

The freedom that has become a symbol for the USA was not created overnight, in fact it took decades of violence for there to be any change at all. From the revolutionary war, the civil war, and suffragettes. People have been fighting for the idea of freedom for so long, but there is still so much work that must be done.

The constitution invokes freedom of speech, religion, and other things vital for 'freedom', but it isn't enough. There are people being murdered all over the United States because of who they are, because of people who think that freedom is a right and not a responsibility.

Yes, everyone may have the right to be who they are, but history has told us that the right to be free is only guaranteed for a certain few.

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How can the United States represent freedom if people are scared to walk outside because they may be killed because of the color of their skin.

How can the United States claim to be 'free' when people are still being killed for who they are, or who they love.

Because the United States is not free.

Those who say freedom is a right may not be wrong, but it ignores the suffering of everyone who fought for freedom, and those who are still fighting.

Telling people that freedom is only a right does nothing but allow for the continued ignorance about people who have been hurt by the many systems that restrict freedom from ever truly being a right.

Freedom being a right, and acknowledged as one, means that everyone is equal, and can not be discriminated against due to things such as race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, etc. But even the USA, famed for having freedom run through its veins, does not provide this.

There will always be people who think others are less than, and they are the reason freedom is not considered a right.

Because of people like that, who have been molded by bigoted values of society, freedom can never be a right.

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Freedom is a responsibility for all the reasons it is not a right.

For many people. Freedom has never been given to them. Maybe the illusion of freedom, but not the actual thing.

These people live in fear, because their 'freedom' can be stripped away something as simple as a knock on the door.

They deserve freedom, but according to many, freedom is not a right.

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These people will not get freedom on their own. Their oppressors will not back down because they do not think they deserve that basic right.

These people can not fight centuries of oppression on their own, but others can help.

Others can help, but they choose not to. Because they do not think they deserve that basic right either.

If more people help, help those who do not have their freedom, the oppressors will fall.

If the oppressors fall, and freedom is acknowledged as a right, only then people will be free.

That is why freedom is a responsibility. Because if freedom is not upheld with actions, then nobody is ever free.

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Freedom is only given when people fight for it.

It is up to the people to fight for their freedom.

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