

There are many opportunities throughout life to learn new things, and those opportunities can either have an impact in one's life or not have any impact at all, and brush over the information. This workshop, however, wasn't one of these situations. The workshop allowed the participants to watch a documentary about a Korean-Cuban named Jeronimo. Jeronimo was a great, powerful man who worked hard through his life, fighting for his country. Though his parents were from Korea, Jeronimo was a dedicated Cuban, working hard for his country. The documentary was fantastic in itself, though what came after that, the talk from the director was what came to me, and stood with me. The idea of racial separation was something that hasn't been very impactful in my life, the idea of being separated for looking slightly different isn't something that effected much of my life. The speech the director gave us talked about the current events with BLM, which is a movement to stop police brutality and racism. I was lucky enough to grow up without much of the idea of racial separation, but now that I look back at it, there were hints and ideas of it that I didn't see at the time.

The director, Joseph Juhn, explained to the participants about the racial discrimination and actions that the discrimination has caused amongst the people. His speech was incredibly inspiring, speaking to the idea that we're all equal, and that between oppressed people, the bond of understanding should come naturally. Though that is what stuck with me the most, there was another idea that I thought about, which is the idea of racism being ignored when it comes to Asians. As director Juhn explained more about the racial prejudice and how it effected certain times, I saw the horrible things that Asians faced against in racism, and thought about now. Director Juhn explained that during the riots of Korea town, the police only barricaded Beverly Hills, which I thought was similar to smaller events that happen today. At school or out in public, racism is ignored more towards Asians. When racism is towards an African-American, then the racism will be spoken out again, but when it's an Asian, people will gloss over it, calling it a joke. I know African-American people experience prejudice, probably worse, but I just thought it was interesting that history hasn't improved.

Like the director said, the protesting for BLM, the POC community uniting to protest the white privilege and the prejudice that we all face, gave me hope, that maybe, even though racism still happens today, that it will get better. The idea of bonds between the oppressed is something I felt, I feel as if I will try and take action now, stop doing just the bare minimum, and go further, try harder, and try and make an impact in this world.