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Justice and Equality in Today's Society

The value for justice was established with the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights assured the people of America that they had the right to justice. As for equality, Americans see this as a core value but in reality we haven't had true equality for that long, and if we look at what is happening in our country today many would say we still don't truly have equality. Today, Americans live up to their value of justice but are continuously working to establish equality for all.

Justice is a value that Americans hold very highly, especially during the times of racial injustice that we are going through right now. After the death of George Floyd, which caused protests around the globe. People were angry with the death of George Floyd because it was an unjust and inhumane treatment of a black man. People demanded justice and the arrests of the men that killed him. Once the protest erupted around the world

“#JusticeforGeorgeFloyd” was seen everywhere on social media. This hashtag was used to spread awareness and to ultimately achieve justice for George Floyd by arresting the men



involved with his murder. In an interview with CNBC Mike Freeman, the Hennepin County

Attorney, stated that it was the fastest they had ever charged a police officer. Georges Floyd's murder caused an immediate demand for justice from people around the world, which demonstrates how Americans hold this value very highly. The efforts from many americans to get justice for George Floyd shows how america is living up to its value of justice

There is no question that the majority of Americans value equality, but there have been times throughout history and present day where this value has not been upheld. Equality is something many groups of people have fought for throughout the history of our country. Since the beginning of our country it has been said that all men are created equal, but, now, 244 years later this country is still trying to make its people feel equal. In 2015 Barack Obama described what the United States should look like as a place where all people are treated and seen as equals. "No matter who you are or what you look like , how you started off, or how and who you love, America is a place where you can write your own destiny," was his description of this land of equality and opportunity. In an article posted by NAACP (National Association for the



Advancement of Colored People) it is stated that African Americans are incarcerated at five times the rate of white americans. This fact demonstrates exactly how the United States aren't living up to the value of equality. The powerful words spoken by

former President Obama describe the way America should be when the people uphold and live up to the value of equality. It has been seen recently in our country that this is a value that needs work, from all people in order to say that it is being upheld. Equality is not something that will

change in the blink of an eye, but it will sure be something that our country strives to improve.

As America battles many different issues, it is clear that the value of justice is being upheld by its people but many Americans are still continuously fighting and speaking in order to



establish equality for all. Justice throughout the United States is an important part of Americans feeling safe and protected in this country while promoting the value of equality can truly make the people of the United States feel they have the same opportunities and are looked at the same way no matter their race, skin color, sexual preference, or gender. As

an american citizens we must strive and continue to uphold these two core values in order to keep an ideal society where everyone is safe and welcome.

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