

# Juvenile crime speech essay sample

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Juvenile Crime is a very real threat we have today in the United States. Every year, juvenile crime rates increase. I understand that our community wants to institute a night-time curfew for teenagers under the age of seventeen. However, I do not believe that the proposed curfew for youths is the most efficient or even legal way of handling juvenile crime in our community. Although a teenage curfew sounds like an appealing solution to juvenile crime, I think that it achieves very little.

The first thing we must look at is the legality of curfews themselves. Under the first Amendment, all citizens have freedom of assembly. This right is applicable to all people, even teenagers, at all times. By enforcing a teen curfew, we would be violating minors' freedom of assembly and the Constitution. Thus, putting our community at risk of legality issues such as lawsuits.

Teenagers are also rebellious by nature. A curfew would only infuriate teenagers and be resented by them. And, teenagers already involved in criminal lifestyles such as gangs, stealing cars, and carrying guns, will not accept a curfew and will do everything in their power to break it. Teenagers will hate law officials and the community.

Another reason teen curfews are not suitable is because they are, in a sense, unmoral. Curfews encroach on the rights of teenagers' parents to control and raise their own children in ways they feel are suitable. Some parents would also find teen curfews annoying and downright interfering with themselves and their children's lives. Minority groups could also become angered at a curfew. Some might feel inferior and think that law officials enforce it more on

them, then on white people. This would most likely increase racial tension in our community.

The next thing we must look at is whether or not curfews are even effective at lowering juvenile crime rates. It is a fact that most juvenile crimes occur between the hours of 3 and 6 pm, so how would a night curfew make a real impact on juvenile crime rates? Instituting curfews would also be a hassle and costly to our community. I believe that a much more suitable alternative than curfews are necessary. This could consist of some type of after school recreational or educational program. This type of program would provide for a safer and more constructive way of supervising teenagers during the afternoon hours, when juvenile crimes occur the most.

So, I urge you to consider against instituting a youth curfew to diminish juvenile crimes, and instead looking into more sensible alternatives. It is my opinion that a curfew would not be very beneficial or productive to our community, and could, in a way, hurt our community.