

Like Stars above Us

With so many recent breakthroughs of modern technologies, the twenty-first century man believes he is the most advanced human being Earth has seen thus far. However, despite the scientific and medical advances we as a human race have accomplished, there are still several areas that have not been sharpened; the twenty-first century man is not so superior after all. One of the issues that require the most attention is the subject of human rights, and gay rights. By learning to cooperate with those different from oneself, a higher quality living environment is established and the human species as a whole is able to achieve more. If the twenty-first century man yearns to succeed, he must love those around him first.

One of the most neglected issues of the world in this modern area is child labor. Child labor is rigorous, strenuous toil and is still utilized in many parts of the world today. Children as young as five are subjected to, but not limited to, factory labor, prostitution, mining, and agriculture. Hundreds of millions of children are exposed to dangerous working conditions on a daily basis.

Another issue is the issue of racial segregation. Even though this subject has received a lot of attention in the past, such as the African-American Civil Rights Movement in the United States between the years 1955-1968, there is still racism on a day to day basis.

Lastly, a huge, extremely controversial issue is gay rights. Over the last couple of years, this issue has snowballed, and countless debates have been held. Even though this issue has not been resolved, and probably will not be resolved in the near future, this issue is also a sign of hope. The way this issue is handled and resolved will pave the way for how conflicts will be resolved in the future.

The twenty-first century man has his internet and gaming consoles, but in order to ultimately advance into tomorrow, he must resolve the human rights issues of today. This includes facing child labor, ethnic equality, and gay rights. Once we learn to love each other, we will cooperate and be able to advance as a whole without fighting each other. Each human rights issue is a black tendril of smoke, but it is also a spark of optimism at the same time-there is hope of a better future. And one day, the twenty-first century man will raise others up along with him and, together, shine like the many stars in the one sky above us all.