

Never Harm Anyone Again

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I know it's hard, but try to imagine a life without bullying. To me it's merely impossible due to all the reports that saturate our television sets and internet on a daily basis. There are numerous types of bullying. There is cyber bullying, physical bullying, and verbal bullying. Sadly, these situations remain constant. Such as a case two weeks ago, when I heard about an incident that involved nine boys who physically harmed three red headed children because they have red hair. This was inspired by a 2005 South Park episode about "Kick a Ginger Day." This brings to light what impact shows like this can have on children/teens living in today's times who have not been taught right from wrong, or for some unfortunate reason have chosen to blur the lines of right from wrong. Although this was provoked by a cartoon, it was a sad demonstration of the dark side of humanity.

Another case I heard about was a girl getting bullied to the point of having to switch schools because she was physically and verbally assaulted by a group of girls. She was thrown through a window and getting made fun of for wearing nice clothes and getting high grades. I think that these cruel actions are the sad result of the bully seeking attention. Maybe it stems from insecurities, or the lack of learning values of simple human decency. In any case, it really is hard to make sense out of matters such as these. Incidents like these raise many questions. Living in a society where the youth are exposed to so much, so fast, and from so many different mediums- are values less than they were a generation ago? Although the above stated incidents were sad realities, I still choose to believe that the world we live in is full of hope and goodness. If the bullies in the world don't know that this behavior is wrong, it is my hope that they will soon, and hopefully learn from their mistakes and never harm anyone again.