all around the country experience violence everyday. Violence is a physical action that causes injuries or harm to another person. An example of youth violence would be when a bully is saying something harmful to someone that is doing absolutely nothing wrong. Another example is when a kid is being physically abusive to someone else. Violence affects all of us in a way or another, it is the act of others that cause violence. These are hurtful actions both physical and emotional such as bullying, killing, or talking trash that causes harm to the person being abused. Violence affects everyone either physically or mentally.

Youth violence has affected people including myself verbally and physically. Youth violence has affected my education physically. When people are bullying or making fun of me I don't know what to say or do. When you get bullied and you feel like you can't go to school because the problem will just get worse so instead you stay home, that consequence of not going to learn affects my life, education and future. Youth violence has also affected me verbally. When hearing that one of my friends got violated or abused, it hurts mentally, you can't stop thinking "what could I have done and why did I not do anything about the situation." To see one of my nice friends being bullied I think why would a random person just choose to be mean to someone that they never even saw or what have my friends did to them that they would hurt them so bad. An example would be the time me and my friend were on the bus and there was an eighth grader who told my friend to get out of the seat so he can sit. I stood up for my friend and made sure that bully knew there was no reason my friend
had to get up for him. Violence affects everyone by experience or by witness. Somehow someone will either see violence happening or they are experiencing violence.

According to whom you ask, youth violence is caused by:
Home environment - Children learn what they live. If home is a frightening, violent, abusive, neglectful environment, that's what the child learns to expect.

Depression, stress and anxiety, feeling powerless - All these problems can cause a student to act out in frustration.

Weapons - The easy availability to weapons of all kinds makes it simple for students to get their hands on them.

Media - Some believe that children exposed to violence through movies, television, video games, the Internet, etc. are turned to violence, and therefore commit it and accept it more easily.

Peers - Children are influenced by those around them; not just at home, but in school, and in the community as well. They can learn and accept violent behavior from their friends.

Learning difficulties/health problems - Learning problems, which can be the result of health issues, can lead to frustration and lashing out.

Lack of guidance - Without adult supervision and positive role models, students don't learn to distinguish right from wrong - acceptable from unsuitable behavior. They can also struggle without the ability to resolve conflict peacefully.

Attention seeking - Violence can be the result of wanting others to pay attention to the student. Even negative attention.
T.V - Some believe that children exposed to violence through movies, television, video games, the Internet, etc. are desensitized to violence, and therefore commit it and accept it more easily.

People - Children are influenced by those around them; not just at home, but in school, and in the community as well. They can learn and accept violent behavior as the norm from their friends.

Children everyday are finding a new way to violate someone harmless. These causes are usually why kids all over the nation are being abusive each day. Parents are a big cause to this problem. All children look up to their parents as role models and when they fall down the hill they need their parents to push them back up.

Even though I am a young person I can help prevent youth violence by getting some attention and spreading a message throughout the nation that violence needs to be stopped. As a community we should improve detection of and services for mental illness in families, provide more recreational and career opportunities, and decrease the availability of drugs and weapons around the neighborhood. Adults and parents should also take part and try to better supervise their children using community resources or extended family. They can also extend weekend family time to increase involvement in their child's life. Children should feel like their parents care and love them no matter whatever happens to them. In school teachers can work more on development and learning disabilities and address them at younger ages. Teachers should also make the child feel like they care about him/her, make the kid feel comfortable in being in the classroom and only wanting the best for them. Our community should be a place children can look up to adults, teachers can teach without being interrupted and having to affect other children's learning time and I can write a letter to the mayor asking for more security around my community. If everyone
works together to reduce the increasing number of violation and abuse our neighborhood can be someplace you don't have to worry when your child goes outside or when there coming home from school. Let's Start Now!

Overall, even though violence has been increasing all over the country I believe if everyone comes together we can stop youth violence. More and more children are being influenced for youth violence from other kids at school. Youth violence is not the right answer to erase stress "Violence is the enemy of today's youth" (Youth Delinquency 1999). Youth violence affects us all in some way. If we don't experience it personally we sometimes know people who have. If someone suffers from violence it affects me because we don't want to see that person hurt. Children need to be in a safe neighborhood so there are no weapons, drugs, and any harmful things they can get their hands on to abuse someone perfectly innocent. Everyone needs to come as one and say No Violence!