## American Studies

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## Core Values

The American core values I chose today are Community and No discrimination. These Values come from the declaration of independence and are key values that America uses and should use. I will be explaining why I picked these core values and what they are used for and give some examples of what America does with these values. I believe that America is living up to its core value but at the same time isn't.

I believe that America is living up to its core value as a community in the fight to stop the spread of the coronavirus. I believe America has done a good job of being a community because we are all working as a whole to help fight the spread of this virus. Wearing a mask doesn't just protect you but it protects your loved ones and the people around you. Staying home when you are sick and frequent hand washing are ways to help prevent the spread." When you wear a mask you are saying I respect my neighbors. When you wear a mask you are saying I respect nurses and doctors. When you wear a mask you are saying I respect other people." - ny.gov. I chose this quote because it shows that everyone cares because they are wearing a mask. This shows that they are respecting others' opinions and what they think is right, they are also trying to help stop the spread of this virus as a community. This shows that America is living up to core value through people following the ordinance of wearing a mask, social distancing and keeping public areas sanitized as well as educating people about the importance of personal hygiene and cleanliness.

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I do not believe that America is living up to its core value when it comes to no discrimination and treating others the same. I don't believe that America has done a good job of having no discrimination because there is still lots of discrimination in our country. People in America still continue to treat others differently because of what they look like, where they're from, and just who they are. "Discrimination does not 'make America great.' It makes America weak." I chose this quote because it can relate to what has been going on in our country recently. For example, when the killing of George Floyd occured America experienced a lot of riots and protests for the justice and unlawful killings of unarmed African Americans. There have been multiple cases where an African American has been unarmed and killed, and this is all happening because of discrimination towards different races. I chose this quote because I could really relate it to my evidence. My quote showed how discrimination made America weak because of all of the chaos caused through the acts of killings against harmless and unarmed ethnic races out of discrimination. This is why I believe that America really isn't living up to its core value right now of no discrimination because it still happens to occur, even after centuries of it happening.

As you can see America is living up to its core value regarding the corona virus and us trying to slow/stop the spread of it . At the same time there is lots of problems with no discrimination especially with the events going on in our Country today. My thesis is important because it shows people reading it how America is dealing well with some problems good, and not so good with other problems. Overall America is having its ups and downs regarding to it's Values, I think America is a well rounded country but there is still always something you could do to help. Little things you could do to help slow the spread of the coronavirus and work as a community is wearing a mask. Something you could do to stop discrimination is treat others equally or another way is treat others how you want to be treated.

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