YOUTH VIOLENCE ESSAY

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In life violence is a very bad and dangerous thing. It can make people sad or angry and if it affects other people it can hurt them or even kill them. For me I have been lucky enough to have not been affected by violence other than experiencing what happens around the world and feeling sad for the people that get hurt. Youth violence is one of the most common forms of violence and it caused by many different things.

The first way youth violence can be caused is by your home environment. Children learn a lot from their parents. If their home is a frightening, violent, abusive, or a negative environment, that’s what the child learns to expect in their everyday lives and grows up to do the same. Depression, stress and anxiety can also cause youth violence because if a child constantly feels this way it can cause frustration and the child could take out his feelings on other people. Weapons can also cause youth violence because if weapons are available at a child’s home then it’s easy for them to get their hands on them and they could easily hurt someone if they do. The media is probably the biggest cause of youth violence. These days most kids are exposed to violence in movies, television shows, video games, the internet, the news, and more. Being around this type of violence can cause the child to accept it more easily and it doesn’t send a good message. Peers can be a cause of youth violence because children are always being influenced by those around them. Just like at home, children are influenced by people in school and in their community. They can learn to accept violent behavior and be violent themselves. Learning difficulties and health problems can cause youth violence. Violence that’s caused by this usually cannot be controlled. Learning problems which can be the result of health issues can lead to frustration and lashing out. This can cause serious injuries on other people. Lack of guidance can cause youth violence in many ways. Without
adult supervision and positive role models, children don’t learn to distinguish right from wrong. Without these skills, they can struggle to resolve conflicts peacefully which causes violence. Attention seeking is a cause of youth violence. Violence can be the result of wanting others to pay attention to the child. If a child has been ignored, it doesn’t feel good. They’ll try anything for attention even negative attention to get noticed. This mean that they could do something very bad just to get noticed a little.

I think we can all do something to prevent youth violence by stopping what causes it. First a bad home environment can be prevented by having kids grow up in a nicer loving home that has a nice family and a positive environment. By doing this, kids would learn to respect each other and other people. They would also learn what to do and not to do to be nice people. Depression, stress and anxiety can be prevented by a loving, friendly family and friends that can help guide the child out of their struggles and help them move on to become happier people. To me weapons are an easy thing to prevent young people from getting their hand on. First I think people should stop making guns to sell publicly and second if you have young people in your home don’t own a gun. If you do, get right of it or hid it so they can’t get their hands on it. We can prevent violent media in many ways. The media can be prevented by limiting violent media just like we limit tobacco and alcohol to young people. If we do this, young people won't be so exposed to violence and they won’t think that it is the right thing to do. Also it would decrease the amount of violence in the world. Peer pressure can also be easily avoided. This is somewhat the child's job to do. If people at home are nice and do the right thing then a child would know which friends he/she should hang out with and which friends aren’t good. If the child knows this they’ll end up as a good person in the future. For learning difficulties and
health problems, it’s not the easiest thing to prevent. For people with these problems, they could go to therapists or special places to help them calm down, but otherwise we should have them stay away from violent things and situations. We can prevent lack of guidance. Lack of guidance can be prevented just like the home environment which is having a loving family and friends. If young people just had this type of environment and guidance people would know what’s right and what’s wrong. If this was the case people would be more peaceful and there would be less violence. If young people still aren’t getting the guidance they need then there could be different people to help them whether it’s in school or in the community. Attention seeking is also quite easy to be prevented. We can prevent attention seeking by again having a loving family. Your parents are who give you the most attention so if you don’t have loving ones it can sometimes be hard to get lots of attention. Attention is also found from teachers and friends. To get noticed for how well you worked feels good to someone who is constantly getting ignored. If everyone had the proper attention and love some violent, abandoned or ignored kids would be nice and friendly to others around them.

Youth violence is a very bad and dangerous thing, but if we solve all its problems we can get rid of most or all of youth violence for good.