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HOPE FOR TOMORROW

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World peace can be achieved
When, in each person,
The power of love
Replaces the the love of power

BARBARA MIKULSKI

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Utopia, for our world today, is far beyond a dream. It is the minuscule star that cannot be seen with naked eyes, but can be felt with our beating hearts, for that miniscule star shines brighter with hope than any other star in our universe. Our world is unfortunately infused with flaws, from the inequality of genders to the lack of justice and peace, and although it may not be possible to obliterate these issues completely, it is possible for each one of us to try and achieve the sustainable developments, because every action counts.

A common misconception of gender equality is that people fighting for it are feminists, or as some call, “feminazis”. Gender equality’s true aim is to fight for fairness and equity for every gender, to ensure that every gender receives the same opportunities, and to create an egalitarian world where every soul, every being is given the chance to achieve their dreams, whatever it may be. One person may not be able to instantaneously bring about change, but what they may do is be the root of the change. I decided to be that “one person” by spreading awareness of equality by participating in debates, talks, and speeches related to gender inequality.

Arguably, the lack of justice and peace in this world prevails more dominantly than any known disease. Justice and peace don’t come easily in this world, and so little is being done about it, which is why the drive to establish change is of utmost importance.

Take the case of the recent Florida mass shooting just days ago. A young man ruthlessly took the lives of 17 human beings, aged not much younger than himself. Unfortunately, this has not been the first case of mass shooting, either in the United States or outside of it. It is a wonder as to what could have caused this man, and all the others, to commit such an inhumane act. And yet, this is an issue that continues to terrorize our world. Now more than ever, there is a need to bring about radical change, not simply for ourselves, but for the prosperity of the entire human race.

As a human, as a living being, heartbroken is an understatement as to how I feel about the tragic events occurring in our world today. From a tender age, though, we are taught to never give up and to hold onto the sliver of hope that is left, no matter how small. I am here to write for all the other children in this world, the ones that are too afraid, or the ones who are not given the opportunity to express their opinions. And I am here to say that hope is there, and we as a human race should grasp onto that hope and make it so much more than just a dream. And therefore, we must collectively strive toward peace and harmony, for those before us who tried and failed, and those after us, so that they may live to see a better tomorrow. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, “be the change you wish to see in the world.”

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