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As someone who has lived in a country where domestic violence is not only common, but in fact usually unnoticed, I have certain perspectives on the issue myself. Domestic violence is a very under looked matter that occurs very often in the status quo, and it should not be disregarded.

The culture we raise our children in is one that can be altered to prevent cases of domestic violence in the future. I firmly believe in the importance of providing the next generation of people with knowledge about social subjects such as this one. Parents and guardians must instill values in their children in such a manner that they grow up to understand that it is forbidden to lay their hands violently on another person. Additionally, parents should be responsible enough to not violate the morals that they demonstrate to their children, such as this one. They should be there to set examples.

I have had past experience with false accusations, which has also led me to believe that allegations should not be supported just because one party says that they are a victim. Cases as serious as these should be looked into more and both genders should be given equal rights. Many people are able to take advantage of the American democracy even when their words may be immoral. The severe consequences of this should be presented to children at an age at which they will understand them, but should be presented at a young age.

Personally, I would like to see a change in our society in terms of domestic violence. I suggest the implementation of classes in the education system. A basic human rights class for children in preschool all the way till young adults in high school would be beneficial and efficient for the learning of this matter. In addition to this, I believe that national awareness plays an important role in reducing the number of domestic violence cases our world experiences today.

As a victim of marriage fraud, and a man who has lived in a third world country as well as in the United States, I have experienced many life changing events that have shaped my views into what they are today.