violence

noun
vi·o·lence | ˈvī-lən(t)s, ˈvī-ə-

Definition of violence

1a : the use of physical force so as to injure, abuse, damage, or destroy
b : an instance of violent treatment or procedure
2 : injury by or as if by distortion, infringement, or profanation : outrage
3a : intense, turbulent, or furious and often destructive action or force the violence of the storm
b: vehement feeling or expression: fervor also: an instance of such action or feeling
c: a clashing or jarring quality: discordance
4: undue alteration (as of wording or sense in editing a text)

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Synonyms
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: the use of physical force to harm someone, to damage property, etc.
: great destructive force or energy

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Kids Definition of *violence*

1: the use of force to harm a person or damage property
2: great force or strength especially of a kind that involves destruction

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