Do the Write Thing

Youth violence has a very large impact in our world today. This is because kids are our future adults. If they treat others as violent young people, then our future doesn’t look so bright. It will not be safe to go outside, and our world will not make progress. If children continue to be violent, then this world will start to fall apart.

I live in a town with a very large poverty level. Parents can’t entertain their kids because they work all day for minimum wage. What do the parents do? They plop their kids in front of the television, or the kids become addicted to video games. These days, most television and video games are not safe for kids to be exposed to. TV is teaching kids how to use guns, showing kids that swearing is appropriate, and showing them a way of acting that are not appropriate. Video games are also showing kids how to use guns, and showing kids how to fight and punch each other. Most importantly, TV and video games do not show reality. In reality, you can’t go up to people and shoot or punch people, and you can’t say anything that you want to say to people. For example, the video game Call of Duty is showing kids a dangerous use of gun that is not appropriate for kids to be seeing. The TV show Jersey Shore is exposing kids to people who are not polite, and to scenes that kids do not need to know about. It is scary to think that this is our future America. People will be talking very rudely to each other; there will be even more murders than there already are, and you won’t be able to leave your house safely. I believe that the main cause of youth violence is television and video games.

The fact that television and video games are causing youth violence is sad. It is sad because it is not the kid’s fault. It is the parent’s fault. Parents have to work all of the time in order to raise their family. They have no time for their kids, so the kids have to sit in front of the TV or play video games most of the day. From this problem, I have a solution. My solution is school. Kids are at school some of the day, but when they come home is when the TV turns on. So, what if the kids go home later in the day? That would leave less time for video games and more time for learning. For example, from 8:30 to 2:30, there would be regular learning time. Then, from 2:30 to 3:30, there would be guitar lessons for the boys, and cooking classes for the girls or vice versa. Finally from 3:00 to 3:30 it would be special time dedicated to reading. Reading time would be time to relax, and time to calm down before going home. That is just an example for an extended learning day. With that schedule, kids would be learning most of the day not in front of the TV.

TV and video games have not just affected the victims, it has also affected me. This is because when those kids who are sitting on the couch all day come to school, and they think it is okay to punch people like they do in their virtual life, or bad mouth people like they see in television. That is what I see. I see them talking badly to kids, and I see them punching other kids. I take it upon me to stop that. I am the one to tell them that it is not all right to treat people like that. That is bullying, and every school has it because of what they are seeing on the TV screen.

Youth violence is a very serious topic, and it has to stop. It is not safe for kids to be violent. If they are already being violent, then chances are very high that they will be violent when they are older. It is about time that our country starts realizing
that our future doesn't look so bright because of the violent kids. I truly believe that this is very dangerous.