

ALL DIFFERENT, ALL EQUAL

Good morning dear teachers and fellow colleagues,

Before beginning my speech, I would ask you to look around ... Have you find someone like you? In this classroom we are all different, aren't we? You for example have two beautiful brown eyes unlike you that have a long blond hair or even you that wear glasses... But have any of you a greater importance in our society? Or are we all equal?

Unfortunately, today in the twenty first century there are still people who believe that not everyone should have the same rights... These people believe that they are superior and special, humiliating all those who are physically different from themselves...

In my speech today, I would like to show you that even though we are all physically different, inwardly we are all equal. By this I mean that we all have the same rights and duties... We all need affection, attention and happiness... Regardless of our colour, height or beliefs, because in reality, we are all human.

The great American social activist Robert Ingersoll once said "Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself."

Based on this quote and with the aim of establishing equality between all, promote peace and put an end to all types of discrimination, were created ***The Human Rights***, which intend to end up with words such as racism and xenophobia.

The reality is that racism and xenophobia continue to be current issues in our world. Every day, that we open our father's newspapers we continue to read, news as: "Black man suffers from racism in a shop"; "Moroccan teenage girls face prison over 'lesbian kiss'; "Woman rescued after 9 months in slavery". This is our reality and this is the reality that each one of us must want to change. As I, the great majority of the present, are teenagers, and as you all know, the youth of today are the adults of tomorrow... We are the future... And we are the main able to change the world. But how? Ask yourself... Well... Each one of us have to open our horizons and look for all cultures, all the different languages ... Each one of us has to realize that all our differences are beneficial and transmit all these values to our children, because prejudice is learned, no one is born with it.

At the beginning of my speech I said that a group of humans created a vast number of rights which were intended to promote peace and equality regardless of all the differences that exist in our society. The truth is that the vast majority of us knows them, but few respect and ensure them.

Many people desire the creation of a better world, but they remain waiting for other to step forth and pave the way. If no one takes the stand and works to ensure that the rights of others and themselves are upheld, then who will? We cannot sit idly as time passes by. Nothing will be accomplished.

So ladies and gentlemen, I hope in a near future look to all of you and see active citizens, who are constantly trying to change the world with your attitudes. I hope years from now see a better world, where war is only recorded in history books. I hope to see a more united world where all the differences are just a point of more union because as that famous proverb says: "United we stand, divided we fall."

Thank you.

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