“Do The Write Thing” essay

I am lucky enough to say that violence has not affected my life. I am able to say that my family members in the service have not been injured and that I live a happy life. I am fortunate to be able to say this when I think of things I have seen on the news and on the internet. I have heard a lot about violence in my country, such as the events occurring in Newtown, Connecticut and in a movie theater in Colorado and I think it has made me aware of what violence happens and I am happy that it has not affected me at all.

I think that some causes of youth violence could be revenge, family issues and mental illness. Revenge could mean that something happened to you and you want to take matters into your own hands with the issue causing you to react in a rather violent way. Family issues can cause youth violence too. If someone in your family is very violent you take after them and cause violence yourself. Mental illness can cause violence as well. If someone is not right in the head they could get hold of a weapon and have a crazy idea and hurt somebody. Anything from peer pressure to seeing violence could cause violence could cause someone to be violent. I think that peer pressure may force someone to do youth violence and I think the same thing goes for gangs, bullying and friends. Child abuse and bad parenting could cause someone violence because of the pain they have gone through. I think that there are a lot of causes to youth violence.

I think that youth violence is a very big issue in some communities and it would help if groups of smart, sophisticated and non-violent people came to these communities and told them about the causes of youth violence and what kids can do about avoiding it and what they should do if they see youth violence. This could eliminate bad ideas in kids’ minds and have them focus more on any sport or any kind of hobby that someone likes to do. If some mature, young adults came and played sports with kids it could take their minds off violence and shut down simple causes of youth violence like depression and loneliness. It could stop bad disagreements too. Maybe if kids schedules were busier, and they did not spend as much time out on the street where some violence happens and they were more focused on school and other activities that they may not think about violence as much resulting in less violence all around. I think my plan for reducing or even stopping violence in communities could work even more if kids started get educated about in school maybe even as early as in
kindergarten. This is the complete opposite of my other idea though because it could possibly draw more attention to youth violence in kids’ minds versus destroying even the thought of it. On the upside of things kids would be a little more educated on the subject and how to handle it. This would get the main point stuck in the kids’ minds that they must not do violence. It will educate kids on doing the “write” thing.