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My essay is trying to promote equality and freedom from discrimination. The summer of 2020 is an example that opened my eyes to something that no one has ever shined a light on in my life. Racism. Before 2020 I feel like it was hidden from society. The only time I'd ever seen racism was on a TV show but TV still hides reality. On May 25, 2020, at 7:57 PM, George Perry Floyd was at a local store picking up some groceries where he was said to have paid the clerk with a counterfeit 20 dollar bill before walking out of the store to get into his car. This influenced the clerk to call the police on him, the clerk saying that he paid with fake money and that he was awfully drunk and almost stumbling. 24 minutes later the police arrived on the scene, to be specific Derek Michael Chauvin, J. Alexander Kueng, Tou Thao, and Thomas Lane. They went to the side of his door as they opened it the police officers forcefully drag George out of his car putting him against a wall. After Interrogating him they put him in handcuffs and tried to arrest him. As they dragged him to their car he resists to get arrested and he gets forced to the ground. Officer Derek Chauvin puts his knee on George's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds till eventually, he died. This incident sparked fury in many people, not only African Americans but all races saw the wrongness of what had just happened. This led to protests, fundraisers, and many more things and people fighting for inequality and racial justice.

Just three months before this another killing of an innocent black woman happened. Breanna Taylor was peacefully sleeping with her boyfriend in Louisville, Kentucky when police officers banged on her door. Too tired as she couldn't hear them. The police's excuse was they thought it was a breaking and entering case. (They went into the entire wrong building) The police bust down her door and shot her 8 times, killing her. This was put to light 3 months later which truly shows that there are a lot of killings that we don't even know what happens daily. Black lives Matter. That's what has been shouted in the ears of people but do they really if we're getting killed daily? Do black lives matter if we can't drive, sleep, or shop without the fear of dying? We as black people truly pray that one day people will see that nothing matters till we see peace and equality in human life. We see it day after day yet we do nothing about this issue as if it's a normal thing in our society. You are seen as part of the problem if you do nothing as said by Desmond Tutu " If you are neutral in situations of injustice then you have chosen the side of the oppressor".

I used to go to a school with not much diversity. There was an instance where I had been pushed against a wall of a bus and called a racial slur. No one did or said anything about it and life went on. Whereas here in Goshen if that same instance would happen I feel I would've gotten justice for what had just happened. In Goshen, there are marches to promote freedom. They have given me a chance to express my feelings about this issue. I pray that one-day African Americans will be able to live free without the cost of our skin color.