

GANG VIOLENCE

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ISSUES

According to ABC 7 news, it is said that gangs can be dated back to the Twelfth or Fourteenth century. Although structured gangs began appearing in the 1600's in London. Gangs started in the U.S around 1783 in the east coast right around the time the American Revolution was ending. These were small groups that were violent. Early gangs such as, ms13, 18 street, were fueled by immigration and poverty. For immigrants, they would join gangs from their region to keep spreading an influence.

Black gang members make up 31% percent of gang population. Hispanics have the highest percentage making it 47%. 40% are under the age of 18. Female gang members are around 8%. For boys, 90% in a correctional facility are affiliated with gangs. There are about 1,150,000 gang members in the U.S. and about 24,250 gangs, 7,370 gang members arrested yearly. Bloods and Crips are the highest gangs going up to 25% and 19%.



FACTS

1. Gangs can be organized based upon race, ethnicity, territory, or money-making activities, and are generally made up of members ages 8 to 22.
2. Members of gangs wear specific articles of clothing to be recognized as part of the group such as bandanas, hats, scarves of certain colors, or gang-related tattoos or symbols.
3. Gangs are one of the leading factors for growth of violent crimes both on and off school property.
4. When joining a gang, often times there is an initiation that needs to be passed.
5. This initiation is usually a violent crime that could include theft, murder, gang, rape, or drive-by shootings.
6. According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Newark, Oakland and Oklahoma City are the U.S. capitals of gang homicide.
7. Drugs come from Sinaloa, Mexico, and they take them to Tijuana, Mexico, so they pick up (snatcher) from Tijuana and bring them to their cities and just sell them around their neighborhoods.
8. Gangs are participating in crimes such as prostitution, alien smuggling, and human trafficking, identity theft, and mortgage fraud. These new crimes create higher profitability and lower visibility.
9. The delivering of drugs usually happens at night because nobody sees people exchanging things at night.

SOLUTION

Communities must strengthen families and schools. We have to Improve community supervision. We can train teachers and parents to manage disruptive youth and teach students interpersonal skills. We will be providing tutoring for students who are performing poorly in school. Providing a center for youth recreation and referrals for services. They are Gang Risk Intervention Programs called (GRIP), and Drug Abuse Resistance Education Programs called(D.A.R.E). These programs help students to go for a better path instead of being violent.



SOLUTION

Solutions that are happening now are that communities should make different programs such as D.A.R.E and GRIP. These two main programs have helped teens, adults, and even young ones. If we have programs like these, our communities and neighborhoods would be safer and maybe some people will confess where the drugs come from. Then the police can catch the drug traffickers. We can also have drug programs of what drugs can do to you and how it can affect you.



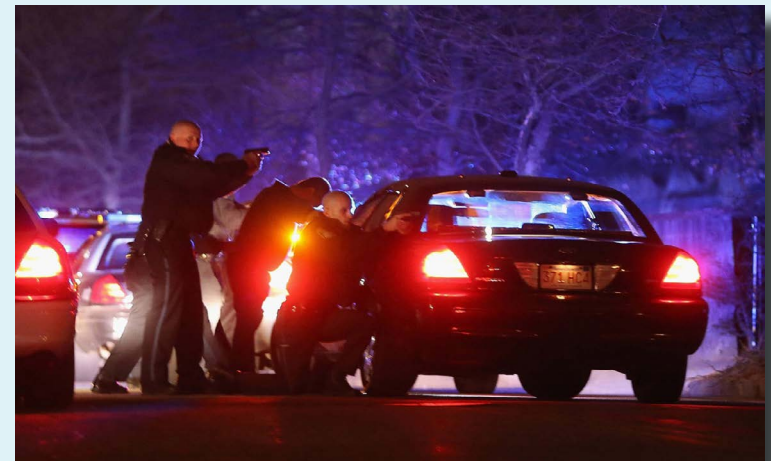
OPINION

My opinion on gang violence is that it's bad because it makes my race, Latino's, look really bad and that is one of the reasons why Americans want to deport us because we cause violence. We are bringing crime and drugs in the U.S. Thousands of teens have been shot, killed, or injured due to gang violence. According to 86% of U.S. cities with a population of 100,000 more report gang activity. I see around my neighborhood old buddies from my elementary school and they are involved in gangs. They were mostly Latino. The Latino gangs are taking over, and we're just taking over to cause violence.

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OPINION

Due to lack of parental involvement in the teen's life many of them might join gangs to find a role model to guide them to be successful. Also, when they don't find that role model they will stick with the gang and would want to be in it. Often times when the gang will initiate the teen by jumping him or passing a crime that might include murder, theft, gang rape and drive by. Latino's and other race, such as blacks and asians, should stop with their gang violence and make themselves look good instead of making their own race look bad. If we want peace in America between other races, then we have to stop gang violence for other to know that we do love America and we respect the country.





EXTRA

“It’s so easy for a kid to join a gang, to do drugs....we should make it easy to be involved in football and academics.”

~Snoop Dogg

For more information, check out these sources

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