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Liberation: something that everything from countries to individuals seeks to do. A country wishes to liberate its citizens from poverty. The Red Cross liberates people from the effects of a disaster. A person liberates others from loneliness. My dream of liberation is best summed up in one word: unification. No longer would people act by themselves to stop unjust acts around the globe. No longer would individual people have to fight against social problems. No longer would people be alone. We would work together as a society, able to overcome our differences, to start making changes. We wouldn't have to wait for politicians to vote their biased manners; we wouldn't have to wait to be denied by people scared of change. We could finally move forward towards a brighter future, which has been denied from us for too long. Nevertheless, without unification, this future has no chance of happening. The human diseases of racism, prejudice, and selfishness are the only things that hold our society back from a better future. Unless we can work together and purge these virtues from our globe, the human race will be slowed by unnecessary infighting, and our acme will never be met.

Our history is comprised of war. Humans commonly revert to their warlike tendencies before trying to compromise and mediate issues. A third party almost always has to step in to try and de-escalate the problem before the issue quickly spirals out of control. In my ideal future, a world government would act as an overseer to world affairs, while still allowing previous governments to handle their own domestic matters. A world government would act as a mediator between nations, able to decrease tensions quickly and efficiently. New international treaties can finally end prior wars that had no proper negotiation; new deals could be proposed and passed, allowing for a greener future. We could set goals and work towards them as a world, and not just as a country. Our current politics will never allow the human race to efficiently combat climate

change to the extent needed to protect our future. A world government, similar to the one I wish to see in the future, is one of the best ways to ensure that we can address and end climate change before it escalates to unmanageable levels. Without a doubt, a peaceful future for the human race is one where the countries of today unite into a world government of tomorrow.

Many Californians, me included, are living in a bubble. The diversity that we experience on a daily basis is not always found in other places in our country or the world in general. The U.S. has moderately improved (in some areas) its tolerance for people of other nationalities, genders, and sexualities, but we still have a long way to go before we can truthfully say that we are accepting of everyone. There is no instance where someone should be ostracized for something they have no control over. We have a responsibility to our community to question the ideas that have been considered true for so long: Just because something has been done for a long time doesn't mean it is right. Use your common sense to see if an idea has any basis in reality. If we can stand up for diversity and acceptance for all, we will no doubt have a better future.

In conclusion, it will no doubt be beneficial, if not essential, for the human race to undergo major change if we wish to have a future for our children. Our current goals of improving technology and economic power for the far future will have little long term success if our world succumbs to climate change tomorrow. If we work together as a world, the human race will prevail and we can once again set our eyes on the distant future. The current issues the globe faces have been neglected for years, and they now reach a boiling point where they can no longer be ignored for the next generation to take care of. A world government and the incorporation of everyone is just the start, albeit a strong one, to a prosperous world. Now, the only way to leave this speed is with a quote from Gandhi: "Be the change you want to see in the world." No longer

wait for someone else to do the work for you. It falls on us to be the change. So please, go out and make a difference.