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Good samaritans have improved since the murder of Kitty Genovese in 1964 because people have understood the mistake they did. Despite Kitty calling for help and all her neighbors not responding, in-depth research has been done to examine the bystander effect. According to Tooshiani (2014), the death of Kitty resulted in behavioral scientist to recognize more concerning the dynamics of the bystander effect where currently people have realized the moral choices of not ignoring the screams at night. Although there are chances of bystander effect from happening again, society is better because of the murder and thus the thinking is not the same again.

Technology has a diverse variation in bystander effect because when used correctly it can reduce bystander inaction. For instance, through the internet people have managed to provide videos in real-time which in return leads to saving a life. Specifically, smartphones and the internet provide bystanders with a platform to stream videos from the scene and assist in first responders' primaries receiving emergency calls and provide the right resources. However, other bystanders do not realize when to limit themselves when using technology and thus not worrying about the safety of the victim. As a result, this makes people take videos and send them to social media sites without taking action on saving the victim.

Although the government and law enforcement agencies are executing bystander intervention programs by educating individuals on how to intervene, the law itself works as an obstacle to the interventions (Tooshiani, 2014). Many Chinese fear lawsuits when they intervene in crime scenes because while they try to develop a standard of intervention, most lawful rules support non-intervention. Another limitation is the danger of liability related to interventions stopping the majority of bystanders.

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