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My Vote, My Voice: Does it Matter?

Everyone's vote matters! This is what the world strives for, for everyone's vote to matter and for everyone to be free and for the world to be united as one! But the world hasn't always been like this, actually it was very different. Many years ago the world was very divided, and in a bad way, they were divided by the color of their skin. African Americans were not allowed to vote when white people were. African Americans went to poor schools that didn't have good resources to teach them, if they even went to school, but white people went to fancy schools that had good resources to teach the white kids. They weren't even allowed to use the same bathroom as the white people! Luckily though, now the white and African Americans are more united. Most of the rules that separated the African American people from the white people have changed. Even though the rules have changed, not everyone agrees with them still. A lot of people still think that African American people should not be allowed to vote and do the same things white people can.

Another example of people being treated differently over something they can't control is gender. For a very long time women couldn't vote! Married women could not own property, even if they had the money to pay for it. Women didn't even have a legal claim to the money they owned. Women were expected to focus on housework and motherhood, not politics. They weren't even allowed to serve in the military. Women couldn't have their own passports either. These are just some of the rights that women didn't have, there were many more. These laws have changed, and women can now vote, own property, keep their money, do things besides housework and motherhood, serve in the military, and have their own passport.

As you can tell from this piece, a lot of people were treated very unfairly. Activists such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and many more people have done things to change this and the world has changed, black people and white people are equal. And all genders are equal too.