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Modern Bullying

Bullying has always been around, but the recent occurrences of it has become a serious issue. The age of bullying today is more severe because it is more personal, can provoke suicide, and lead to school shootings.

Everyone around us is living in a different situation than we are, whether it be good or bad. To judge someone based on their appearance is unethical, and kids have found a way to use these flaws for hate. That person may be going through a rough time and does not deserve the hateful words. These words can affect them in negative ways, and depending on how bad the situation is, provoke suicide.

Bullying has harsh consequences, especially if the victim cannot take the harassment anymore. Some characteristics that people get bullied for are issues they cannot change because of their religion or financial situation. Followers of the Islamic faith, if they are women, wear Hijabs, which people tend to point out. Kids with financially unstable parents that cannot afford nice clothes come to school in the same shirt two days in a row. This way of bullying creates a direct link between bullying and suicide, as “Bully victims are between 2 to 9 times more likely to consider suicide than non-victims” (Bullyingstatistics.org). These situations are unchangeable ones, and kids should not be picked on for them. Bullying can lead to very serious outcomes, those as serious as someone taking their own life.

The seriousness of bullying can be seen on the news today, as multiple school shootings shock the nation. A student from Freeman High School’s reason for firing at his peers was “to teach his classmates a lesson about ‘bullying’” (Kamrowski). The age of bullying today has become a dangerous issue, causing other students to want to take revenge.

Modern bulling has become severe. The personal level kids touch on to bring others down has become a downward spiral. Kids feel the need to turn towards suicide or revenge in order to deal with the bullying. The bullying that occurs today is by far the most devasting to our society.

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