

Respect And Its Impact All Around Us

As long as the world has existed, respect has been a crucial element in all societies. Respect is an appropriate attitude towards someone as you recognize them as a person, as a human being just like you. The way you respect someone is the way you can respect yourself. Nowadays, respect is something that is taught and implemented by schools and home life; back then, respect was your definition as a person and as future generation and maybe it still is.

Yuma, being a land inhabited by the Cocopah tribe, has been a place for disagreements because of the shared land. When the Mexican American War ended, the U.S. Army built Fort Yuma close to the Gila River, this fort brought conflict between the Cocopah tribe and the U.S. (Yuma War 1850-1853) which resulted in a loss for the Cocopah and division of the land. This shows how badly human beings can go to get something, even leaving their respect behind. Imagine taking most of everything someone had without even thinking of the sacrifices they made to be there. Respect was left behind yet, in 2001, the people of the Cocopah Indian Tribe made a partnership with the City of Yuma to restore wetlands. The National Yuma Crossing Heritage Area stated, "However, a unique partnership of the Quechan Indian Tribe, City of Yuma, farmers, and state and federal agencies came together to restore 400 acres, planting nearly 200,00 native trees and grasses. What was considered "impossible" 20 years ago has become a reality." This shows how respect between communities and unity made the City of Yuma a better and more ecological place.

For the State of Arizona it's quite similar, with the Inter-Ethnic marriages legalizing and Chinese Mexican groups. Inter-Ethnic marriages were illegal since 1854 until 1962, and the Chinese Mexican groups were strategic partners that let go the racial divisions and started respecting each other and joined in their work since it was mostly the same. Being friends despite most of white people disrespecting every kind of race that was not theirs was another thing. Notice how most things I'm talking about are racial differences and disrespect, yet people who valued things weren't selfish and respected themselves and others. Most things you will find from respect and the past are about this since it was not common for all of us to be united.

In 1960, racial segregation was still active in Greensboro, North Carolina and four African American students sat on a white only lunch counter knowing of course, that they would be disrespected and probably worse but instead, meanwhile the workers and some people over there did disrespect them and ask them to leave, other people did recognize their bravery and protested non-violently against the store in which the lunch counter was located. These students were respected for this as well as respecting

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their right to be there; people saw in them and their spirit something new when they decided to do that and is something that impacted that city for the best. Nelson Mandela was the first president of South Africa and yet despite of this position, he also was an anti-apartheid activist. Nelson Mandela was imprisoned on August the 5th, 1962 for opposing to South Africa's apartheid system and lasted 27 years in prison. When he was in jail, Mandela became friends with his warders. Despite the vulnerability Mandela had, he developed a nice relationship with three of them, James Gregory, Christo Brand, and Jack Swart. No color mattered, no crime committed made these men disrespect and degrade Mandela, with more people like this around that time, a lot of trouble could have been avoided. Respect was applied to just some people as long as they were white or rich, so do you think that was fair? Do you honestly think that was truly respect?

Right now, there are even more people everywhere than there was before, we have to admit that the world is overcrowded yet that should not be a big problem if respect is put into action at all places. Respect is something that's stuck to our minds since it is what we see mostly every day, hanging out with the people you do is respect, helping and doing something for someone can be seen as you respecting them and that is something that thankfully, we do probably every day. Something shocking is that at this current moment there are wars happening on 5 continents, where is the respect we all had for each other at least for a year?

I can admit that I have thought several times about how people manage to do their jobs every day because I mean, it is truly hard to do stuff already, yet people like what they do. Now, in Yuma there is a program implemented in 2026 which is called the 2026 Neighborhood Leadership Academy. This program allows citizens to see how a day's work is for the City of Yuma Departments, practically an opportunity to put themselves in their shoes and realize, this shows a kind of strategic goal to respect and be responsible, the voice of the residents is respected as well as for their time and effort. The Arizona InterFaith movement is an organization that builds respect, support and understanding amongst people from diverse faiths and religions. Arizona is the first Golden Rule State in the whole Country; religion has divided and united people yet, mostly divided people for their views but thanks to this organization there is peace at last. Honestly, I think this is a perfect opportunity to reunite and show how with a little bit of effort and quite a lot of respect we can achieve big things.

The ICE raids have been surely a problem all around the U.S., separating families and communities when this is supposed to be a place for everyone and the land of the free, why divide? Why decide to suddenly start being racist and taking people away from their home? The American dream exists yet it was something that people were not

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scared of two years ago and there is a reason for it. There are people protesting for the ICE to be gone as well as the ICE raids ever since Renee Nicole Good was murdered, this case opened some people's minds and made them truly realize that there are no positives because of these raids, tons of persons have died and tried to fight yet there is no result, apparently this problem goes way beyond our hands since there is just one person who decides this. Respect has been truly forgotten if we talk about these situations happening all over the U.S. Why disrespect the people who keep your country stable?

Around the world, people are starting to unite to fight for respect that's missing everywhere. Not only do we as humans deserve respect but also other living things and I want you to think about their significance for us, the significance of the land us people live in, the significance of the sky we see above us every day and the respect we could have for these things. The UN has had challenges if we talk about respect since the U.S. has done a huge cut in funds for the organization and that means there is also a cut in the aids for Gaza, Sudan, and Haiti. The UN has also been forced to cut staff and programming ever since this happened, respect is impacted this way because the UN was created merely for respect across seas and skies, but the U.S. President had been doing lots of cuts for his own benefit ignoring the respect he should have for the people of other places in this world. The UN has been aiding Palestine a lot despite the pushbacks from Israel and this shows the respect the UN has for every country, they don't take sides, they respect everyone equally as we all should.

The future is something we can change but not stop. Respect has been totally left behind in these times, yet we can still change that. For a world of justice and respect, where most prejudice is forgotten, where war is just a last resource thing, respect might give us the world we don't deserve but the one we need.

For the city of Yuma, Arizona can be a good story. The city of Yuma has been making quite the sacrifices for more respect between the people and that's working. In the future, Yuma can be positively impacted for the future; the community and workers can join and do their best for the city and for them. In the case of the state of Arizona, people might as well work for equity and equality everywhere they go. The state is doing a great work for respect all around, to the point organizations are being created for respect between beliefs, races, and people. For the future, Arizona can be a place where everyone coexists in peace.

The United States of America is a country that despite its good economic power and military, it's a country that has left most respect behind. The UN has been trying to stable everything that the U.S has damaged, with cuts in funds and talking badly about

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other presidents and countries, the respect that the President of the U.S doesn't have for others, they could also not have it for him and the U.S would have even more troubles that it has now. There is still a way to change the route the country is going into and in my opinion, the solution is changing our president, in the next few years, President Trump will be controlling the country and the way he does it it's just for the country's own benefit when he should respect other presidents since he has no power over them, the ICE raids could bring him a lot of problems and the protests too, so he still has time to make the right decisions.

For me, respect is something I was taught at home and learned about all through my life and I'm still learning about it. Respect has opened a lot of opportunities for me, since the way I respect people is the way I try and respect myself. Respect is one of the main factors in my life and without respect, things would be very different. For the present, respect is truly something i try to go on and practice every day, noticing what people say and completely respecting their opinion. As I keep on growing and changing, respect is something that I hope I understand most of and make a change so people can notice how and why they should respect others. I know that life gets harder year by year, second by second and there is no way to stop time so the best thing I can do is to let things happen and manage them as a person my age should. As I said, respect has opened a lot of opportunities for me and I hope it keeps that way, respect is something I want to completely understand and practice so that people know truly what respect is about and I hope that in the future, I see the world becoming a better place thanks to respect.

Respect is something we should all practice every day since respect can be seen as saying "Good morning" to your neighbor or say "Thank you" at a store, respect can be seen in multiple ways but I think that respect keeps us in place and avoids more trouble to be caused, respect is something that I honestly admire and wish that the whole world would practice, since it helps maintain the world a better place. Respect helps unite families, communities and countries, respect helps restore natural places and respect also reinforces friendships, respect can be a reason to make significant changes to the world and its people. Yet where did we leave respect?

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