

WHAT IS FAIRNESS?

Fairness can mean different things to different people. According to the Cambridge dictionary, fairness is 'the quality of treating people equally or in a way that is right or reasonable'. I agree with this and aim to show you examples of fairness in the world to prove to you and show you what fairness is.

I believe that fairness is treating people equally for example paying people the same salary for doing the same job, whether they are male or female or from different cultural backgrounds. What I want to say in this essay is if more people use fairness the world will see a huge impact on the world, wouldn't you agree?

There have been a lot of different points of view regarding males and females in sport, for example, the wages they are paid. Male footballers get paid a lot more money than female footballers, who do the same amount of training, hard work and have the same skills. This in my opinion is unfair. They should receive the same pay for doing the same job. Also, male footballers get a lot of fans to come and watch them, whereas at matches where females play, the number of supporters is significantly less. Again, I believe this to be unfair.

More people in the world are not supporting fairness and there are a lot of things that I will talk about in this essay which will show the importance of fairness, because fairness will make the world a better, safer and calmer place.

Another key point I am going to discuss is about 'Human Rights'. Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that everyone has from birth to death. Some countries such as the UK and Australia have signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and follow the human rights in the declaration. Some of the most important ones I believe are firstly, everyone had the right to an education. Without an education, people would not be able to read or write and this may stop them getting a job which they want. This would be unfair as it would not be their fault that they had not had an education.

A second human right which I think is important is that everyone has the right to have a religion. I believe that people should be able to choose which God they believe in and not be judged because of it otherwise that would be unfair.

An additional human right is that no-one should be put into slavery. We should all be free to decide which jobs we do and earn a wage for doing these jobs. No-one should make us do anything against our wills. Human rights make a huge impact on the world, now people are not judged or badly treated, human rights make the world an amazing peaceful place.

The next thing I will be talking about in this essay is the Chiquita Banana Business and the difference between the plantation workers' salary and the CEOs salary. The CEO (Mr Brian Kocher) gets paid £4,000,000 per year, unlike the plantation workers who work all day and try their hardest in their job to afford food and buy more for their families but sadly only get paid £1068 per year, I do not think this fair because I believe that the CEO is in a nice clean office and his job is not as hard and he works less hours whereas the hard-working plantation workers work all the hours and are paid a lot less.

I think I would find it very hard, so to make it fair I think fair trade should be introduced. Fair Trade is where the farmers are paid a fair price for their work. This would mean that the plantation workers would get more money, and the salaries of the CEO and plantation worker would be more even.

Now, my final paragraph about fairness is about a story a grasshopper and the ants. This story is about a group of ants and a careless grasshopper. The ants made sure that they got and stored all their food for the winter months since they knew it would be cold in winter and there would be little food for them. However, the grasshopper was just lazy and decided to lay down next to a tree with his whistle, but then when winter came the grasshopper was starving. He went to the ants and asked if he could have some food, but the ants said 'no'. The grasshopper thought that this was not fair but from my point of view I think it is fair because he should have been ready for the winter. The ants could have given their answer in a bit nicer way but sometimes you need to learn. Sometimes life cannot be fair and that is why you need to teach people important lessons like the ants taught the grasshopper. I believe the grasshopper realised himself what he had done wrong and that it was not fair to take food from the ants.

In conclusion, in my essay I hope that I have said and written enough to make you understand what fairness is. As I said in my introduction, if more people use fairness the world would be a better place, for example if you saw a child drowning and you were a strong swimmer but you were wearing some expensive clothes, you would still save the child. Walking away would be unfair and selfish, the child could have died. I hope you have learnt a lot more about fairness in my essay.

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