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### America Is Not Living Up to Its core values

Liberty, justice, and equality are some of the core American values. Americans like to think that there is liberty, justice, and equality for all in our country. After all, the end of our pledge of allegiance says, "liberty and justice for all". These rights as Americans are being stolen from people on a daily basis. America is not living up to its core values and people's constitutional rights such as equality, justice, and liberty are being broken daily in our country.

People of color in America face injustice everyday and do not get the liberty promised to them in the pledge of allegiance. There is not liberty and justice for all, when African Americans are being murdered by those who are supposed to protect us, and then walk free like they are innocent citizens. George Floyd along with hundreds of other African Americans have been killed by police officers, even though they showed no threat to anyone's life and did not have any weapons(alter). Police kill about 1,000 people a year with African Americans being over 3 times more likely to be killed than white people even though they only make up 13% of the population(Chughtai). These people and their families are not getting justice, and their killers are off the hook and return to their normal lives just because they are police officers. These officers are just allowed to end someone's life when they oppose no threat to anyone else's life. These people do not get these rights living with a target on their backs every day of their lives. These people do not get liberty or justice from this country and have to suffer everyday just because of

their skin color. America does not get to pick and choose who gets these rights and who doesn't.

Equality is one of the core american values, when the reality is this country is far from reaching equality for all. This not only affects people of color, but also members of the LGBTQ+ community on a daily basis. The trump adminastration is trying to pass a bill that would allow health care providers to deny someone medical care if they ae transgender(Legislation). People of color are targeted by police officers on the daily and are discriminated against bc of their skin color(Edwards). We cannot say equality for all and then when someone doesn't look or think like them, single them out and make them feel like lesser humans. Americans cannot pick and choose who gets these rights and who doesn't. Inequality is the reality that anyone who is different then the standards that the corrupt system our country is run on teaches us.

People who aren't straight or white are looked at as outsiders or abnormal and are questioned if they belong in this country, showing that America does not live up to its core values. People in america are blatantly lying when someone says there is equality, justice, and liberty for all. Being white or straight does not make you a suppieor human it just mean you have privilage dont have to face discrimination for your race or sexuality. America has never lived up to these core values in the past and still hasnt in the present. The people of america need to take astand and abloish the discrimination in this country that ruins it.



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