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Persuasive Speech: Bullying

Did you know that around 4,400 people commit suicide in just the U.S. because of bullying? And that's in only one year! Does this sound like it's not a big deal to you? I didn't think so. But there are people out there who don't think bullying is what made all those people commit suicide. They think they just had mental problems, but I don't believe that, because I've been bullied, and it sucks. I can imagine how easy it would be for it to get that intense. But this problem isn't only at school or on campus; it's also online at social networking sites.

In 2006, a thirteen-year old girl became online friends with a sixteen-year old boy, in a while, the boy told her that he'd be better off without her and hat he didn't want to be her friend. She hung herself. In a few weeks, it was found that the "boy" was the girl's friend's mom.

Who do you think gets bullied more, high school boys, or high school girls? If you said girls, then you were right. In 2009, a study by the CDC found that 20% of all high school students reported being bullied the previous year, and that girls were more likely to bullying victims.

Bullying victims are striking out at others, like in 1999, two boys went into their high school with weapons and firearms and killed thirteen people before they shot themselves. Based on their journals, they were bullying victims weren't part of any of the school's social groups. In 2001, a boy with a gun killed two people and wounded thirteen more, he said he was tired of being bullied.

Some people think that all the kids who kill themselves, or injure others just have mental problems, but I think bullying is the real problem. When I was bullied, it wasn't very bad because the person ended up moving, but it still sucked and I can see how it can be bad enough that victims could think they'd be better off dead... even though they wouldn't. The bullying stops, but the people who love them, don't stop loving them, but because of bullying their son or daughter is dead now. All because of some person who decided they weren't good enough.