

We the Children

Though the world in appearance is grand and extravagant, diving beneath the surface and experiencing that which is on the inside shows an unfortunate and saddening reality that we live in and that those who don't have to experience it will now be forced to hear of it. We as a people are weak, we are the truly silent; unable to control our own lives and make our own decisions. Having traumatic experiences before we learn to read or write, being forced to see reality before we are even able to comprehend the meaning of existence. We are shown what we will be forced to deal with and the people who hurt us and take away our decision face no retribution. Why must we as the children of this world live in a time where we have to watch our freedom of choice being taken not only by people but by the institutions and environments that we are torturously forced to live under?

Why must we watch our freedoms be stripped away from us when we have no choice in the matter? We can not vote, cannot march, cannot even hang out with our friends without prior approval from people who are considered our "responsible caretakers" yet they cannot even consider not putting themselves first. Why must we be the bigger people in this world so twisted that it's impossible to see even what is right in front of you? We the children do not have any reason to be placed in a time so wicked that we cannot even make our own decisions about our name or choice of clothes, they steal our choice and force us to conform. From restricting abortions to banning transgender healthcare for minors to reporting pronoun or name changes to parents even if it puts the child at risk. We are watching the world crumble and fall and we are powerless to stop it, forced into monotony in a system that oppresses our personalities and restricts our freedoms, a world so hateful some would rather die than be who they are.

We live in a world in which our right to see who we truly are on the inside when we look in a mirror is no longer a possibility, a world in which a child must fear their parents and remain vigilant in their home simply because they wish to be themselves. It is simply immoral to disallow our human freedoms as the children of the earth, we are the future but we have no say in what that future will be. In a society that trains children to laugh at nonconformity and originality, a society in which a smart child is laughed at, a world in which a child who is born disadvantaged will be socially isolated and treated as less than. It is simply incorrect to allow this treatment of us, there is no reason for our choice to be removed. Millions of children are molested, sexually harassed and assaulted, abused by those they trust, and when they turn to those they trust they are shunned and considered embarrassments.

A world in which the elders teach us to laugh at minorities and laugh at difference, not to live and let live but to shun difference and disregard those who we

don't agree with, to only value that which aligns with our own beliefs. We are hurt by those we trust and are told that it's okay and normal. We are taught to simply accept injustice, to only help when it benefits us in some way. Why must we be thrust into life in a world so cruel as to not value compassion, a world so cruel and uncaring that children are forced to experience torment that nobody should ever have to deal with, we are the children of the world. The true silent generation is us, the children who scream as loud as they can and live unheard, it is truly painful that this is what the world has come to. A world in which a child is more capable of empathy and level headedness than an adult. A world where childhood trauma is so prevalent it is expected, it is more surprising for a child to have none than to have plenty.

I write this to my fellow children, a proof of our world being injustice incarnate. I write this as well to all others who refuse to acknowledge the truth of our situation as the children of this world, I write this as a testament to the true experience of we the children, the ones who are forced to face reality before we have the ability to understand or comprehend why we must suffer. Do not allow this to continue, it is possible to solve this, to change our path and change the future. We may be weak now but we, in truth, are the strongest and most capable of all. We are the ones who rise, the ones who won't falter, the ones who change the world for the better. We will refuse to accept this any longer.

We the children are a peoples marked by instability, division, and a general unwell. We have the most struggles of any in our earliest years, we are the children, it is the fault of our predecessors that our pasts were painful, unjust, and borderline tortuous. We can and will not allow these people to ruin our futures as well. It is time to stand as a majority to defend the minority, it is *our* future being ruined. Our bright futures being dimmed by the same people who ruined our pasts. The same people who are so self-interested they have influenced the world to be amenable with their way of life. It is about time to reclaim our compassion, time to return to the roots of love that we stem from. No longer will these people ruin what is rightfully ours. It is time to unite as one and show that we will not remain silent, our voices will be heard, our shouts will not go ignored. This world is rightfully ours to lay claim to, we will not allow it to be ruined by relics of a past long gone. It is unacceptable to submit to those who will not live in the future that they are ruining. These people hold no right to negatively influence us in the present or us in the future. It is time to deny their wrongful claim to power and demonstrate who truly deserves to lead us into the future. Let us return to equity, openness, and acceptance, as intended by the ones who truly understand the world that we are all forced to live in.

We the children in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, reject inequity and injustice. We are the future, and we will usher in that which is rightfully ours to create.

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