

My Vision for America

From my perspective, as a fifteen year old girl, the America I know has been horrible. Is that a bit harsh? You tell me. Terrorism is running amuck, the South has been plagued with racism, there have been violent conflicts between the police and people of color, cities have been rioting, hate crimes are being committed, and there doesn't seem to be any end in sight. It seems as if every time a tragedy happens in our country, instead of coming together, we immediately start to point fingers at one another. My question is why? Why do we have to fight against each other?

My vision for America is a little different. I see a world where the number of crimes has dramatically decreased, and the people of our country are thriving and coming together as one. I see a world with no more hate and no more racism. I see a world where we show everyone that we can work together and we can strive towards a better society. I feel this country would be a much better place if we would unite together and show the world that we are America, the land of the free and home of the brave.

The only way that this is possible, is if we realize that we all in this together; we are one country, and we should be united. That means putting aside our differences and working together. Working together for the sake of everyone, for the sake of our children's futures. We can't keep thinking that this isn't our problem, because it is. It's up to every single one of us to stand up where we are and make a decision to be more compassionate, more loyal, and more willing to put aside our differences for a better world.

When people think of America, they think of freedom, peace, and strength. History shows that we are fully capable of minimizing crime and destruction. We've overcome difficult times before; think of how we came together after the terrorist attacks on 9/11. If we made up our minds to work toward peace, discard our hate, and make our country a better place, we would be living in the America that people dream of. Now, don't get me wrong, there always be hate in the world, but we need to raise our voices, stand strong and fight hate with love.

America needs a wakeup call. If we don't start working together and rise as a power, who knows how long we will remain a free country. As Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States of America where men were free." We can be that America again, but it's going to take each and every one of us- united.