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## Junior Editor's Report

### Society's Treatment of People with Special Needs

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People with special needs are often frowned upon in today's society as some may not fit today's beauty standard or the aspects of what some people call normal. As a result of these opinions, some people may choose to disparage people with disabilities by making derogatory comments, slurs, assaulting them, and even telling them to harm themselves. This is a huge problem in today's society that hasn't been addressed or brought to the world's attention.



Today, the world seems to revolve around social media, which defines a standard on how "pretty" people should look. Popular social media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat often promote the idea that fitting today's beauty standard will cause people to accept and respect you. People who don't fit the standards often get bullied or treated with very little respect because they aren't what most people call "beautiful," and some may look down on people with special needs whether they have a mental disability, a physical disability or both.

Once someone with a disability posts themselves on a social media platform, or even is seen in public, they are forced to face the toxic opinions that society has about them. They are often called offensive slurs and mistreated because of a disability that they didn't ask for. Some people with disabilities even shelter themselves from the public to avoid having to deal with the odd stares and whispers.

People with disabilities are no different, and that's what society fails to understand. Bullying and hurting them doesn't change anything either. It only adds more negativity in the world. People with disabilities are bright and have so much to give. They bring success and motivate many people to be themselves, showing us that anything is possible no matter the obstacle. They bring love and positivity into the toxic society that we have today. Yet people bring them down because of how they were born and it's not right. This needs to stop immediately.

We need to be able to accept the special needs community as they are, and allow them to be themselves. We need to learn how to communicate and understand them as human beings. We need to stop bullying them and treating them as outcasts. Instead we should assist them and provide a safe and welcoming environment for them.

In conclusion, society has excluded and tormented people with disabilities because they are "different". They are people who have a lot to give to the world. We need to accept people with disabilities for who they are and create a world where they can be themselves.