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Voice of Democracy

Our country has overcome many hardships throughout history. As each year passes, new milestones are crossed as new challenges are faced. I am blessed to never have lived through a war, but I am grateful to have the utilities to learn about the people and events in history that have made such a lasting impact on our country. Citizens alongside our leaders recognize the errors and victories we have gone through together. It is truly amazing how frequently we ignore what has happened in the past so we do not repeat the same mistakes today and in the future. It is important to remember how nurturing and selfless our nation is capable of being in times of need.

World War II was a devastating war that ended in great loss for the United States. Those brave enough to fight for our country, are remembered as heros. From this war we learned how to come together as a nation and support not only our men, but women as well. Our women were working and providing for their families while their husbands were at war, this was the first time women were given a chance at a real job. When the war ended, women were stripped of their jobs and not given the recognition or rights they deserved. Through this event in history we learned what war can cost a thriving country. Today, it is important to remember what a nation in unity was able to achieve in order to bring our country back from devastation and what kind of power woman are capable of. We also recognize how fragile our relationship with other countries is, along with how crucial communication is for each country involved.

The civil rights movement slowly brought together a divided nation. Hate was undeniably spread through our country then and still remains today. People such as Rosa Parks, who influenced a whole group of people to take a stand and fight for what is right, is still remembered

today for her fearlessness. As more and more inspired people came together, their message was heard. We are able to use this event in history to understand how to be heard and unite with others who have the same beliefs as us in order to be heard. Although it was long ago, acceptance is still a concept americans struggle with today. Hate regarding race still remains today, we must remember that skin color does not define a person, and that the diversity that America holds, is what makes our country unique and successful.

Even to this day, equality is a battle that was never won, but we haven't stopped fighting for it. Although it was only a few years ago that same sex marriage was legalized in the United States, it was a huge accomplishment for our country. There are still so many advances and steps that need to be made in the LGBTQ community. Our founding fathers set principles for our country. The United States should offer open arms to every person, regardless of sexuality or race.

Our future is full of challenges we've never faced, and some we have seen before. We learn from our mistakes, as history always seems to have a way of repeating itself. There is no doubt that our country is able to conquer all hardships that come our way. Consciousness of our past history will provide a more promising hope for our future. Through unity, power and trust we are able to work together as a team to get through our hard times.