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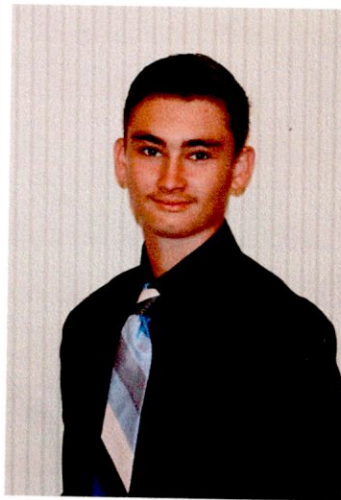
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Violence has impacted my life in many ways.

Youth violence is becoming a big problem in today's society. More and more people today are getting hurt either mentally or physically and don't have the guts to stand up for themselves. Most youth violence, in my opinion, starts with the way people act, dress, look, talk, and if they take part in a different religion than others practice.

Violence has impacted my life in many ways! First off, violence has affected my life because I get bullied in school for various things, such as my personality, religion and the way I dress. Most days in school children make nasty comments towards me especially because I am Jewish. I don't understand why some people are treated differently if they participate in a different religious belief. If the bullies did not know I am Jewish, I wouldn't be treated in a different manner. I have been called "A Filthy Jew" numerous amounts of times and by several different people. I also get made fun of for the way I speak and look. An example of this treatment is laughing at me for the amount of pimples I have on any given day. I used to wear a Yarmulke, which is a head covering that all Jewish men wear to remind them of the presence of God. I got made fun of so much that I stopped wearing this very important part of my religion and cultural traditions. Another example of how violence has also impacted



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my life is, I am not allowed to sleep at friend's houses. My parents don't allow me to have sleepovers at friend's houses because even though they may be close friends, you never know what people may do. My dad's best friend who he has known all his life doesn't let his children even sleep at our house because you just never know what can happen. My friend slept at his uncle's house one time and he was beaten very badly. When I found this news out, it really had a large impact on me because it made me feel so unsafe.

Youth Violence, in my opinion, is caused by the insecurity of the bullies. I think that all bullies are insecure about something and they feel that if they put someone else down that they will feel better about themselves. Youth Violence happens every day whether we know it or not. People get bullied mostly because they are different in some way. Bullying is definitely a big part of everyday Middle School life. I hear bullying go on so much in school. I think sometimes the bullies don't know that they are being out of line because that's how they might get treated at home. Constantly getting called horrible things might lead a person to not know any differently. Youth Violence starts with the fact that you can put someone down and make your so-called fiends get a laugh out of it. I bet if the bully knew how that made you feel he would stop. Most people getting bullied just suck it up and don't say anything. Believe me, if you stand up for yourself or tell a trusted adult such as a parent or guidance counselor things will get better. There are lots of opportunities for you to put an end to this especially if this is happening at Western Pines Middle School. There is a bullying box, teachers, several guidance counselors to choose from, the Principal, and several police officers. So, you don't have to feel like there is nothing you can do. Youth Violence is very foolish and is just to put others down and get a laugh for you and your friends.

If I see someone getting bullied, I can try to help or get an adult to help. I will try to do my best to help them in any way I can because I know what it is like to get bullied. It's not a nice feeling and hard to deal with, but in time things do get better.

Violence has affected my everyday life in many ways. From these experiences I have learned to brush off what others say, because as long as you know what they are saying isn't true, then why does it matter what they think. From past experience, sometimes if you suck it up, and show the person bothering you that you don't care what they say or do, they will find someone else to pick on because they are only looking to get a reaction from you and to get a laugh for themselves and their friends. They do this also to make themselves feel better about all the things that bother them. So, if you don't show it bothers you, they will most likely leave. Violence is a bad thing that can and needs to be stopped as much as possible because it can make people feel so bad about themselves that they may do very foolish things to themselves or others.

Am I really that different than you? Is being different a crime, or rather something we should embrace in each other? Each person is different in their own unique way and that's what makes everybody special. I choose to respect all people and to learn from the things we share in common and to admire each person for what

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