

Inauguration Day

January 20th, 2021 marked a historical day for all Americans, and particularly for me, because Joe Biden was sworn in and became the 46th U.S president of the United States. Relief and hope sent waves within me, knowing that our new President is dedicated to impartiality and equity because of injustices our community in Denver still faces.

The U.S struggles with many difficulties including racism, anti-Semitism, and linguistic discrimination. Having a President who's alert to issues minorities face is refreshing. Seeing a woman of color as our vice president still astonishes me with how far we have come as a country. Seeing a representation of myself, breaking the stereotypical "male" jobs inspires me deeply on how I can pursue and break boundaries that may seem impossible based on the way society has been for most of my life.

As a mixed woman, I barely see my identity expressed on television, and even less so within the government. When I was 8 years old, I experienced discrimination against my race when my dad picked me up from school. The next day people called me hurtful names and kept questioning if I was adopted because my dad was a darker skin-tone than me. This made me feel like I was the only one experiencing hateful words towards something I couldn't change. Knowing that Kamala Harris likely went through the same thing makes me feel valued.

One moment in particular that spoke to me during the inauguration was a poem [Amanda Gorman](#) presented. One line in particular that stood out to me states, "For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."

That quote stood out to me because it captured how America has its indefensible actions, and as a country we need to recognize that we have our imperfections. But if we spread peace for all, we can repair democracy and learn from our past, leading on to a brighter future.

As a young activist, I know that my generation can shape the future. The inauguration influenced me to spread awareness to my family, and my friends about both positive movements and injustices that are currently happening. As a member of a younger generation, it's important to realize the marks history has imprinted on the future and opportunities that are given to us daily. No matter how young or old you are, only you can inspire the difference you want to see in the future.