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### Publication

In 1995, against a backdrop of mounting concern about violent teenagers, Vera launched a major ethnographic study of adolescent violence. Rather than focusing on the most extreme events or the broad trends reflected in official statistics, the Vera study sought to examine in depth the ordinary, daily lives of adolescents and the ways they encounter and deal with violence. This paper highlights some key findings that emerged.

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