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Introduction:

Research Question: How has gun violence affected young people? I chose this research question because I feel like gun violence has become more of a problem lately. I feel like I'm constantly seeing different stories on the news or social media and it's always gun violence. Many young people are affected by this and it's so sad, some of them have not fully lived their lives; they haven't gotten to fully finish high school, or get their first car, or build their lives, start their careers and start families. A lot of these deaths some people always think it's gang related, but in this time it sometimes is and isn't and either way it isn't right. People shouldn't be getting killed over problems. Violence needs to end, people need to find other ways to resolve problems.

I am personally most interested in this because it does sadden me seeing how young kids are dying constantly. I have also had friends who are affected by this and it hurts me to know the pain it's causing them and their families. You have to constantly watch your back and watch who you hang with. Even neighborhoods aren't safe, I've seen a lot of deaths where most teenagers die in their own neighborhoods making it more scary for their family to even stay in.

Citation 1:

“Community mourns 3 teens killed by gun violence”
WBIR Channel 10, Feb 17, 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhXiUWqd6yI>

Summary:

According to WBIR NBC news in a matter of just a one month 3 teens from just one school have all died at such young ages. The kids at this school are scared for their lives and futures, they think they won't be able to make it to graduation with all this gun violence.

Reflection:

I agree with this video because it is so heartbreaking to see how many young kids have died in such a short amount of time. These kids had a future ahead of them, goals to be accomplished and they couldn't get to it. Due to all these deaths the other kids in the school are even scared for their lives, they think they won't make it past a certain age or even to graduation without thinking they might be next. These kids don't deserve this, they deserve to live happy lives and make it past

certain milestones in their lives before dying. They shouldn't be scared to do things because of how many deaths have happened around them.

Quote the text.

“But what we're hearing is that young people are fearful they don't know if they have a future. They don't know if they're gonna graduate. They don't know if the next bullet that is shot has their name on it” (WBIR, Community mourns 3 teens by gun violence, 1:40 secs)

What questions do we have about what the text is saying? What don't you understand?

-What will the government/president/america do about this ?

If you could say something to this author, what would you say?

-I really like the fact that the news actually interviewed a lot of people to get where everyone's head is at about the situation and how everyone feels about it.

What does this document tell you about your research question?

-This document tells me that these poor kids are scared for their lives and they feel targeted. These kids should be thinking about what they want to do in college or after high school or learning how to drive, but instead they're worried thinking if they might be the next victim to gun violence.

Rhetorical factors:

How do you feel about the author's writing style?

I feel like their writing style was really good, they got a lot of people to put their thoughts and feelings into this topic.

What is the author's intended audience and purpose (reason for writing)?

-The intended audience is young kids of color they need to know to take this seriously and to be careful. The purpose is to show the world how this is a problem that should be taken very seriously.

Is the genre effective? Does the choice of genre make sense for what the author wants to accomplish?

-Yes the genre is very effective. The reporters sound very interested about this topic and sound like they want this to be fixed and come to an end.

How do you know this is a credible author and document?

-I know this source is credible because its a news channel it shows up on tv everyday and they also interview people who have witnessed and have been affected by these problems.

Citation 2:

“Gun violence leading to the cause of death among U.S. children and teens”

NBC News,July 6,2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlqKlppUX0o>

Summary:

Within this year this hospitals most cases have been teens who have been effected by gun violence.Most of the people that enter the hospital is due to that and one day this 16 year old teen was hanging out with her friends in a car when multiple guns shots where fired.One did hit her in her head and she was immediatly rushed to this hospital, lucky she is still alive but it has changed her perspective on how she goes about her life and what she does.

Reflection:

I agree with alot of things in this video like the way they go about helping alot of these victims and the questions they ask all teens when they are brought to the hospital,and also feel like the victim who was effected being apart of it made this video better.Because theres not many victims who survive these situations who make it alive and talk about how they have been through recovery and how it effects there everyday lives now.

Quote the text.

“Any teenager who comes to the ER for any reason is asked a series of which some might say uncomfortable questions.”(01:12)

“6 months later her physical wounds are healed,the psychological ones are not.why does it have to be me?what was the reason?what did i stay alive for?..”(02:00)

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-Why aren't all hospitals asking these questions to check up on teens lives?.

What other information do you need to look up to better understand this article?

-Are all hospitals asking the questions this hospital asks to know about these young teens lives and mental health

If you could say something to this author, what would you say?

-I would say that im glad they got for the victim to be apart of this video because it actually shows someone whos been affected and that has survived from it.I feel like this probably helps other survives whos mental health is just like hers to know that they aren't the only one who maybe feels like this.

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-This tells me that some health care workers are really passionate about their jobs because even though it is a bad situation they are taking extra time out their day to ask other questions that aren't about what the patient is feeling at the moment.It also shows how this has effected the teens mental health.

Rhetorical factors:

How do you feel about the author's writing style?

-I feel like the authors writing style is really good they had the victim talk about her experince.

What is the author's intended audience and purpose (reason for writing)?

-The authors intended audience was for people who are survivors and have been through it and for other people who have been effected could also relate her.The purpose was to show how healthcare facilities are taking more precautions to worry about their patients and to show how this is effecting our teens mental health.

Is the genre effective? Does the choice of genre make sense for what the author wants to accomplish?

-This genre is effective because it shows how passionate these workers are about their work and show that they care for our well beings.

How do you know this is a credible author and document?

-I know this is a credible source because its NBC news and they have real life sources talking about their experiences and what they go through in their everyday lives.

Conclusion:

Throughout my research i have discovered that gun violence effects people way more deeper then people who haven't experienced it more then we can think of. People who are affected from this have a lot of thoughts in their mind and are scared if they will be next or think there time might be coming soon. And its sad that in this generation this is how kids have to think its sad that they constantly have to be scared where they go and who might be around and they always have to keep a look out. Kids can't enjoy their lives peacefully as they should. They shouldn't really be worried about their lives and growing up so fast til at least 18 but they have to because not a lot of kids even make it to 18 anymore. Im pretty sure a lot of these kids who have experienced this themselves or have friends and family and there deaths took a toll on them have to get help if they can for their mental healths. They constantly probably think why it had to be them or if they would have been at a different place or with different people maybe would they have not gone through it. But we shouldn't live in a world where we have to have so many second thoughts and constantly think of better outcomes.