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The United States was founded on the idea that all men were created equal and since the establishment of the Declaration of Independence many wars have been fought in order to establish the core agreements of this doctrine. Our country has gone through several phases of change that has helped push forward our overgrowing society with the engraved belief that change/growth is always necessary. Over the past couple of years, many problems have been found in our current system of law and the injustice that it allows. Though these problems exist in today's society they have not gone unnoticed and swept under the rug. Many people have come forward and spoken about the injustices going on in our communities and the change that needs to occur in order to better our society. At the end of the day, that is what justice has always been, a constant reminder that change is never far away and progress must always occur.

Since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the idea of racial justice has been on the forefront of the political, social, and economic mind of this country. After the civil rights movement a lot of progress was made in terms of legal racial equality. That being said discrimination still exists in many households in America and because of this racial injustice still exists in our communities, plaguing the minds of millions of Americans. That being said, there is still justice in the idea of change.

Every day more and more young people are being educated about civil rights and the fight for change in The United States. Many grassroots organizations have marketed themselves on the national and global level that allows people to recognize any forms of injustice that they experience within their own community. With the knowledge of what injustice actually is and the mental capability to identify where it exists within our communities, many people are able to understand why the fight for change is necessary and how they can be a part of it. Social media is a newly emerging platform that gives youth the space to voice their opinions for the world to hear and also take note. When enough people come together and say there is a problem plaguing their community, the government will take notice. When it comes time for change to occur brilliant initiatives are never far behind and justice is able to take root and thrive.

Justice is the continuation of that initial fight for civil rights and change through the empowerment of all people. Being a part of the organization Sisters in Strength has provided me with the platform to voice my opinions to my community and my local government. Organizing workshops and becoming a part of larger movements has allowed me to truly learn what justice in my community is. Justice in my community is change and change in the sense that we all become united as one. When we do this great things occur. Examples of this can be found in the #Black LivesMatter campaign, the protests against gender discrimination in the workplace, and the national ads combating racial and gender stereotypes.

In the end, I do not believe that justice exists in our current legal system; it instead exists in the hearts of the millions of people fighting for change. Change is an encompassing idea that

is spread throughout the entire world. Without change the whole world would become stagnant and that wonderful spark that makes each individual special will slowly die out under the harsh realities of today's world. Justice is the change occurring in our global community and I believe that justice will ensure the development of a better tomorrow through a change in present day society.