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Equality for all, this goal seems to be the epiphany of all political and cultural leaders. This goal has forever changed the world as we know it, and has spoken to the hearts of millions, as we all strive to accept others and learn the true meaning of equality. Influential leaders such as Martin Luther King Junior, and Abraham Lincoln are remembered today for their valiant efforts and success in civil rights. When we think of equality our minds often wander to civil rights, marriage equality and the dismissal of stereotypes. Though these all fall under the enormous goal of equality, they do not completely cover it all. Equality is countless things, combined in to truly accepting others. Equality is furthered every day, I am beyond grateful to be living in this age where minorities are celebrated and being different is encouraged.

At the root of equality, we must realize the individuality of our fellow humans. Though we all have a countless amount of similar characteristics, we are all vastly different. We find friends and comrades who share some of our thoughts and ideas, but no two people are exactly the same. Perhaps we don't realize just how different we all really are. We must acknowledge and accept that the fact that we are all different makes us the same. It is the only thing we all have in common. For this reason it is so hard for me to see inequality in the world today. We live in a global community, Facebook and the internet let everyone experience other cultures and it should help them to understand them. We may have different eyes, noses, and hair color but we must realize that we are

all human beings. We are people with feelings, people that need not only food, water, and air but also love, compassion, and forgiveness. When we are deprived of the care we deserve we often face multiple problems.

Equality cannot be monitored by the police, it cannot always be guided by the law. Equality begins in the people. The only way for people to accept others, and their differences to educate. Many children realize their dream jobs or goals early in life. If we wish for the goal of equality to be achieved, the children must be taught that we are all different in our own special ways, and most importantly that because we are all different we must treat each other the same and with love.

Equality begins with caring. Whether you are concerned how others are being treated, or how you are being treated. Many people throughout this nation still experience discrimination, racism, and sexism in their daily lives. We must not only stop these horrendous acts from happening but also stressing how vital it is to report these acts. Last year, in the U.S. alone, more than three million crimes went unreported. We cannot realize the dream of equality if people will not help us, to help them. Equality is when there is no fear to report a malicious crime, because they know justice will prevail. When this can happen, we will be realizing the dream of equality in this nation.

The world is constantly changing, and I believe for the better. Though crimes still happen, I believe that this generation will be the most tolerant the world has ever seen. Never before has a generation had the opportunity to not only learn about civil rights and religious understanding, but we have the opportunity to participate in discussions and read countless opinions online. Equality can be achieved. There are still countless steps to take to this momentous goal, and many years until we reach the final step. I am glad to be

living in a nation where the dream of equality can be reached, and I hope that I am able to see this happen in my lifetime.