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Justice for All

Justice means equality, and protection. These are values upon which all Americans can believe in! Equality is very important when it comes to justice because it means to be fair and to do what is right while being aware of everybody else around you. When it comes to justice, everybody deserves to be treated fairly. Everybody is different and that is where equality comes in. Just because one person did something wrong, it shouldn't affect the rest of the people in their family or race. Everybody deserves to be equal because at the end of the day we are all humans, but we shouldn't suffer the cause and actions of other people before us, such as our grandparents or parents. Just the other day me and my uncle came across a homeless man. All the man was asking for was food. He wasn't asking for money, clothes, nor drugs, and everybody was driving or walking right pass him with no expression. We were near Walmart. My uncle had some money on him so he pulled over. My uncle told the man to meet us at Walmart. When we got there, we let him pick out anything he wanted. Anything! He got some clothes and some food and, in the end, we gave him a few bucks and directions to catch the bus. We encouraged him to get to somewhere safe. I believe this is true justice - doing what's right for other people who can't always help themselves. Giving

others a fair shot. We should all be equal and be fair to others. This is the basis of justice and our justice system. We may have offered that man some justice in a small way with just some food and clothes, but bringing justice to people isn't just locking people away out of fear, but bringing protection to others who cannot protect themselves. We also should be offering justice to families: not breaking them apart because they weren't born in the right place at the right time. There's a 13-year-old boy, Marklen Yacon Moro, who was born in Chichicastenango just south of Guatemala. He traveled with his older brother-in-law trying to cross the U.S border at El paso on April 13. They immediately were separated by border patrol. Leaving his brother-in-law and being deported Marklen was sent to a Pennsylvania facility for children. Seeing everybody leave, Marklen asked NBC News, "What about me?" This offends my sense of justice! No little boy or any child should go through this much just to be "put back where he belongs." At the end of the day, he is still human and he still deserves his family and a comfortable, safe place to live. You asked me what justice means to me and to me? Being fair and protecting people who can or cannot protect themselves is bringing justice to the world. Justice is about being fair and protecting yourself, others and our American values!