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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”— Martin Luther King Jr.

Looking at the daily news you can see that America is in a contrast uproar. Yes America, the land of freedom, liberty, and justice for all. How could such a land be going through such a difficult time? you might ask. There are various ways to answer this question but I want to pinpoint one thing: an unfair criminal justice system. America’s criminal justice system is completely unfair and the majority of society is letting it happen. Something must be changed.

The criminal justice system is unfair because it favors one race over others. As everyone knows, it is pinned against African Americans, predominantly males. If you have even glanced at the news recently, it’s filled with numerous occurrences that ended in deaths or unfair punishments of African Americans. For example, the Brock Turner rape case. Brock Turner is a WHITE male who sexually assaulted a young woman behind a dumpster. Since he was a WHITE swimmer for Stanford University, the judge only gave him three months of jail time. Now let's compare Brock Turner to Corey Batey. Corey Batey is an African American male who also raped an unconscious woman. Just like Brock, Corey is a student athlete. Corey was sentenced to fifteen-to-twenty years for the same exact crime that Brock Turner committed. This is a great example showing how race affects prison sentences. In a just society, people should be given the same punishments for committing the same crimes. It is completely unfair and flat out wrong to treat someone differently because of the color of the skin.

Growing up as a young African American male, I am raised to know this is the society we live in. America has gotten so bad that society has been forced to host workshops on what you should do if you have been pulled over by the cops. As you can see, this is very important

because cops are killing off my race for practically no reason. This is nothing new. America has been this way since the beginning. I have been treated unfairly on multiple occasions just because of the color of my skin. It hurts to know I can't be comfortable with something I was born with. African Americans should be treated the exact same way as every race.

In conclusion, I feel as if America was built on unjust ideals and is continuing to grow with these same ideals. There has to be a change, and our society can make that happen. We have to keep protesting and keep demanding that we are treated fairly. I am an active member of the Black Lives Matters Movement, and we are trying to make our world a better place. We will not rest until we get what we rightfully deserve. For now, we must all know the society we live in is completely not fair, but we have to do something if we want it to change.