

To me, social justice means creating and maintaining fair and morally right treatment for all human beings. America was born in opposition to the aforementioned sentiment for everyone but straight, wealthy, white people. America was founded out of a desire to be free from Britain's malignant dominion, simultaneously white America continued to have dominion over black people and the immigrants who helped them gain independence and build the country that is so powerful today. A lack of social justice throughout American history has affected minority communities by having them never be able to have the same opportunities as white people. Every facet of life for minorities is affected because of their race. Minorities are more likely to live in food deserts, attend underfunded schools, be denied for a bank loan, relegated to live in redlined districts therefore their homes are undervalued, be judged on a job application because their name may not be as socially acceptable as their white counterparts, have their pain not be taken as seriously, be deemed more adult than their white counterparts because black children do not have the luxury as being seen as such, and more. Minorities deal with constant microaggressions and past judgement of who they are solely because of their race. A lack of social justice has intentionally set minorities back because the world continues to see "white" as the standard. And whiteness is a measure that can never be reached. The only way true social justice can be reached is if minorities are repaid both tangible and intangible for the work they have done to make this country what it is. More specifically, reparations, fair and equal hiring, equal access to education and job opportunities. However this is either going to take a long time or not at all. White people will continue to push against this because they see it as though they are losing something, most are afraid that the only thing giving them a leg up is their whiteness, because in reality a mediocre white person will always be seen as more valuable than an above average black person in society's eyes. Actions that can be personally taken in support of social

justice is to educate myself, reading and watching informative materials, sign petitions, and donate to worthy grassroots organizations. And most importantly, become involved in local politics! Most Americans only care to vote for the president without realizing that your local sheriff, city attorney, mayor, etc affects your life more. Achieving social justice is an ongoing daily effort to undo years of injustice. But if we all work together to educate ourselves and become active in small scale politics we can achieve it all that much sooner.