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"In what ways is unacceptable mass violence tied to our Society's accepted violence (such as abortion), and what can I do to help reduce violence in our society?"

Violence has become more and more a part of the secular culture as the years go by. Terrorists and Gangs are more common now then they have been in decades.

Video games are, in reality, a great promoter of violence. People from toddlers to senior citizens are filling their minds with these violent illustrations. A good portion of video games are all about killing and other violence, young children are playing games where the objective is to shoot up or run over pedestrians and other unassuming people, some are even more immoral and disturbing then that. As a result, children and teenagers are growing immune to the sight of violence, they accept it as part of the culture and a large amount begin to enjoy violence, and go looking for it by joining gangs like MS13.

MS13 is one of the biggest terrorist gangs in the world, children, elders, and other perfectly innocent people are killed by gangs such as them in the most horrible, grotesque ways you could imagine.

People are so horrified when they hear about such attacks on innocent people, yet they advocate for women to have abortions. There is a huge inconsistency here, as abortion is one of the biggest violence's of our time. Nearly a million perfectly innocent babies are ripped apart in their mother's womb each year, simply because they are 'inconvenient' for their parents.

Imagine this: A 17-year-old boy takes his girlfriend to get an abortion because the child will be inconvenient for them. "It will be easier to get rid of it" he thinks. Well, what if a little while later he finds that a certain group of people are undesirable to him, he doesn't agree with the way they think. Why not get rid of them too?

He is still just a young boy, he wonders why he can get his child killed because it's inconvenient for him, but is arrested because he raided a church and killed dozens of people because he didn't agree with them and thought *they* were inconvenient to him and his ideas. People cheer on one thing, but condemn him for the other. Where do they draw the line?

I think I am too young to do anything very major in order to stop violence, but I will continue to spread awareness against our illegal and legal violence's in this country, because if we as Americans can change people's minds, and get people praying for violence to be understood as a horrible thing, we can end our accepted violence (such as abortion), and in so doing, maybe the mass violence in this country will subside.