

American Studies

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Is America Living up to its Core Values

When looking at documents, letters and speeches given by many American heroes we see some of the core values our country holds. The Declaration of Independence and Bill of rights are just two examples of where we get our core values from, the delma is are we living up to them. America is not living up to the core value of equality but is living up to the core value of freedom.

America is not living up to the core value of equality. There is no one way to be american, everyone has a different belief, background and political view. One of the things that makes America great is the cultural diversity, we are made up of and all the different ethnic and racial backgrounds. One video that stood out to me was the What does America stand for video, but in all the different articles we have been reading we see that america is made up of a bunch of people all from different backgrounds but that's what america so great, however we haven't been living up to that value of equality. Equality to me isn't blm and giving everyone fair chances, because we all have that, to me it is the idea of respecting each and every person and receiving respect. I found that what makes America stand for video to be very strong because I wasn't just listening to some random person talk, I was listening to people my age going through the same thing I am. This video shares what life is like for kids my age and how they view american values today and in their household. Equality is what

everyone is fighting for in 2020. Based on the constitution it is the united states responsibility to offer the American people these self evident rights and when they fall short of these promises the American people will rise up against the government.

America is living up to the core value of freedom and what it means to Americans. One of the Ten amendments is freedom, America completely lives by this and I believe it is the most lived by value. Freedom in America means many different things. In America Freedom is, “abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances” this is a quote from the 1st Amendment of the bill of rights. The quote is one of the most respected american values. Freedom is something all Americans value, the freedom of speech, press, religion, assembly and petition. In this you can see that the freedom to protest is valued and used to express what people want. Freedom to Americans is huge because it is the base of our country. Freedom or independence is why we fought against England to be free, it is such a powerful commitment to make and not always easy to follow through on.

America has not lived up to the core value of equality that it promised, yet alleges that it has maintained its promise of freedom. Once upon a time the United States was a force to be reckoned with, other countries looked to the United States as a beacon of what liberty should look like. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case, but we will regain our international prominence as long as we can as a country ban together to do right by one another. After reading this you should want to make a difference in America and make it better so we can be someone other countries look up to.

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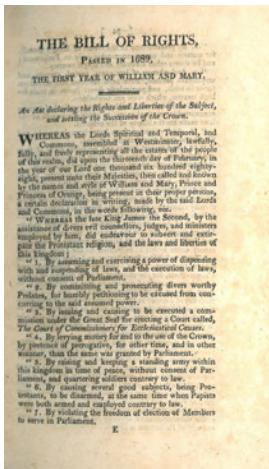
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