Are we still living in a successful democracy today?

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My Initial Thoughts?

Wherever Democracy Exists, There Will Never Be Total Liberation
Why?

Our government, since the beginning of when democracy was established, defined what democracy really is—a system of government made by the people and for the people. If we were to imagine how we want democracy to look, it will also difficult to do because democracy won’t even exist in an utopian society. There can never be a perfect democracy. Any system created by humans can never achieve perfectionism.
Democracy supposedly gives power to the people it governs. However, One person’s liberation may be another person’s shackles.
My view since then has not changed. In fact, with the recent global pandemic, it has gotten worse.
Is this what democracy looks like?

You may have seen some of the following images in any shape and form all over social media:
My experience in the midst of the pandemic

When the pandemic first began to gain recognition in the media, in early January, more asians began to wear masks. In our culture, it is normal to wear masks to protect ourselves, and others, from germs spreading and any pollution in the air. However, in cultures outside of asian countries, such as the USA or UK, the mask is a sign that you are sick.

Due to the raising concerns of the virus traveling around the globe at an astonishing pace, I began to wear a mask in February in the densely populated NYC. I immediately took it off, after a ride on the jammed-packed MTA trains, when I noticed people staring. The moment I walked into the train carts, heads turned, and I got stared at like I am a virus.
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Not only did I get stared at like all the other asians wearing masks, some people began to actively distance themselves away from me. I felt more secluded and alone more than ever before. Not long after, news surfaced of anti-chinese racial crime. My friends would ask me if I was scared of the virus. I said, “No, I was more scared of getting jumped and beaten in a country I called my own.” I am a citizen of the United States of America yet I am treated like I am a foreigner and a deadly virus. If I don’t belong here, then where do I belong? Where do the 17 million other Asian Americans in the United States belong?

Is this truly a democratic country where everyone is equal? Why is it that majority of these crimes happen right in the heart of major cities in U.S.? Why is it that most of these crimes are committed by other racial minority groups?
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It is because this country had turned its back on them and they are left to fend for themselves. This is their way of retaliation for all the years of oppression they had experienced and felt. Is this really a country where everyone is born equal and raised with equal opportunity? I beg to differ.

Democracy is a form of government that is human-made, therefore, there will always be imperfections. We are NOT living in a successful democracy. Democracy and Liberation is NOT synonymous. Democracy does NOT lead to liberation for all.
“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

—Martin King Jr.
Civil Rights Activist
This is not what democracy looks like to the eyes of ignorant and selfish Americans.
This is the racist America we live in today

Bullies attack Asian American teen at school, accusing him of having coronavirus

Spit On, Yelled At, Attacked: Chinese-Americans Fear for Their Safety

As bigots blame them for the coronavirus and President Trump labels it the “Chinese virus,” many Chinese-Americans say they are terrified of what could come next.
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This salon owner who broke the law by keeping her business open is being called a hero and has been celebrated by Senator Ted Cruz.

It’s funny how in America if you break the law and look a certain way, you’re a criminal. But if you break the law and look a different way, then you’re a freedom-loving American exercising your rights.
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However, we can make a difference in changing our lives and the lives of others for the better, one step at a time.
We’ll Get Through This