

Advisory Lesson
February 13, 2006
Asset Focus: Positive Values

Topic: Equality and Social Injustice

Many Americans view human rights violations as other countries problems. In fact, human rights are violated in the United States everyday. Crime, racism, homelessness, poverty, inadequate healthcare, inadequate education, and destruction of the environment are all violations of basic human rights.

For Discussion:

Which of these rights and freedoms are most important to you and your family? Why?

How have people you know stood up for these rights?

What responsibilities do you have to protect and advocate for these rights?

Examples of Human Rights:

- Right to Equality
- Right to life, liberty, and personal security
- Freedom from discrimination
- Right to Education
- Freedom of opinion and information
- Right to participate in government and free elections

Give each student an activity sheet "That's Not Fair!"

Read the following statement:

When it comes to social injustice, the United States has made a lot of progress in some areas and little in others. Check your opinions about each of the issues below. Feel free to check as many different answers as you feel apply to each situation.

Instruct students to fill out the activity sheet. As students finish you may discuss their answers and concerns.

*** Optional Discussion Topic***

Ask students to discuss the activities they participated in during Wellness Day. Feedback surveys for Wellness Day are forthcoming.



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I am
really
concerned
about this

We've
made
a lot of
progress

We still
have
a lot
to do

This
injustice
is
overblown

Issues

1. Racial discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Gender discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Poverty	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Sexual orientation discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Hunger	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Ethnic/cultural discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Religious discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Age discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Disability discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Class discrimination	_____	_____	_____	_____