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SCHOOL AND VIOLENCE

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Introduction



Global issue (affecting students, teachers and society)

These forms of aggression harm victims, perpetrators, and bystanders, impacting mental health, academic success, and overall well-being

Contributing factors: student traits, family issues, peer dynamics, and societal influences

Victims face anxiety and isolation, while perpetrators may be influenced by violent environments or personal insecurities

Rise of digital technology - cyber violence has become especially concerning

Forms of school violence

- **Physical violence** (most recognizable) – hitting, pushing, kicking, damaging property, tripping, teasing, spitting and restraining
- **Psychological violence** – verbal abuse, threats
- **Sexual violence** – sexual harassment, assault, gender-based violence
- **Cyberbullying**– online harassment
- **Social exclusion** – isolation from peers
- **Student violence against teachers**



Factors that influence the occurrence of violence

- **Personal factors** – gender, age, academic achievement, anger expression and social relationships

boys → physical violence, girls → verbal violence
- **Family factors** – children from violent, unsupportive families more likely to become victims or perpetrators of violence, lack of supervision and unclear boundaries can lead to antisocial behavior, while overprotective parenting may increase the risk of victimization
- **School environment** – key role in violence - insufficient teacher supervision, poor relationships, and unclear rules can increase violence, while positive support and student engagement help reduce the risk

Consequences

Victims

– anxiety and depression, low self-esteem, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), loss of motivation to learn, difficulty concentrating, poor academic results, increased absenteeism, social isolation

Perpetrators

– increased risk of criminal behavior, antisocial personality disorder, conflicts with authority figures, difficulty integrating into society, trouble finding stable employment, problems in interpersonal relationships, school disciplinary actions (suspension, expulsion), criminal prosecution in severe cases

School Community and Local Environment

– reduced sense of safety, increased fear among students, higher levels of crime among adolescents, rising crime rates and social problems Investments in safety measures and prevention programs, need for counseling services and teacher training, significant financial burden on schools and communities

Prevention and measures to reduce violence in schools

ROLE OF SCHOOLS: enforcing a zero-tolerance policy with clear rules and consequences discourages violence, staff must be trained to recognize and handle conflicts, increased supervision in hallways and playgrounds boosts safety, social-emotional learning helps students manage emotions and develop empathy, peer mentoring and inclusive activities further reduce exclusion and conflict



ROLE OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES: open communication, consistent rules, peaceful conflict resolution, positive parental role models, strong collaboration between parents and schools

Latest case of violence in slovenian schools

- Case from March 2025
- Novo mesto

Osnovnošolci sredi Novega mesta posneli pornič in ga ponujali v zameno za denar



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Osnovnošolci sredi Novega mesta posneli pornič in ga ...

28. mar. 2025 — Posnetek spolnega dejanja naj bi objavili na Snapchatu in ga celo ponujali za pe evrov. Posnetek naj bi nastal prejšnji teden. »Na njem naj bi ...



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Otroci v Novem mestu snemali pornografski film. Kaj in kje ...

28. mar. 2025 — Grozljiva zgodba iz Novega mesta, kjer je več osnovnošolcev na novomeški tržnici snemalo pornografski film, ki so ga nato objavili na ...

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Šolarji snemali pornič, eden od štirih vpletenih nima niti 14 let

27. mar. 2025 — Posneli so spolno dejanje in ga menda objavili celo na snapchatu, posnetek pa naj bi eden od sodelujočih med kolegi ponujal za denar, zanj naj ...

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Closing debate

- Paper explores the growing problem of school violence
- School violence is a complex issue that impacts the entire educational environment
- We analyzed key risk factors—personal traits, family background and school
- Paper also discussed the broader social consequences of school violence and included recent incidents in Slovenia
- In conclusion, school violence can be reduced through early action, open communication, and the promotion of respect, tolerance and cooperation
- A collective effort is essential to create a safe environment where every student can thrive

Opinion

- We think it is important that these topics are not only talked about when something terrible happens, but that they become part of regular conversations in schools, in families and also at the level of state policies. Only in this way can we create an environment where every child feels seen, heard and safe. We believe that changes are not easy, but they are possible if we are honest, persistent and, above all, human in our approach.
- We sincerely hope that this assignment will be at least a small step towards greater sensitivity, understanding, and readiness for change. Although we cannot solve difficult topics with one seminar assignment, we believe that such reflection can help move things forward – step by step, with more empathy, more conversation, and more compassion.



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