

Bullying: Myth vs. Truth



Myth

Cyberbullying is not as bad as traditional bullying and it only happens to students who talk to strangers online.



Truth

Cyberbullying is equally harmful and is **more likely among classmates** if they experience traditional bullying at school.

#Upstanders interrupt, report, and reach out.

Bullying: Myth vs. Truth



Myth

Individuals who behave as **aggressors** always grow up in dysfunctional families.



Truth

This is a **stereotype**. There is no single defining characteristic among people who choose bullying behaviors.

#Upstanders interrupt, report, and reach out.

Bullying: Myth vs. Truth



Myth

Schools should use a **zero-tolerance policy** to throw out the aggressors of bullying behavior the first time it happens.



Truth

These policies are **ineffective** and they ignore the multitude of **social dynamics** involved in bullying.

#Upstanders interrupt, report, and reach out.



TYLER CLEMENTI
FOUNDATION

Bullying: Myth vs. Truth



Myth

Bullying is a traditional **rite of passage**, so there isn't much anyone can do about it.



Truth

It is our collective responsibility to **prevent bullying** in order to make all communities **safer and more accepting** of all people.

#Upstanders interrupt, report, and reach out.



TYLER CLEMENTI
FOUNDATION