

The Presidential Inauguration

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The Presidential Inauguration is a peaceful ceremony full of meaning. In 2020, however, we had a lot of hardships, including Covid. Covid impacted our country, and we fell hard. The ceremony also was scary in some ways due to the insurrection at the Capital. In spite of the turmoil surrounding it, the inauguration was a moment of hope. During hard times, we pick our country up. After all the events of 2020, something good came: President Biden had won the election. And a young poet named Amanda Gorman shared her beautiful poem. As a young leader this event really struck me.

Many young people in American now feel the overwhelming importance of the idea of democracy. We were engaged in the process of electing Biden to become President.

As a young person of color, I stress over my rights. Rights should be promised not to be threatened to be taken away. So far, Biden is taking executive orders to better the country. As a young leader, however, you must see the negative and positive in everything. What I noticed is that the ceremony is a good thing. It gave us a new President and a new start. But, in another way, it's more of the same thing. It's still a straight white male. We need a leader of different color or sexuality and gender. As a person of color, it would be nice to see a change. We saw one this year with the inauguration of Kamala Harris, but it's just not enough.

I think it's time for change. Change is huge, it defines the future in ways that are crazy. We have been stuck with institutional racism for so long. While times have gotten better, we need to end racism and all forms of oppression now. This is the only way for America to be really true to itself. I'm done acting like the United States is the "land of opportunity" when in reality it's not. We have children in cages, Muslims be abused, Black males being shot without question.

What are we teaching kids? We should be teaching them to judge by character and to be involved in our government. That's why I see this ceremony in both a negative and positive way. It's just described in Christ, God made evil to balance good. We have to put ourselves in the shoes of the oppressed. The Presidential Inauguration defines what kids will see and how this country will change.

POV: I just see the negative and positive but we don't know our President's Intent. This event had a huge impact, but sometimes the effect is good or bad, we have many Americans that also think very negatively, as a young leader you must see the negative and positive in everything. But still White male domination still existed! It's engraved in our system, a change would be history. That's why I see this ceremony in a negative and positive point of view, it has it's pros and cons. It's just described in Christ, God made evil to balance good. We have to put ourselves in the shoes of the oppressed, how would we

feel if we were stuck in a country that is controlled by Whites. Don't get me wrong there were times when people of color had gained some form of power, like when Obama became president, American is hopeful because of the Presidential Inauguration, because it granteeds United States history. This event will always be remembered as the door out of covid and past hardships. It's important to take the Presidential Inauguration seriously as it defines our future as a country. As a country it's time for change, let's cut the slack and make a difference today.