How do violent acts impact individuals and communities?

- A lot of violence is integrated into society and is accepted, such as watching prizefights and war.
- War impacts family members, survivors, and the U.S with PTSD in our community.
- As we have seen in history, responses to violence with peace have had profound effects.
- Perhaps fighting violence with violence does not solve the problem. Maybe if we had responded to 9/11 differently we would be in a very different place today. Perhaps we could have avoided all of the violence that transpired in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Sometimes violent acts can cause change to happen. It gets our attention even if in a negative way.
  - Violence can cause reflection or to re-evaluate what kind of person you want to be and what kind of world we want to strive to obtain.
  - Sometimes, as in self-defense, you must respond to violence with violence, although it is not always the answer.
- Each culture has different views of violence.
- The more you are subjected to violence, the more likely you are to perpetrate violence later in your life. Influence from video games desensitizes people to the idea of violence. They attract a young audience and alter their view of the acts and effects of violence. Video games are an accepted violence in our society.
- Sometimes communities are traumatized by violence and work to prevent it, but some react to violence with more violence.
When does a building become old enough to not be able to tear down? This question relates to the normative issues relating to what should/shouldn't do with/to nature.

⇒ Natural places can be manipulate to look a certain way. Ex. Mounds scraped up to create hills (as soon in front of the NAU Health and Learning Center).

• Natural places change on their own all the time- due to weather.

• What is beautiful? Does beauty presuppose a right to not be replaced? Beauty is relative – what is beautiful to one person may not be beautiful to another person.

⇒ Natural places have been replaced by arguably more beautiful buildings (compared to art) so does this mean it is sometimes okay?

Should we seek to minimize violence?

• Minimize violence on a local level by creating more jobs and reducing the opportunities for crime in our society.

• Things happen in individual's lives that can cause them to do anything in order to survive, even a day at a time.

How can education help?

• Education can create awareness that could possibly prevent individuals from turning to crime.

Violence in our own community

• There is crime in our own town that is caused and influenced by alcohol and drugs, as well as poverty.

• The location of the highways that intersect in our city can affect crime in our own town as well.

• There a many social issues that need help in our community and education can help reduce these problems. Children in our communities having positive influences are very important.
• Violence can be the outcome of improper experiences during children’s development. What they are exposed to has a large effect on the individual down the road.

• Dealing with violence in society is not the answer, but dealing with the specific issues that are causing the violent problems can be a way to solve this issue.

• Understanding the social, cultural, or community values of what the conflicts are and then working for a solution, as opposed to approaching it with a legal punishment that is pre-decided, may be something to consider.

• Political action is needed to affect change and not just bring attention to the issue.

• Voting to express your opinions can be a way to get involved. Getting the government to understand what we want and getting them to realize what the state needs is the first step.

• Young people are not voting because they do not like what they see from our presidential candidates. There is separation between the generations and many young people feel their vote doesn’t matter.