

Being born in a country where violence is normal, it is hard to imagine peace. I lived in Mexico for three years of my life but thankfully my family decided to come to the United States. Yes there is violence here as well, but not as bad. We can hear news about people getting murdered, innocent people, including kids that are not involved in anything. My father has told me that even in schools, it was normal to fight and either you toughened up or suffer there; in the streets it was the same. My family members have been victims of violence and my grandfather has died because of the violence in Mexico. Like I said, it is hard to imagine peace because for so long, the situation in that country has been the same. People have tried to speak against it but is still chaotic.

My country is only an example of many other countries that are in a constant dilemma with violence. Right now the country where we hear many people dying and violence occurring is in Syria. It hurts us to know that all because some people that want their own way, are hurting innocent others, Which is only resulting in so many lives being lost. As time passes by, it seems as though things are getting worse and worse. People there are used to hearing bombs drop as though it was a normal thing. For us though, it is a frightening thought.

In the United States, violence still lurks in the shadow, whether we like it or not. Minorities have been affected the most at this time because of the president's influence. Families are scared, even the children are frightened because of what is occurring. What we need is not be separated anymore, peace comes with unity, not separation. For us to get to peace, we need leaders. Leaders whom are concerned with the wellbeing of everyone and are willing to make a stand for others for the sake of the future. There are those who are standing up and making a difference, no matter how small it is.

Looking back through history and nothing is really resolved with violence. Yes violence could lead up to the ending of a battle but it can be avoided. Humans sometimes just need to communicate with one another instead of attacking, which is typically the first thing that is done. But we are taught at a young age to use our words instead of our fists. Yet battles and wars continue for years and years and the only change that happens is the rising number of lives lost in fights and of those who are accidentally involved. If this is how it always is, why do we continue to fight one another instead of looking for other solutions? At the end, the only one who ends up winning is death, with all the lives it gains. Death is a normal thing in life but the best way to die is peacefully.

Peace does not come by itself, but yet violence does not bring it. We must not make violence the solution to everything. In the past years of human history, violence has brought misery towards many and destruction everywhere it goes. How far will humanity go with violence? It will most likely end up resulting in our self destruction. For the time being, it is pushing us back and segregating us more instead of progressing and uniting as one.