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### Equality And Fairness

Frances emphasizes the importance of equality by saying, "Equality is the soul of liberty; there is, in fact, no liberty without it"-Frances Wright. Equality and fairness are two of the most important American core values. Without these two very important core values in the United States, we have a country full of negativity and hate instead of positivity and respect. These two core values came out of the Constitution and have been slowly fading as time has been going by. It has slowly been fading away because as time goes on, certain individuals think that they are more important, or more powerful than other individuals. America does not live up to the core values of equality and fairness, because certain individuals think they are more important than others. Many people think they are worth more or have more power than others, just because of the attributes they have on them, this is not living up to America's core values. In today's day, wealthy people think they are much better and more important than others who are struggling financially in life. This is a very common circumstance, where a wealthy, or better off person, ridicules a less fortunate person. A youtube video ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-O\\_92cNaFc&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-O_92cNaFc&t=1s)), shows a rich man kicking a poor person out of his restaurant, then a lady treats him to lunch at a place around the corner. This is showing that equality has started to fade, because the less fortunate man was not welcome in the restaurant of a wealthy man just because the wealthy man only chose to look at his life from a financial perspective. This piece of evidence is very relatable, because seeing forms of

this happening is very common in the real world. This shows that the core value of equality is not being valued as much in today's day. Fairness is another American core value, that is fading away, as time is going by. Fairness in today's day has faded. For example, for applying to colleges, if one is a certain ethnicity that they need for diversity, they will potentially take another individual over someone who has a better GPA, better scores on exams, and also more volunteer hours etc. This piece of evidence is stated in the article, (<https://money.howstuffworks.com/personal-finance/college-planning/admissions/race-college-admissions1.htm>), best describes the topic, because it best proves the point about how getting accepted into colleges is unfair, which shows that in America, the core value of fairness is losing its value. This proves it because having a different ethnicity is not something one can change, and having a certain ethnicity can potentially get an individual into a college that another individual cannot get into, even though both have the same attributes in terms of education. Being a certain ethnicity should have nothing to do with being accepted into a college. It is just unfair because another individual who worked much harder than a certain ethnicity, can still be the one who doesn't get accepted, just because of the individual's race, which is unchangeable. Clearly, fairness isn't being valued as much as it should be because it was an American core value.

Equality and Fairness are two of the biggest American core values. Unfortunately, these values are fading away as time goes on. Living in a country with not much equality or fairness is very non-beneficial in many ways. No one wants to be treated differently just because of the way they live their life. This is important for everyone to see, because we need to go backwards, and make this country value equality and fairness a ton more. A world without equality and fairness,

is a very hard world to live in. Without these values, it is a world of hate and negativity, instead of a world of positivity and acceptance. We need to work together and respect one another, to gain equality and fairness back as a value. To gain this back, each and everyone of us need to value both of these values.

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