A Short Speech for High School Students

Today I am going to tell you about one of the many impacts conflict has in our day to day lives. Something many of us don’t realize is that we unconsciously support conflict all the time. For example, American taxpayers believe that the USA should go to Afghanistan and Iraq to fight al-Qaida. People in America are aware of the death of many innocent lives from the war, but still support the war, because we are convinced that it’s important we defeat the enemy and send the message that USA is always number one. Let me give you a great example, a person whose fame comes from soley fighting, which is a type of conflict. American professional boxer Floyd Mayweather has won three Golden Gloves, an Olympics bronze medal, and boasts 38 undefeated bouts is considered the best boxer of his era. He earns millions every match, for which tickets sell out instantly. When he fights, millions are watching and rooting for him to knock out his opponent. When his opponent is finally covered in blood and can’t get up, Mayweather is celebrated. Meanwhile, the boxer who has been knocked out might get some money, but none of our attention or respect, because we label him as the “loser.” Many of you might be feeling like you are not contributing at all to Floyd Mayweather’s success, but I’m here to tell you that you are. By watching his boxing matches, subscribing to his page on social media, talking about him, and creating more followers, you are promoting Floyd Mayweather. So I encourage everyone to think about your impact on the existence of conflict.