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**Presentation Outline**

* Can a person ever be truly free of bias?

-Human brains classify for efficiency’s sake so a bias-free person seems illogical

-Everyone is raised in different households with different values

* My midterm paper talked about Rankine’s resistance to societal pressure to change, how she put it into writing, and how she hoped for a future with equality

-She also hopes that one day through enough exposure and empathy, people will treat each other as equals

-“Each body is a strange beach.” “if you let in excess emotion, you will recall the Atlantic Ocean breaking on our heads”

-I originally agreed with this, but after reading some articles I started wondering if this could realistically ever happen?

* The cited articles tell of unconscious and unintentional biases that people form

-A bias is just a generalization of information and it’s not exclusive to race or gender.

- Anchoring bias(First impression Tree) and Confirmation bias(Statistical warping)

- You can be biased with overweight people for example or on how dangerous sharks can be

* However, people can be changed and their opinions re-wired

-We just need more exposure to the people and situations we are biased against to better inform ourselves(“gullible” example)

* Therefore, try to be aware of what your unconscious biases are and try to prove or disprove them.

-Go out of your way to meet people you don’t usually hang out with

-Do activities you think you don’t like but aren’t sure on why that is

* If you do this, you’ll have less biases and isolated groups of people will be more unified

-You’ll be open to more diverse experiences

-You’ll be better informed on people and will be able to make better decisions

-You’ll have a better idea on what it is to be human