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Everybody has different perception about what they like, what they do not like, the difference between perfection and what could be the worst mistake of their life. One of my best decisions so far, was to take that airplane so that I was able to be here and learn a little bit about everything and also change my perceptions. I always thought that the Unites States would be the perfect place for me to live in this age of my life because part of my perception of perfection was that I could live in a place where I could walk without worry if someone is trying to assault me, kidnap me, rape me, or kill me. When you hear about Mexico, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Could it be, mariachis, fiestas, tequila, tacos? Or perhaps it is cartel, drugs, lazy people, siestas, and that kind of stuff? I can say that México is one of the most beautiful and amazing countries in the whole world. I would describe it as a country that fights for what it wants. A country that is brave. And a country that is always going to support every other country no matter what. Mexicans are one of the best people in the world; besides, we have beautiful and unique traditions, culture, and values. It is really hard to describe a country and explain this; if I ask you how would you describe the Unities States, what would you tell me? You cannot say that the South, North, West and East are the same thing because the people, culture and accents are completely different. But, you still have things in common, like the language for example. It is the same thing with my country, México.

It is true that social-media can change people's minds and perceptions about everything, but it is there where we have to be smarter than the media. I will describe that social-media is

key to controlling the perceptions of the world. Sometimes the media just shows whatever they would like people to know and it is not the fault of the journalists; it is who controls the media. Someone once told me, "You cannot hide the facts" and for sure I cannot, but I can tell you that not all news are bad or tragic facts. Mexico produces and exports things like oil which is really important to do almost everything. I won't give details because this would be a book and not an essay. However, although it hurts me so much to say it, it is true that we have cartel drugs, kidnappers, rapists, raiders etc. Partly at fault is the Mexican government. Many Mexicans do not have enough to eat every day. They also cannot go to the school, and even though Mexico has "free education" there is something that is called, corruption. Since I have lived in Mexico my entire life, I can talk about what is really going on there.

Now, you cannot say that all Mexicans are bad, or that Mexico is the worst country in this world just for the negative facts. It is like if I say that the United States is pretty much the same everywhere. You do not believe that, do you? What about Ohio? Not everything is ok, right? Every country has its issues and problems, just like this country has ISIS targeting you.

Do you not feel proud of your country when you know the history and how the facts happened? Do you not feel proud of the people who fought for your country? I feel the same way about my country, even if we got our independence very differently than you did does not mean that we do not feel any less proud of our land. I know you could think that it does not matter how proud we feel about our country, but yes it is important. Have you ever thought about: what will you do if you have to save the life of two people that you do not know. The only difference is that one is an American and the other one is from another country, which one would you save first? It is a tricky question.

Since the day I first stepped into Mrs. Sporer's room, I felt very nervous, but was also curious. I always wondered what her perception was about everything. Where is her line between perfection and imperfection? What does she think about all the facts in the whole world? I do not think many of my classmates could understand me as well as she does.

I have met great people in this classroom. I really have enjoyed taking this class, and I have learned a lot. One of the most important things that I have learned is how to say exactly what I want to say because, believe it or not, talking about everything is not a simple thing if you do not know how to do it. People could misunderstand what you are trying to say or your opinion.

Also, I learned a little bit of the amazing United States history. I had the opportunity to visit Washington D.C, and I really appreciated learning about your Revolution and your revolutionists. On the other hand, in my year here I have been through the elections for the next U.S. president. This is really hard to explain because of the candidate Mr. Trump, and it is tough for me give my opinion about him. I used to think that he was the worst person in the world because he is a racist and in a few words is an idiot. But after watching him on the debates, reading the news, and hearing different opinions, I kind of understand why people are supporting him. Believe it or not, even some Mexicans support him.

If you are wondering if I support him, the answer is I do not. I do not like him, but I understand why people are supporting him because "he is the only business man running for the presidency" and "he always responds what people ask him, maybe it is not the best way but he does". Trump's slogan campaign is "Make America Great Again." Some people say, "America never stopped being great". I am just going to say this: America is the whole continent; it is not just the United States. So when people ask me, which continent are you from, I will say America

because America is the continent. I am an American. The U.S. people are North American that it is the difference.

Donald Trump said the following:

*“When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best. They’re not sending you. They’re not sending you. They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems with us. They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.”*

After these words, Latino America joined Mexico in thinking that Trump is one of the worst people for us. Then he said, “I love Mexico”, “I am talking about illegal immigrants”, “I am going to build the wall”.

When Trump said, “Mexico sends its people” this includes me as well. I am for sure not a criminal, I am not a rapist, I am not one of the people that brought lots of problems, nor did I bring drugs with me. I am just a simple exchange student from Mexico. Also he said “And SOME I ASSUME are good people.” For sure Mexico has good people. Just because there are bad people, does not mean the whole country is bad. Many of the illegal immigrants who come to your country are coming for work. They do the “hard work” that U.S citizens do not want to do. They do not ask for a lot of money. They are just asking for work so that their families have something to eat. Is it a sin to leave your family for work knowing that you could never return. You may be asking, why do they not work in their country? Well, because there are not job opportunities in Mexico. I am not saying you have to pay for our bad government, but many of the people here do not want to do the work we do, and if they do, they ask for more money. That is why people prefer to contract Mexicans to do the hard work. I do not understand how people can say Mexicans are lazy people when we are working for you.

Also he said:

*"I can never apologize for the truth. I don't mind apologizing for things. But I can't apologize for the truth. I said tremendous crime is coming across. Everybody knows that's true. And it's happening all the time. So, why, when I mention, all of a sudden I'm a racist. I'm not a racist. I don't have a racist bone in my body."*

In this quote we can see again that he is not being specific about the legal or illegal immigrants, and he is still making reference to Mexico because he said this after the quote above. Also, he is just talking about Mexican when persons from many other countries are coming illegal to work in this land in the same way. He is being racist that the moment that just talk about Mexico.

Donald Trump is the only U.S. candidate running for the presidency in the Republican side. I feel kind of sad and worried, but I cannot do anything about it. On the other hand, on the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton is still running to be the next president, but, because her competitor Bernie Sanders won the Indiana primaries, he still has a shot at beating her. I know many people think, "Well, I prefer Trump than Clinton" and it is a fact. I just hope the thing does not end in a tragedy.

It is really interesting to know about how politics work because the government is who controls us. Even if this is a free country, racist people still exist and criticize others for their race, skin color, conditions, religion, when does not supposed to be like that, I just cannot understand many things. I cannot understand what is going on with the world right now. There are more murders, more ambitious people. Insane people walking on the streets. We do not know if someone is watching us all the time planning something against us. We do not know if we are going to be here tomorrow because we do not know when we are going to die. If you have not figured it out yet, we also do not control our lives at all. We cannot say, "I do not want to have Cancer anymore", "I want a new hand", but we can control our decisions, attitudes, thoughts. We

can help the world and other people who do not understand what their mission is here. It may sound really silly that one person can change the whole world, but believe me it is not. A big example is Hitler. He was just an important history character, he changed the history. He had big plan for the whole world, he started the second WORLD WARD. He created concentrations camps for the Jews, he created a horrible mini world for them. He almost got to chance the world, so, why you do not think you could chance the world?

There are many people who do not like the government, or issues about that. They just “hate it” for the corruption, but they do not do anything to change it. I know it is not easy and can take years to get a change, but everything starts with an idea. Many years ago, the woman did not have the right to vote and just look at us now. I am not saying “Let’s change the world”, I am not trying to change your perception I just saying there are solution for everything even if there are not easy ones.

The United States used to be 13 colonies. In 1776 you declared your independence from England because they sent you, troops, militaries, people who raped your sisters, who did whatever that want to do and who was mean with your brothers. No one did anything until Thomas Jefferson talked and did something for his country because he was tired. For sure many people were tired, but most of them were scared and that is ok. It is completely normal, but they were brave and do what they should do, and now this is an independent country.

I am feeling a mix of emotions writing about this for Mrs.Sporer’s class because I have been through amazing experiences and not just academic, also life experiences. I took two classes with her and I can say it was different, but in both I met good people. One of the things that I like more about the government class is that I can say and ask whatever I think. Everybody is going to give me their view point. Also, one of my favorite parts was watching the debates of

the U.S. presidential candidates; I am never going to forget when Rubio and Trump said awkward things about each other, or when Hillary Clinton sounded like she was yelling in the debates.

I could continue to talk and talk, but I think it is time to stop my opinion here. All of this is my opinion, and perception so far. It is a view point that can change in the future. I am only 17 years old. I hope to learn more and continue this history called life.