

My online learning experience last spring was definitely something to remember. I say this because it was probably one of the most frustrating semesters I've had to deal with. For instance, I had to deal with teachers who weren't understanding the situation. Although on the bright side, I can say I finished the majority of my work a lot earlier than when I would've done it in school. Something that concerns me about online learning this semester would probably be being able to focus on my classes especially in math. Since it's something I struggle with even with a teacher in front of me, I can't imagine how it's gonna be now that I'm alone and have to keep myself on track. Although being able to work by yourself is all a part of growing up and maturing your mentality, so this will be an interesting learning experience. I'm honestly excited to see what this year brings and how I'll be able to juggle my obstacles and overcome them.

This year could definitely be an eye opener for me, not only going completely remote for my classes and having to take the hardest "grade" on a computer. To then also see everyone come together as one and adapt to the new concept of the "rules" such as staying inside and wearing your mask. So far, I think we've handled the situation pretty well when it comes to the education system. Although there's always room for improvement.

Personally, I don't like talking about politics. Although, there are many fascinating debates that can be held when speaking on politics. I don't really like talking about politics just because I feel as though I'm such a biased person for many topics. I'm someone who likes to see a possibility on each end of the debate. On the other hand. Being able to Listen on the outside of the debate can be very appealing. I enjoy being able to hear both parties and why they believe in what they're fighting for.

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A form of democracy that was created for the people, a way in for the lower class to have a voice. Unfortunately not everyone can't rely on democracy pleasing everyone's needs. On the other hand, you can't deny democracy has definitely improved an adequate amount over time. Although this does not change that fact that this system tends to take one step toward and two back. Countless humans born into a skin tone that automatically makes them viewed as less, can't even rely on their own government. It's sickening, what was created to help is only causing them to suffer while those who hold power don't even bat an eye. The governing system proposes the idea "we are for the people" while excluding more than half of the population? Instead of being granted a new life, they're forced to have theirs taken away. The influential idea was the past disappointedly reoccurs various times in history and most likely in the future. As a society we see how black lives are sundered from equality. Although many people in this country seem to not comprehend the erroneous in that. Racism has always been unvarying, it's simply just more Lowkey now. People have gotten better at hiding their true emotions of hatred they have against people of color. Unfortunately nowadays is a prime example of how history never changes and only becomes better at evolving to the standard "morales" viewed by others. What our ancestors fought for are slowly being forgotten and dying little by little.

Marcus Tullius Cicero was a Roman Statesman, Consul, Philosopher, and writer. Cicero was responsible for numerous proposals for Roman democracy. Cicero believed an aristocracy was a governing system in the sense a set of specific people held authority among others. Centered on Cicero's judgment. An idea Cicero expressed there is no specific form of governing that is perfect, Although they still get the job done. Cicero stated "I would not indeed call any of these modes perfect." Cicero reckons that democracy is the worst form of governing. Cicero presumed that Democracy is irregularities

occasioned by the bad passions of some men. Cicero's final conclusion is a governing system. A combination of Monarchy, Democracy and Aristocracy, To be the best possible governing system. Both Cicero and Plato acknowledged a combined government of Democracy, Aristocracy and Democracy would be the best form of government. On the other hand, Cicero opposed a monarchy system. Cicero perceived the problem with Monarchy is that only one person holds power, making everyone else accountable to automatically follow along without a say.

Fredrick Douglass, one of the biggest names in the history books. A national leader that many looked up to. A social reformer and writer that journaled his experience from escaping slavery. Exposing the truth on democracy's insufficiency for being the voice for the people while excluding those of color. Instead Fredrick had to rely on himself leaving to the beginning of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts. Douglass's main purpose in this speech to the Congress Declaration of Independence in New York. It was a censorious speech criticizing the congress Minister to the nation of Haiti. Douglass acknowledged the Founding Fathers of America. Fredrick stated "Fellow Citizens, I am not wanting in respect for the fathers of this republic. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were brave men. They were great men, too, great enough to give frame to a great age. It does not often happen to a nation to raise, at one time, such a number of truly great men. The point from which I am compelled to view them is not, certainly, the most favorable; and yet I cannot contemplate their great deeds with less than admiration".

Douglass ensured his belief on the nation's founders. Douglass viewed them as prominent men, but make no mistake Douglas focuses attention on mistreatment to those of color by the inconsideration with the existence of slavery. Douglass was conflicted on how there could be equality and justice with slavery still being an unvarying matter. How could one demand there is fairness in the system, yet a specific person of color's life is at stake for even wanting a quarter of the rights a white person would have?

society can alter and redo history subconsciously making a new Reconstruction period. For one to alter their reality they must physically remodel and not just hope for a change. Simply nothing will come from that. Society's perspective coming as one is nearly impossible, but not impossible. One can't say it's wrong without being tested first. I envisage, whom to be a racial aristocracy requires to be a country whereupon one's race governing system has the upper hand compared to the rest. I presume slavery commenced racial aristocracy, along came upon the Civil War, etc. one might call this the "domino affect". The slightest change will activate a chain reaction. A human with common sense would know history cannot exactly repeat itself, that's where the change comes in setting off a chain of events, sorta like the dominos. Yes each chain reaction refers to how large or minor the change is but at the end it's all the same dominos. Us humans create and tarnish one another, setting off a chain of events, but in the end we're all humans. We will never see eye to eye on things as one. That doesn't mean we can't consider one another and come to terms that will work for everyone's satisfaction.

Voter suppression

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Snatching your chance to vote

Losing your right to speak

Voting rights are under attack nationwide as states pass voter suppression laws. These laws lead to significant burdens for eligible voters trying to exercise their most fundamental constitutional right. Voting is supposed to be easy access and straightforward for everyone. Voting was created those who are looked down upon socially, to have a voice. Over the years, we have fixed many errors in the voting system, although there are still such minor fixable problems that are hurting and deliberately ignoring our human rights. It is a huge problem on why simple mistakes that can be corrected are completely taking away someone's chance to vote. Not everyone has the necessary paperwork needed to be able to vote in an election. Those same people going through these problems are low-income, racial ethnic minorities, elderly people, and people with disabilities. Since 2008, states across the country have passed measures to make it harder for those people exercise their fundamental right to cast a ballot. These measures include cuts to early voting, voter ID laws, purges of voter rolls, and voter registration.

Voter intimidation is the act of individuals threatening, menacing, and intimidating voters to encounter others' right to vote for their choice. This normally happens while waiting outside of voting polls, groups of people intimidating voters by questioning their preference.

A specific example of voter intimidation occurred “in Arizona during the 2016 election, officials with democratic party complained that the republic party was encouraging its volunteers to follow people into parking lots of polling stations to interrogate them, record their license plate, and call 911 to report them for committing felony”. This is a prime example, on why everyone has the right to vote for whomever they want without having the fear of being harassed because it. On the other hand, to improve these issues rules were established that are more serious when voting. For instance, “no communication”, you are not allowed to block people from polling places, nor are you allowed to question peoples voting preference. As these are cases of voter

intimidation and is illegal.

Early votes help cast their ballots before the day of the election. This helps save time for everyone such as working people, people with disabilities, etc. However, there are states that have started to cut early voting. Early voting is very popular in the public. Early voting is also popular with voting officials as well. By voting early, it helps smoothen the process by eliminating long lines and improves the performance of poll workers. Cutting early voting affects the turnout since it allows voting for every eligible citizen.

Thirty-three states and D.C. voters can cast their ballots before Election Day, which benefits senior citizens, people with disabilities, etc. However, in 2011, some states cut back early voting. This causes long lines and fewer voters. Those who cannot stand for long are not able to vote. Often people would leave long lines out of frustration and impatience. The way voter-cutting works is a list is created with names of people that are allowed to vote for specific elections in a particular jurisdiction. In addition, Sean Holstege published on NBC news “Do Voter Purges Discriminate against the Poor and Minorities?” states “data did show that purges disproportionately affected minority or low-income voters in certain communities, and affected white voters in others. In Cincinnati, poverty rates and voter removals appeared interrelated, while race appeared to affect the removal of voters in rural Hancock County, Georgia” This is an example on why voter cutting can be a problem. Many people are being discriminated and removed from the list of “who’s allowed to vote” based off of race, income, etc.

Another prime example on how voter suppression is an issue is voter ID laws. The people being affected by the Voter ID Laws are mainly people with low-income, racial and ethnic minorities (European and black people), elderly people, and people with disabilities. These

people had difficulty getting the necessary identification in order to vote. For some of these people it was nearly impossible to even be able to get an ID that would allow them to vote. Sarina Vij published on **American bar association** "*why minority voters have a lower turnout:*" An analysis on current restrictions" On June 26, 2020 stating "An example of the inherent discrimination of voter ID laws can be found in the implementation of Georgia's "exact match" system. This program requires an individual's voting status to be suspended if the name on their driver's license or Social Security records does not exactly match the name they inputted on their voter registration form. Of the 51,000 individuals that this law affected in 2018, 80 percent of them were African American. There is evidence that the "exact match" law played a role in the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial election, as African American candidate Stacey Abrams lost by approximately 55,000 votes".

Voter Registration requires for people needing to have multiple documents ready in a matter of a specific time in order for you to vote. This discourages people to vote in the first place because of how much effort it takes in order to vote. **ACLU** published "*Block the vote:*" On February 3rd, 2020 stating "In 2011, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach championed a law requiring Kansans to show "proof of citizenship" documents in order to register to vote, citing false claims of noncitizen voting. Most people don't carry the required documents on hand — like a passport, or a birth certificate — and as a result, the law blocked over 30,000 Kansans from voting". In addition there is even study of discrimination of location for voting polls. Sarina Vij published on **American bar association** "*why minority voters have a lower turnout:*" states "It is also far more difficult for members of minority communities to be able to locate polling places on Election Day. Only 5 percent of white survey respondents reported that they had trouble finding polling locations, compared to 15 percent of African American and 14 percent of Hispanic respondents. When deciding where to place a polling station, election

officials are required to assign each precinct a designated station based on factors such as population, accessibility, and location recognizability; locations may be changed at the officials' discretion. Minorities have a lower voter turnout compared to whites and, in many cases, this has resulted in discriminatory polling place distributions".

Voting should be easy access and have simple accurate responses. After years of campaigning and voting for candidates, it should not be getting harder to vote as time passes. Voting is supposed to be against discrimination and convenient to everyone. On the other hand, voting is making it significantly harder for those people to vote in the first place. If these minor problems are causing thousands of votes to be lost, soon enough millions of people are not going to want to vote at all. Leading to someone who does not have the right intentions for the lower class to be ambushed and left with nothing.

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Discussion board

Inclusion and Exclusion

[COLLAPSE](#)

1. Western thinkers believe democracy is a grading system of prejudice judgment based on society. The leaders granted with great power sometimes abuse it. Although These judgments shouldn't conclude ones role in society. Materialism in today's society has been normalized, and those who aren't seen as valuable financially nor high enough in the social ranking system are viewed as useless in this world. I disagree with these beliefs because many people struggle trying to level up in social ranking wasting more than half their life trying to do so, to get nowhere.

2. The society that Plato, Cicero, Channing and Douglass lived was a whole different concept with social standards compared to them now. For instance, slavery was a unvarying constant back then. People

Of color in general were viewed as incompetent and were degraded without a shred of remorse, Because of the skin they were born in.

This affected the ideas of these writers because some of a majority of them viewed people of color the exact same way. I believe if there were a greater amount of writers who put themselves in the slaves perspective on life, then there would've been a better understanding on why it was wrong.

3. Democracy should be responsible for everyone's needs. No one should be excluded since democracy stands behind the idea that it is a governing system for the peoples voices that can't be heard on their own. Democracy must adapt over time in order to work. While we have come a long way there is still much to improve. Although there is always gonna be room for improvement and as long as there is equality and freedom as democracy can be successful.

Free and fair?

[COLLAPSE](#)

1. Honestly this doesn't surprise me at all. Unfortunately our president is childish and doesn't consider anyone but himself. It's inhumane and selfish. Trump sees himself as a dictator, in other words he's a sore loser. Trump doesn't see himself losing the election, he believes the only possible explanation for his defeat would be the election being rigged.

2. Republicans are at risk because electors have the choice to vote for whom they want. This is a flaw because Trump is sneaky enough to mandate state legislators to use their power to elect the electors. This will enforce a greater chance for Trump to gain the desired amount of votes he needs to win the election without looking suspicious.

3. we as citizens should do everything in our power, society loves to complain and have an opinion about what's wrong in the system but not do much to change it. We should protest, and ensure what needs to be done to guarantee our voice will be heard. Trump has caused enough damage, he's done barely to none any positive impact for America while being in charge. Trump's mentality needs to grow up as much as he is physically. It's devastating and embarrassing how a grown man could go on record admitting he purposely wouldn't follow the rules because he didn't want to lose.