

Media looks Inside and Out at Violence



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Violence in our country is a scandal worse than almost anything Hollywood could dream up. *Variety*, the magazine of the entertainment field, has launched an industry-wide conversation about the influence of media and entertainment on the appalling level of violence in our country.

Change starts with all of us. We wanted to share some of the stories from *Variety's* examination

of violence that are particularly relevant to the NIOT community, including pieces on bullying, video games, and the media's role in this national crisis. Read our first set of articles from *Variety* [here](#), and check back soon for more!

Quick and Easy Action to Support NIOT on Hate Crime Prevention!

Applaud Not In Our Town's Hate Crime Prevention Map! [See our Knight News Challenge Entry \(and look for the pink heart\).](#)

Students Stand Up, Defy Stereotypes & Racism at Miami University



This month, students at Miami University have been making the distinction between humor and discrimination after a controversial Twitter account mocking the university's Asian community attracted 1000 followers.

In response, the university's Asian American Association turned the hurtful incident into an opportunity

for learning by launching an action that rewrites offensive tweets, transforming them into positive messages and defies stereotypes. Read this guest post by graduate student Suey Park at [NIOT.org](#).

Mississippi citizens rally to protect people with disabilities



Biloxi, MS rallied to support protecting people with disabilities under the state hate crime law earlier this month. The proposed new law is known as Austin's Law in honor of Austin Stokes, a 15-year-old boy with cerebral palsy who was violently assaulted by another student because of his disability. Read our story on NIOT.org, and find out more about the campaign on the

Mississippi Citizens for Austin's Law [Facebook](#) page.

Efforts grow to halt workplace bullying



In 2011, over half of employers reported workplace bullying in their organizations. This could include verbal harassment, threats, mean comments, relentless teasing, or even physical harm. Read more about efforts to legislate against workplace bullying at NIOT.org.

