

Kids Thoughts Make a Difference and the Decisions You Adults Make Today are Going to Affect My Generation Tomorrow!

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Hello, how's everybody doing today? Thank you for having me here. The reason why I am here today is because I believe kids voices matter and the decisions you adults make today are going to affect my generation tomorrow. And no matter how old or young you are, you can make a difference in the world.

And how do I know that? Because when I was 10 years I used my voice to make a difference. My mom had taken me to see a movie called "Unplanned". It's about a woman by the name of Abby Johnson who worked as a Director of an abortion clinic but ended up becoming pro-life. When the movie was over I was really upset and started crying and asked my mom, "Why isn't anybody doing anything about this?" And that's when she explained to me about the Heartbeat Bill.

For those of you who don't know what that is, it's a bill that makes it illegal to have an abortion once a baby's heart is detected. My mom had been helping with this bill for about 9 years. She told me they were trying to get this bill passed in Ohio and asked me if I wanted to go with her to speak before the Senate about this bill. At first I was nervous but I decided that this issue was important enough for me to speak even though I was scared to speak in front of these people. So I went with my mom and told the Senate that I believed killing these children was wrong. That they deserved to have a chance to live.

And after 9 long years of the bill not passing, 2 months later the bill passed. Now, I'm not saying it's because of me....but you never know.

But it taught me about the power of our voice.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, **"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."**

MLK was a great man and great leader, not because he played basketball well or made a ton of money, but because he was willing to stand up and speak out against the evil of racism and segregation, even when it was not easy, even when others stayed silent, even when threats came against his family and his own life. And eventually he paid the ultimate sacrifice with his life.

Jesus said, **"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."** The greatest love that we can give is to sacrifice for others. When we die, no one will talk about the car we drove or the house we lived in, or how much money we made, but they will talk about what we did for others.

So my question to you today is, "What are you doing for others? What are you willing to sacrifice in life to make this world a better place for kids like me?"

Martin Luther King said, **“I have a dream that one day little black boys and little black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.”** He also said, **“I have a dream that my four little children will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”**

Critical Race Theory is doing the exact opposite of what MLK fought and gave his life for. CRT is like spitting in the face of this great civil rights leader and all those who fought alongside him. This is not the dream or world that he imagined.

He said he did NOT want his kids judged by the color of their skin, however, CRT is teaching us kids to judge EVERYTHING and EVERYONE by the color of their skin. This is wrong and I really don't like it, because us kids don't see the world like that. They are creating hate and division where it doesn't exist.

My father is black and my mother is white and I love them both. When you pit blacks and whites against one another, which one am I supposed to side with? Do I side with the blacks or do I side with the whites? Am I to hate one side of me and love the other? How does that work?

Are you telling me that I cannot accomplish my dreams and I am oppressed by people like my mom because of the black in me? Or am I to believe that I am guilty of a sin I didn't commit because of the white in me?

If your father murdered a man, should you go to prison for his crime? No, because no man or woman should ever be punished for another person's crime. But CRT wants to make people feel guilty for something they never did.

Don't you see how stupid all of this is? The color of our skin doesn't make us who we are, how we treat people and live are life does. Do you want to know how much us kids DON'T focus on skin color?

When I was about 6 years old and my older brother was about 9 I was trying to explain to my mom what one of my friends at school looked like. I told her, “He has dark hair and brown skin kind of like me.”

My mom casually said, “Oh..he's probably mixed like you. One of his parents are probably white and the other black like your dad.”

When my mom said this, my brother got this really confused look on his face and was like, “You mean our dad is black?” And just so you know, yes we all knew who our dad was, but that just goes to show you how we never thought about race in our house. He was just our dad.

Because underneath this skin we all bleed red. We all have hurts. We all have fears. We all want to be able to live in a nice neighborhood and we all want the chance to accomplish our dreams.

We all are more the same than we are different and I believe I can accomplish whatever I put my mind to. One day I want to be in the NBA. One of my heroes is Michael Jordan, and obviously his skin color didn't keep him from accomplishing his dreams, but CRT wants to make you think because you are black that you can't succeed, and that is a lie.

Because, **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me**, and so can you.

Even if you have never gotten involved in public policy you can do something. Maybe you are scared to speak in public. Maybe you are worried about what others will think or what people will say about you if you speak up on this issue....

Well, you know what? It's okay to be scared, because history is full of people who were scared but went anyway. I bet MLK was scared when they threw that bomb in his house, but that's the definition of courage – being scared but doing it anyway.

I don't know about you, but I want to be remembered for something great in life. I want to be a hero like MLK. I want my life to matter and I don't want to live in an America where it is full of hatred and division.

I have friends of all different shades....black, white, Indian, Asian and Hispanic...and we have fun together because we are focused on what we have in common, not stupid stuff like the color of our skin.

So I am asking you today, to please stand up and fight for kids like me, who don't want to pick sides between their mom and dad, who don't want to look at their friends as, "Oh he's black, or he's white, or he's Mexican...but instead...this is my good friend Jamari, or this is my good friend Alex, or this is my good friend Jose."

Because this is what MLK died for....for us Americans to stand together and hold hands as one. We will always be better together than we are apart. United we stand, but divided we fall, and we ALL need to stand together....no matter if we are black, white, Hispanic, Asian or Arab.

America is better when we ALL come together as one.

God bless the UNITED (not divided) States of America.

Thank you!