

When Cyberbullies Attack

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Cyberbullying is one of the most common forms of bullying and has the worst effect on people, but mainly kids and teens. There are many negative results of cyberbullying. Many can range from not wanting to go to school all the way to suicidal thoughts or actions. There are different social media platforms that can be used to cyberbully someone, with snapchat being the most common platform.

Mr. Roth's Interview

An interview was conducted with Mr. Roth, the Tech teacher at Yorba Middle School. I asked him about his personal experience with Cyberbullying and what was the worst situation he has dealt with. Some of the things he said were shocking and sad at the same time. He stated, "This was a couple of years ago, I think the parent is in jail still because this parent was pretending to be a teenager and started bullying a girl her daughter's age. This victim eventually committed suicide, tragic," (Mr. Roth). The age group that is most affected by cyberbullying, according to Mr. Roth is, "12-13 and can go all the way through to college and adulthood, but it's probably teenagers that are the worst," (Mr. Roth). According to endcyberbullying.net, teenagers are affected by cyberbullying the most.

How is Cyberbullying affected by Social Media?

Cyberbullying is a big problem and even more so with all the social media out there. Snapchat is Punishment is when there is an increase of an undesirable a social media platform where a lot of cyberbullying takes place. It is one of the most used by the Cyberbullies because the pictures, videos and stories are temporary. This helps Cyberbullies because if they take a screenshot, they can have proof of something embarrassing that you or somebody else had post, even if it is erased they still can prove it. So, people have to be very careful with what they post. One of the examples is Rosalie Avila. She was a 13 year-old girl who hung herself because many people taunted her about her braces and called her "ugly." Worst of all was that people were making Memes after her death.

Another case is of Ashanty Davis, a 10 year-old girl who was found hanged in her closet after two weeks of life support in hospital. She was frequently bullied by her classmates. Her parents say that the school could have done more to prevent this. In the end, they created a Go Fund Me page to raise money for her burial expenses.

In conclusion, the effects of cyberbullying can be devastating and can result in many awful things. Please, if you need some help call the Suicide National Prevention Lifeline 24/7: 1800-273-8255 or go to their Website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>.