

Wie immer brandaktuell - das Thema Rassismus. In Englisch und Ethik behandelt, hier ein großartiger Text von Gabrijela Akrap (4b), einer herausragenden Schülerin.

Racism

A word everyone knows about, but a very small number of people who actually want to do something against it.

It is 2020 and people are STILL being mistreated just because of their skin colour. I'm white but it still makes me so sad and mad that hundreds of black innocent people are being killed in America every single year. What makes it more insane is that they are being killed and physically assaulted by POLICE OFFICERS and nobody is doing anything about it! Why do people only "realize" what is happening in our world, only after somebody dies? It is the same cycle all over again: the police murders an unarmed black man, a video of the incident is found, there is pressure to bring the killers to justice, they're acquitted, the news moves on and we all forget.

I will never understand what is going on in people's heads who are racists, and I don't even want to understand something like that.

Black people are currently being most mistreated, and they definitely don't deserve to feel that way. I have heard so many stupid jokes about a certain nation (most of the times about Asian people). And those jokes are always coming from some white uneducated people. They don't even notice that they are making racist comments and jokes because they are not properly educated.

I just feel so sorry for those people because they can't control where they're coming from. People just don't deserve to be sad, angry, or depressed because of a comment that (most of the time) white people, who were too lazy to learn more about racism, made. Kids in schools are being bullied on a daily basis because of their skin colour and their religion. I can't even imagine how that feels being bullied over something you have absolutely no control of. I guess kids who are bullying others just to seem "cooler" don't come from normal families and are being taught at home to be racist. In that case their parents are guilty, but when they grow up they get to choose what kind of person they'll be: like their parents or better than them. They get to choose if they are going to continue being

racist or if they are going to learn from their parents' mistakes, educate themselves and do better.

Being racist is just so wrong.

Why would someone deserve to be scared of police that is supposed to protect us? Why would somebody want to change the way they look? Their culture?

Why would somebody want to die or hurt themselves?! Why would somebody at the end of the day question their worth?? **NOBODY** deserves to feel that way because at the end of the day we are all people!!

I still believe that there are more good than bad people out there.

Unfortunately, most of the times only the bad ones are recognized because they always end up in news, newspapers, or social media because of the terrible things they have done.

Everyone has a voice, and everyone should use it smartly in important situations like these. Because what is the point of having a voice if you're gonna be silent in times when the world needs you the most? I think that being silent in those kind of situations is nothing but betrayal and the least we can do is spread awareness.

It costs you nothing to educate yourself about what is going on in our world every day. You can read a book, talk to someone with experience, watch documentaries and videos on YouTube or read about it online.

Police brutality and police violence are **NOT NEW!** It's the cameras that are new! That has been going on for over 300 years now.

People have been protesting all over the world in the past months and if you are asking yourself why black people are so "aggressive" at protests, try to understand that they have been mistreated for too much time now.

They are so exhausted of it and they just want to be treated normally, to have a peaceful life with their families without being afraid of what is going to happen when they have to leave their house or when a cop pulls them over.

In a racist society it is not enough to quietly be non-racist. We must be vocally anti-racist. If you are tired of hearing about racism try to understand what it's like for people who are dealing with it! It is time to make a difference about something other than ourselves!