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Violent Video Game

Video games are not strange to everyone when the game industry has developed about two decades. I began to play the violent game when I studied in the high school. At the first time, I played a famous violent game called Half -Life. I just played on the weekend when the school time ended and then I addicted and spent much time on playing the violent game instead of studying hard on the school. And I experienced about behavior and mental related problems.

There are many shows and newspapers in US and other countries talking about this issue. I am shocked when many social issues of the youth are increasing because of playing violent video games. These young people often bully others because of the simple reasons. For instance, other people just need to talk few words which are not friendly; they will use weapons to attack people that they don't like without thinking about a result. I was a video game player; I was also the game video addict person. At the first time, I just play the violent video game as an entertainment. And I began to play much time and addict. I was affected by violent game content because of less cognition of young age.

My country, a small country, Vietnam has been happened many social issues relating to play the violent video game. There are many students in an age of thirteen and fourteen which use many kinds of weapon which is the same violent games to attack people. When I was at age of

those children, I had had to live far away my house. My parent sent me to a family which always received and managed the province students who wanted to study in the urban school because my parents hoped I would have better education. I lived together with many students who come from many the different areas. Many of them are younger than me. A few is older than me. Many of them were not kind. They always had bully attitude to the newcomer. And I did not seem to fit to them. I thought that my parent was wrong when they sent me to this place. I also felt sad and alone because everything is new and strange. There were also not many entertainment centers in my living area. I began to know some friends when I attended the first day in the class. In contrast to mine the same place living friends, my urban classmate was educated well about the character. Day by day, I just went to the school and returned to the manager's house and play surrounding areas. I did not feel freedom and comfortable. My school program was heavy and more difficult. I started wanted to find interesting things for me. And some my classmates asked me to play the violent video game. It seemed that the growing age, I and my friends liked to play games which had the high activity elements. And I and my friends were attracted by violent games which are new and players could use weapons, ride horse, and drive army transportations. But the game I liked the best was Half-life which was a violent game with conflict contents of two characters or two groups. At that time, the game centers were opened much, they were always very busy and crowded. I just came there when I had finished school. And we spent much more time in the game center when violent games developers permitted players who could join too many other players through the country. I also confirmed that violent game was so interesting with my age at that time. They made me so exciting. I had a new feeling about a life. I also knew many more information from the game content and other game players.

Every time I came back home, my parents looked me and they said I was looked more different than before. I did not speak much and I became passive listener. I also chose impolite words to communicate to the elders. There was a chaos in my mind. I was such a person without a soul. I could not think what would do. I went to the school and always hoped time could move fast that I could go to the game center to earn many points from beating and fighting the enemies. In addition, I was not friendly with everyone as before. Everyone seemed to me as an enemy in the game. Every time the class had meeting, I also tried to reject the invitation. I just liked to go the game shop and played the whole day.

And my studying school became bad. The teacher called my parent to complain about my studying result. My parents asked me why I got bad results. I told them because of playing my violent game addiction. They were very sad and advised me stop playing the game. They also gave me less money to spend monthly. They even did not believe me. They gave my monthly money to my manager. Every time I want to take money, my manager would have asked me what did you use this money for.? This once made me uncomfortable and no freedom.

The effects and the complaint did not alter my video game play habit. I and my friend still continued to play game. We addicted *Half-life* game which attracted many players around the world because content and image art were quite same in real world. In the game, we had leaders, friends, innocent people and enemies. We went to look for enemies and killed them. Every time we beat the enemies. We got claps which were programed. This encouraged us more exciting to try defeat friend teams. My friends and I could spend many hours and much money to play. Since my parents reduced my monthly money, I had to borrow some money from my friend. And I had to earn money to pay back by working at restaurant on the weekend. Spend much time on

playing game wasted time, money and affected health and mental. This made me easy to get angry. As a game violent player, I always wanted to beat other players. And I became more furious. Each night, I also dreamed about blood, death scenes and scared by chasing from the enemies. Dreams made me worry about dangerous things. Every time I got up I did not felt comfortable. I was tired and less active. Sometime I woke up at the midnight by dreaming about actions and chasing.

Life experience and school education through urban years have helped me understand that violent games are not good entertainment game. It is like such a film with bad content which can be saved in my memory in a long time. Somehow I acted the same what I did into the game. I often read newspapers which told about many children after being jailed and interviewed, they said that they regretted their actions. They also did not know why they could do that.

Violent video game and related society issues are still doubt and uncertain theory. There are still many players who still have normal behavior. Sometime I felt boring, playing violent game helped me become productive. If I were parents, I will educate my children how to play the video game because the youth do not know about game video effect to their health and life. Parents are people who meet and understand the youth than anyone. Parents can get advices from health center or human field experts. Parents can offer information and related examples as a lesson for their children.

The violent video game affects to the aggressive behavior. It is alike when we watch a film with a bad content. The images and the actions will be saves in the memory. In addition, violent video game player, I will play role as a person in the game. However, this is just my statement based on my experience because every player has different character, attitude and knowledge. So

violent game is not totally bad but players need to be educated to understand what they participate in.

Up to now, I sometimes play violent games but I am playing as a knowledgeable violent game player.