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Liberty

Oppression and exploitation are two things which have been associated with humanity since the earliest of civilizations. As evolution and advancement takes place, not all humans share the same prosperity, and some see themselves being diminished. For example, when the Cotton Gin was created, it advanced human technology, and allowed the growth of farmers; but it also saw the continuation of slavery, and drastic forms of inequality be unleashed onto society. It was a trailblazing economic achievement, but it was also a gateway to immorality and wickedness against our fellow humans. The unjust atrocities suffered back then have scratched our society so deep, that the scars left behind continue to be in the process of healing. And while this machine and ones like it have fostered human growth, they have constantly had a devastating side effect: injustice.

Despite all of these obstacles, humans continue to grow and move forward into a better world: we continue to be a step closer to a “perfect” life every single day. But what allows us to continue erasing our problems is liberty. Because of it, humanity has drastically improved since the time of the Cotton Gin, as it continues to change the plight of our world. Evidently, this pillar of morality should make everyone feel blessed to experience its light.

But what is liberty, and how is it the force behind such great human success? Liberty is a diverse value, and can be interpreted in many different ways, by many different people. But to me, it is the foundation in which our beloved country was built, as well as the pillar which allows humans to grow. It is the freedom in which wars have been fought for, and the right that allows humans of all nationalities to live their lives however they please. But most importantly, liberty is the freedom which grants us the right to have our voices heard and respected by our fellow citizens and leaders. It is the reason that people of all walks of life are able to coexist harmoniously, and is a beacon of hope which shines on the world. In fact, liberty is the sole path in achieving a world in which every human can stand together tall, and claim that they are equal.