

"This Is America"

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With racism everywhere (People aren't treated fairly the way I was raised to believe they were)
Different colored people don't have a say (It's not our fault we have different, beautiful skin)

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Chinese people brought covid (White people brought Karens but "it is what it is")
Chinese people have "weird" eyes (They have beautiful eyes, no matter the shape)

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Latinos are meant to clean houses (We won't do your dirty work, do it yourselves)
Latinas are just meant to cook for husbands (Women can be independent, we don't need no men)

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Black people are slaves (They aren't property and no one owns them)
Black people have to be killed because of their skin (Black people are human too, they don't deserve the pain other humans are giving them)

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Men do all the work while women do nothing (Men don't know the work women have to do, so don't make assumptions)
Men are allowed to rape girls and silence them (Men don't control women and yet some believe they do)

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Women are just objects (Women own their bodies, don't touch unless you have permission)
Women are attention seekers when they show some skin (Women are allowed to dress the way they want, same with men)

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Stereotype people based off the past (It's 2021 we should know and act better)
Stereotype people based off their skin (For the people in the back, "It's 2021 we should know and act better")

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I thought we had freedom (not get killed 'cause we didn't allow other people to control us)
I thought we were allowed to have our opinions (not get killed 'cause we didn't agree with other people)

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Shooting kids inside school buildings are normal
Killing others out of nowhere is normal

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Children are scared they will be kidnapped, raped, sold, abused and/or silenced
Children are mistreated, disrespected, unheard, judged and/or feel alone

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Everyone is allowed to love whoever they want (not forced to pretend they love someone else to feel accepted)
Everyone should be able to come out (not stay quiet because they think their guardian(s) will leave them)

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The place where people aren't happy and feel hurt, betrayed and upset
The place where people think one section of population is greater than the other sections

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Stop judging people
Stop talking
Stop making assumptions
Stop making excuses
Stop and listen
Stop and observe
Stop, just stop

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It's our turn to feel appreciated
It's our turn to talk
It's our turn to be listened to
It's our turn to stop this nonsense
It's our turn to have a chance
It's our turn to step up and take control
It's our turn to fix our world

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Can't you see our world is being destroyed?
Can't you see our world is turning against one another?
Can't you see our world is hiding the painful truth?
Can't you see our world is telling an enormous lie?
Can't you see our world isn't as beautiful anymore?
Can't you see?

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We hide our pain with fake smiles and laughs
We don't dare to talk back to adults because if we do we are being "disrespectful"

We make jokes to hide the sadness
We aren't the happy kids we were when we were younger
We don't feel like getting up each morning

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We feel joy doing our favorite hobbies
We feel calm not having to talk to others sometimes
We feel happy when hanging out with certain people sometimes
We feel amazed when we realize we made it this far
We feel grateful to be alive sometimes

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I speak my truth
I speak from my perspective
I speak from my experience
I speak from my pain
I speak for my loved ones
I speak for myself

I speak because...
This is my mouth
This is my story
This is my freedom of speech
This is my life

Do not let America bring you down with it