

## Human rights

Experiencing 15 years on the resourceful planet, Earth, as such a lucky person is the supreme gift known to all living beings. However, it is not the case that every person born is born equally, as the motive that the country is established upon, "All Men are Created Equal." Through the few years I have experienced, I have come to the realization that even as people with more access to resources than less for beings, we should use our imbalance of power in the benefit of others, instead of abusing our power to our own gratification.

One of the most inspirational leaders that held this mindset was Abraham Lincoln. Despite of his differences with the African Americans, he still fought valiantly for their equal treatment and justice upon the civil/social order. As an inspiration, President Lincoln had paved the way and stimulated countless ordinary people to stand up for that they believe is moral and equitable. This movement of civil leaders activists, with innumerable amounts of non-profit civil right organizations, such as I Stand Above and Red Cross, has escorted our civilization to the just society that many people live in.

This quest has already achieved many milestones for rights and equity. However, there is still much justice to be served, much people to be helped. We must keep strong and encourage all people, no matter how rich or poor, to help those who are in need, despite all differences.

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