American Dream

The American Dream is the belief that anyone can achieve their own version of success and prosperity, regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, etc. In addition, the American Dream is achieved through sacrifice and determination. You have to be able and willing to work hard to achieve your goals and sustain your lifestyle. This dream is meant to provide opportunities to live a better, richer, and fuller life. However, in the world that we live in today, it’s difficult for everyone to live the American Dream because even though “*all men are equal*” is stated in the Decleration of Independence, there are still some people who do not see everyone as equals, but rather sees others in a derogatory and discriminatory way. I believe that the American Dream is an illusion to make citizens think in a similar way, thus creating a community within a diverging society. In my opinion, this dream causes problems and conflicts within the american society and culture because it oppresses those who want to go beyond this dream and stigmatizes those who are unable to achieve this dream and find it unattainable. Furthermore, it gives politicians and those in power a stage to implement their views and goals onto the communities who believe in the American Dream. Not only will those who do not believe in this dream feel minoritized, they may feel the need to conform to society’s norms and views to finally feel as though they fit into the American Dream category.