Do the Right Thing Challenge

Have you ever experienced youth violence in your life? If you have, then you know exactly how it feels. Youth violence is such a common thing in the modern day. In fact, one of the biggest forms of youth violence is bullying. Children are getting bullied day after day. Something has to be done. I think bullies should take control of their actions and realize all the pain other people are going through because they are bullied.

Bullying is such a horrible act. We need to find ways to stop youth violence. Dysfunctional relationships that youths experience contributes to them being violent and acting violently. Family issues may also lead to youth violence because the children see what happens to themselves and their siblings at home. An experience like this at home is another reason why youth violence is such a big problem. Violence does not solve any problem, instead it just makes it worse. Bullying is very negative and creates major problems in our society. Nothing good comes out of bullying, so why bully? Bullying can change a person’s life because the victim can be mentally and physically scarred. Violence on T.V. is a very big influence because sometimes bullies get their ideas from watching T.V shows that contain violence. Children who get bullied often might refuse to eat or speak. The worst part is that some kids become a bully to make themselves feel better.

I’ve been through this catastrophe once and I know exactly how it feels. I was shocked and scared. It started one day when I was walking home from school. A boy that lives in the third floor of my home bullied me and my brother. He asked us, “If he could walk home with us?” We said, “Sure, why not?” In sight, I saw his 15 year old cousin walk towards us. My heart started to beat rapidly. She walked up to me and my brother and said, “Why hurt my cousin?” We had no idea what she was talking about. So we said, “We don’t have a clue towards what you’re trying to say.” She took her hand and slapped me and pushed my brother near a car that was close by. She said, “If I hear another story about you hurting my cousin...you’ll hear from me again.” We ran away and went up to my house. We told our father and he raced down the stairs. 15 year old Alatza saw my father and grabbed her cousin’s hand and raced towards a car that had dropped her off to bully us. My father copied down her plate number and went to the police station. They found the owner of the vehicle and went to her house. They said, “What a shame to bully poor innocent children”. They gave her a
warning not to come to the house we live in again. If she did she would be given time in jail. We were scared to death. That was the worst bullying experience I've ever been through.

We must move faster because children are getting bullied day after day. A couple months ago, there was a shooting tragedy in Sandy Hook Elementary School. What caused that tragedy? Did the shooter ever get bullied? Did he want other people to feel the pain he had gone through? Child abuse is one way humans start to bully others. I am a great friend. I share with others and help my society when help is needed. Youth violence affects me and my society. In my own words, "Bullying doesn’t get you friends, happiness, or joy, when you bully you just get the worst conscious ever." Don't be a bully, be a buddy. 😊