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Youth violence is becoming uncontrollably out of control. Social media plays a big part because it promotes violence and has a high rate of media influence on the youth to which they have daily access. For example, if all their favorite rappers smoke and rap about killing people, young teens and children will do it. Rappers post on social media about them smoking, drinking alcohol, having loads of money, and disrespecting women by calling them out. Youth are easily influenced and follow what they see the rappers saying and how they are living.

Gun violence is one of the most active crimes happening every day. A lot of young kids and teens are getting their hands on guns. Guns are shown a lot in the neighborhood and on social media. It convinces young teens to commit suicide or kill others. Cyberbullying takes place and can make someone want to kill themselves or the person bullying them. Some may even try to fit in. The youth may shoot guns because they may see rappers such as N.B.A Young Boy, Baby Jamo, and no savage. The things they rap about cause young teens to turn to gun violence if they get into a fight.

Social media also promotes gang youth violence. The D.M.V has hoods known as Fox 5, woodland terraces, and berry farms. These hoods are now beefing with each other and are actively shooting one another. These gangs influence crimes in communities and set a bad example for kids in the neighborhood. Crimes include carjacking, gun violence, and selling weed. There are 200 calls a day about carjacking. A few days ago, my god brother and his mom got carjacked. My godmother was held at gunpoint and told: "Get the f\*\*\* out of this car." It has caused trauma in my god brother's life. When in class, and the room is too loud or something

drops, he gets scared. Also, It has caused trauma to my godmothers' children because now they must be aware of their surroundings.

Something that has affected youth is people smoking. If you live in a bad neighborhood, you may see people smoking daily, influencing kids to try it out. You also may try it if your family smokes. It can cause kids to die young because their lungs are not strong. One of my cousins died from smoking. According to Google, it states that over 480,000 have died from smoking. That includes men and women, and, in the world, there are 7 million deaths each year. It affects kids who play sports because it brings shortness of breath and less stamina. Another reason smoking may influence youth is that the mayor is shutting down boys' and girls' clubs, so kids do not have anything to do after school. So, if they see adults smoking, they may try it because they have nothing else to do.

In conclusion, social media, rappers, family, and the community have poorly influenced this young generation. Some have not been raised right and guided properly. Some even have had to take care of themselves alone. In addition, there are youth programs and activities that kids can participate in to keep them engaged and have a safe place. More and more youth are becoming lost and a part of the violence in their neighborhoods.