Unjust laws must be disobeyed for the better

Change can only be obtained from civil disobedience similair to people like Martin Luther King Jr, Ghandi and Nelson Mandela. Although laws are important to keep society safe and under control, when in hard times change is necessary to keep society moving forward, as each person has the right to disobey the law if the laws are felt to be unjust, regardless of the law. In society change only occurs when one fights for what they believe in. Society would not be able to thrive without people to make the change, just as history has shown many examples of civil disobedience which resulted in change.

Change is only possible when one fights for what they believe in and disobey what others believe; this civil disobedience is what keeps society moving foreword and advancing. One person who was great with spreading the belief to civil disobedience was Martin Luther King Junior who once said, “There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience. You express a great deal of anxiety over our willingness to break laws.” (Martin Luther King Junior). This shows how at a point people will see that they are no longer willing to follow the unjust laws resulting in an increasing number taking their side and pushing for change. One of the most famous times that showed this change is from the American civil rights movement, which is were Martin Luther King Junior spark the point around the country that made people fight for what they believed in and made change happen. This sense of society moving foreword is shown in the novel by Ray Bradbury, written in 1953, Fahrenheit *451*. The novel is set in a dystopian future were books are outlawed, and people are more connected to there televisions then their friends and family. At the end of *Fahrenheit 451,* The main Character Guy Montag, breaks free from the restraints that the society puts on the people, he does this by reading and memorizing the outlawed books in order to show that they are not bad and should not be outlawed. Although we do not see the change that he starts to be completed, by the end of *Fahrenheit 451* he begins to start a movement and joins a group of people who are dedicated to preserving the outlawed books and protesting to make change. This change is starting to move further to a better way as the novel *Fahrenheit 451* is ending (Bradbury, Chapter 3). Change being a result of civil disobedience has also been shown to be affective at sparking change in historical times including: including Martin Luther King Juniors civil rights movement, Ghandi’s Salt March, and many other times in history. Martin Luther King Juniors civil rights movement is the most popular example of civil disobedience with many of the people in the United states standing beside him and standing up against the laws at the time. It was believed by many that the act of a peaceful protest would spark change into the country for the better. This act of peaceful protest helped change occur through civil disobedience after many people fought for what they believed in.

Without the ability for people to have a say in what happens in their life, society would not have the ability to thrive. With the people of society pushing for further advancements, the people are what makes change, without the people’s ability to make change, resulting in a society stuck in one time. This also results in the way of life becoming boring and old, and making many people unhappy, this is very clearly showed in the novel *Fahrenheit 451* when Guy Montag, Mildred Montag, Mrs. Phelps, and Mrs. Bowles (Bradbury, Chapter 2). Within this section of the novel shows how the people have lost there way of life and now live to a standardized way of life that is centered around a television. This is a way to slow, and even stop, the progression of society improving and moving foreword. Additionally, in the same section of the book a quote is said by Mrs. Bowles that further shows the displeasure of society when it is not able to make changes although the feeling s are buried, “I've never known any dead man killed in a war. Killed jumping off buildings, yes, like Gloria's husband last week, but from wars? No.” (Bradbury, Chapter 2). This further shows how unhappy and brainwashed society can become if people were buried under the government’s confinement for too long and they would not be worried or scared of both war and suicide. If the government did not give the people the ability to speak their mind and try and make change to improve their life it would result in many people being unhappy, just as in the novel *Fahrenheit 451.* Additionally, disobeying unjust laws is the best ability for the society to be changed to the way that the people want it to be, it gives the people the ability to protest in order to make change to society. This allows the people to work to mold there own ideal society to better fit them, “They have legal channels through which to express their protests and to work for reform.” (Is it right to break the law?). Society must fight for what they believe in due to it being there best way for society to not only have a say in there life in order to mold it for the future, but also in order to give society the ability to grow and thrive.

If people believe there to be an unjust law they should fight for that law, they should fight for the change of that law to better improve there lives and the lives of all future generations to come. This change for the better must be done in order to improve the lives and has been done many times in the past with the most famous of these being that American Civil Rights Movement, which not only affected the United States but also the world in sparking the movement of the world’s civil rights. The American Civil Rights Movement was initially sparked long before it began by Gandhi’s Salt March in India. “In the 1920s, African Americans looked towards India, and towards the nonviolent resistance movement led by Mahatma Gandhi. If Gandhi could use nonviolent resistance to challenge British colonialism in India, perhaps it could be used to challenge white supremacy in the United States.” (Lynn Burnett). Although change is ultimately for the good, it can be hard for people to start to fight for what they believe in due to the fear of the opposing side or government repressing what they fought for, and this was what occurred in the United states. This resulted in change initially not occurring, but instead had people begin to believe that change could occur and shortly after began to fight and show the world that if you believe in something you must try and change it, not only for the yourself, but for all of your future generations and others.

In the face of an unjust law, it is proven in past events that standing up and fighting for what you believe in is necessary to change life for the better. One should not sit on the sidelines and watch as something that they do not believe in and do not support occurs. If this were to happen without anyone standing up, our society as we know it may fall into a spiral and loose its ability to continue to advance and be capable of be in a society were people are able to be free and do, think or say what they want to who they want. For this reason of the fear of our society falling into a state of this inability of freedom, disobedience is necessary in the face of unjust laws.

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