

Rosalyn Ramos: Equality Essay

What claim does each speaker share about inequality? How does each speaker's unique perspective support the universal need for equality in our country?

Write a six-paragraph essay in which you:

- ~~Introduce the topic with a well-developed paragraph.~~
- ~~Share the historical perspective of inequality in our nation.~~
- ~~Share one author's perspective in a body paragraph.~~
- ~~Share another author's perspective in a second body paragraph.~~
- ~~Share a third author's perspective in a final body paragraph.~~
- Conclude using a paragraph.

All of the speakers spoke about unconscious bias. The speakers talked about how we need to change the people in this world and make them into good people for them to stop judging people based on their skin color, gender, and sexual orientation. For example if we see a woman working for a "manly" job we would judge women because we have expectations that it would be a men's jobs to do that. But why do we do that? Why do we have to judge people for what they choose to do? All of the speakers spoke about how unconscious bias can be taken to a whole other level and not in a very satisfying way.

Martin Luther King, Shirley Chisholm, and Sojourner Truth all wanted African Americans to have equal rights. Martin Luther King faced inequality because he wanted equal rights for African Americans. The first piece of evidence that drives the author's purpose "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood now is the time to make justice related to all of God's children". This shows the reason why this is my explanation is because African Americans needed equal rights in 1960 and now in 2019 they still don't have equal rights. Shirley Chisholm also faced inequality because

she wanted rights for African American women. Other piece of evidence is "As a black person, I am no stranger to race prejudice but the truth is that in the political world I have been far oftener discriminated against because I am a women than because I am black ". This also is my explains because this shows that people are racist to black people or in this case black women. Lastly Sojourner truth faced inequality because she also wanted rights for women. The last piece of evidence is "Then that little man in black there,he says women can't have as much rights as men, 'because christ wasn't a women!". The reason why I used this as an explanation because this shows bias because men back then believed that since god was a man woman couldn't have as much rights as men did. This shows that all of these 3 people want equal rights for african american.

The authors unique perspective on inequality is that Verna Myers thinks that African American people should have the respect as white people. " we still struggle, you have to tell them, with seeing both the color and the character of young black men, but that you, and you expect them to be part of the forces of change in this society".This is very important because this is the main reason why Verna Myers does speeches to tell people we should tell colored people to do good and be good. She also says "You know, bias are the stories we make up about people before we know who they actually are." I agree with this because even when my own see someone sometimes i say things in my head about what this person does or maybe even acts even beforei acutal meet the person. In conclusion Verna Myers thinks that African American people should have the same respect as white people do.

Halla Tomasdottir is a woman from iceland who is running for president and is the only women running for president in iceland. She had to face a lot of difficult things like the media. Someone said "Can boys really grow up to be president?". This question was asked and it is very

significant because people know more men are presidents than women so it's different that a woman in Iceland is running for president and in general it's just different and Halla is a very brave woman to do that. The next advice says "The poll had me at 1 percent...network decided they would only include those with 2.5 percent". Halla only had 1 percent in the graph which wasn't enough to go on live t.v so she had to work very hard to get to at least 2.5 percent. Lucky she ended up getting up to exactly 2.5% and had to face the media, muscle, and money. The last advice says "I took a lot of support from others in doing this, and I made the decision to go high when others went low, and that's partly how I kept my energy going throughout all of this". Halla gives very good advice to people that are hoping to become successful. She tells people to have a good team to be around, that you have to be a very hardworking person, to never give up on yourself, and listen to yourself and not always other people. But the hardest part is to get rid of people that only give off bad energy. As you could tell she was a woman who wanted to make a difference in this world for women to stand up for themselves and not be told what to do.

The natives did go through lots of bias in their lives. They were judged, they were killed, and were unstable but we didn't try or do anything to help them. This quote says "I will always be what is called a 'wasichu' and wasichu is a Lakota word that means 'non-Indian' but another version of this means 'the one who takes the best meat for himself'. The word wasichu is such a strong word and it has evolved over time. What's it trying to say by it 'the one that takes the best meat' is that the people who have a lot of opportunities and are successful in life are very greedy to the native and people in general who aren't successful, don't have jobs, and don't have good homes to live in. Till this day there are still people like that. It also says 'The U.S. Indian population reached its lowest point less than 250,000 compared to an estimated eight million'. The statistics shared in this quote

is very meaningful because we have killed about 97 percent of the population of Natives Americans which is such a big amount and we should be ashamed of it. Lastly the "School dropout rate up to 70 percent ...Frequently grandparents are raising their grandchildren because parents, due to alcoholism, domestic violence... can not raise them." There are kids that are dropping out of school which is not good at all for themselves in the future. Children have to live with their grandparents because their parents are not meantly stable to raise them their own selves. This whole thing is so sad because no one is doing anything to help out of what's happening. So as you can see the Natvie American had to go through so much bias. We have to our ourselves think that the natives went through a lot and not just be told they did.

All of the speakers talked about how we need to change the people in this world and make them into good people for them to stop judging people based on their skin color, gender, and sexual orientation. People always claim that they don't judge people or don't have bias at all but in relative everyone does but sometimes we just don't realize it. But how can we realise that we have bias? Before I even listen to these speakers talk about bias I always thought that bias wasn't something everyone has or even I have. But these videos after watching them I believe that having bias shouldnt make people feel unacceptable about themselves. As you can see all of the speakers spoke about unconscious bias.