

## **My Dream President**

Being a child may seem easy. In fact, most of the time it is. Children have nothing to worry about and no real problems, right? Or is that what they want you to believe? As a child myself, I can guarantee that unlike that common belief, I face many problems. One of the hardest problems that most kids and I face is having dreams that we cannot accomplish due to our age. That probably sounds like a pathetic dilemma, but is it really? We are scared for our country and the decisions the adults make. We are scared that we have to watch and keep quiet while the world descends into chaos. Most of all we are scared that despite our longing to help we can do absolutely nothing to change the situation we live in. I dream many dreams. Most importantly, I dream of making my country a better place. However, since I cannot greatly impact what happens in my country due to my age, I can only dream of having a president that makes my country a better place. I can only dream of a president that is not only known for his/her title and position of power, but is also known for being a fair and just leader. "I have a dream."

"I have a dream." In a world full of prejudice, I dream of a president that does not discriminate against his/her own people. I dream of a president that does not care about race, color, gender, religion, ethnicity or class when making a decision that affects the country. As a child, it is true that I do not know much about politics, but it simply does not seem right to be treated unjustly for something we have no control over or something we choose to follow. If we truly live in a free country, and if we truly have the freedom to choose, how are we cast aside for making our own decisions? How is that possibly right? If I were to choose a president, I would choose one who would make decisions for the better of the citizens, and not because of favoritism." I have a dream."

"I have a dream." I dream of a president that does not put his/her selfishness and greed before the wellbeing of his/her people. Presidents are supposed to be leaders to their people. They are supposed to guide the country into a state of peace and prosperity. If that is true, how are we supposed to follow, trust, and respect a president that steals money from his/her own people? How can we trust a president that does not care about diminishing poverty and making the

country a better and safer place? How can we let tyrants who put aside the money of taxes that people work relentlessly to secure be trusted to lead our country? If I were to choose a president, I would choose one who does not think about personal gain when leading the country. "I have a dream."

"I have a dream". I dream of a president that does not put himself/herself above the laws of the country. Laws were made to be followed. How can the citizens of a country be expected to abide by the rules if their own leader does not? A president should be an example to his/her people. A president should represent justice, loyalty, righteousness and hope. A president may be a leader, but he/she should not be treated any differently for it. Being president is truly a tricky job where one has to make tough calls, but that does not mean it is okay for the president to break the rules and do unlawful things. If I were to choose a president, I would choose one that does not consider himself/herself greater or better than his/her citizens, but sees himself/herself as equals with the population." I have a dream."

"I have a dream". I dream of a president that cares for his/her people. I believe that a president should be like a parent to his/her country. I believe that a president should love his/her country and the people living in it. I believe that a president should have a sense of devotion towards his/her country. A president should care about the wellbeing of the citizens, and should strive to make their lives as easy and peaceful as possible. He/she should strive to end poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, homelessness, criminal activity and much more. If a president does not care about these issues, can people even hope for a better future? Can people even hope to survive? If I were to choose a president, I would choose one who is there to serve the people and ensure a better and safer country for the generations to come. "I have a dream."

Dreams don't often come true. In fact, they seldom do. However, I will never stop dreaming. The world keeps on disappointing me. It is as if the cruelty and injustice that infects our country is trying to dissuade me from dreaming. Every day, I see our country take a step backwards. Every day, I find reasons to stop dreaming, but I cannot. I cannot because if it were not for dreaming, what would I have? If it were not for dreaming, would there truly be any hope left? I dream

because that is all I can do. I have no other choice but to dream. I dream because I do not want to succumb to the very possible reality that nothing will change. I dream because I cannot bare seeing my country endure such corruption. Children can do nothing other than dream, but adults have the chance to take action. So, adults, is this really the type of world you desire to live in? Is this truly the kind of president you dream of?

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