

It's time to change!

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'Life' is a term which is so easy to say but difficult to live. The more you grow up, the more complicated and unfair it becomes. It was the same for Trayvon Martin, who was the reason why 'Black Lives Matter' movement started. Isn't it aggravating and tragic to learn that a 17-year-old boy has been shot just because someone felt like it was the right thing to be done?

I can't describe how frustrated and sad I was when I first heard about this. Trayvon's family and friends were waiting for him, but he never came back because someone, who I still don't understand where he found the right or courage, decided to kill a teenager. The saddest part of all is that he was holding candy and a soda and still George Zimmerman felt he was suspicious.

Unfortunately, Trayvon isn't the only one who's had this happen. The list goes on and on. Many people's lives have been taken and continue to be taken for no apparent reason. This has to come to an end. We all deserve to live and be treated equally because this is what democracy is about.

When addressing democracy and 'Black Lives Matter', it is motivating to see that there are still individuals who believe that everything will be better one day. I am one of those individuals. I was raised outside of the United States by two parents who instilled in me the importance of treating others equally. I didn't completely comprehend what they meant when I was a small child, but I do now. When I first arrived here, I realized that no matter how hard we strive to build a non-racist world, there will still be people who discriminate against others.

So far, I've met a wide range of people and races. I was having a talk with some friends. We were discussing about this movement. I began to disagree with one of them, especially when he claimed that 'Black Lives Matter is not a big deal.' I was so disappointed at that moment. I don't understand why some individuals think so, specifically after the demonstrations that George Floyd's death caused. How can the killing of people as a result of racism not be considered a 'big deal'?

'Black Lives Matter' has had a big impact on my life. It made me realize how unjust this world is. It hurts to see how people judge you simply because you have different facial features, a different way of thinking, skin color and so on. It made me realize how necessary it was to spread knowledge as widely as possible. The most significant effect of this movement on me was to realize how we need to work together to resolve the numerous problems that our society is facing and put them behind us so that we can have a better future.

I know it won't be easy, but I believe our civilization will change in the future. We are growing public consciousness, especially through this movement, and this, in my view, is a significant step forward. But the change starts from ourselves. Yes, from me, you and others surrounding us. That is why we must believe in this movement and do all we can to ensure that future generations will live in peace.