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Post Reflection

The most important insight I gained was the fact that I went more in depth than the first time we did this assignment because I had to go back and think about the things I learned in class and how everything was connected. This second time i felt more knowledgeable to the subject and I had a lot more to say about the topics. This second time I also noticed that I was a lot more confident and I knew what I was talking about instead of hesitating to answer the questions in fear that I would be wrong.

My knowledge about the subjects of social justice and race definitely grew after being in this class, I know for a fact that I am aware of others perspectives and how other people see these topics. It really helps to have an open mind and be educated on the subjects to be able to have conversations or even just be engaged in different topics. I really like the debate we did in class that was about the proposition to have ethnic studies classes, it helped that we go to see videos about how it has worked in other schools and what officials think about it.

In the beginning of the semester I had a strong position on social change but I didn't really know how it would be possible for me to be part of it. After taking this class I know that everyone can contribute to the greater good and that it is possible to make changes. It is everyone's responsibility to help the community even if you think it's a small contribution it will eventually add up and that's what counts.

The structural causes of inequality vary but one of the many things that causes this is the lack of education. Those who are in poverty probably don't have the proper education to be getting the higher paying jobs and the only thing they can get are the minimum wage jobs or where no education is needed to get the job.

I definitely do feel more capable of being a change agent, some experiences that have contributed to this are the fact that we saw examples of others who are change agents and it gives us ideas of things we can do in our communities. In my place of service I learned that even the smallest contribution helps, I worked with k-6 children and the impact my presence made with those children was amazing, the kids really appreciate all the tutors and the help they receive from us.

It would be very difficult to choose just one because I learned a lot from this class and everything was very meaningful to me. I not only got to learn about different communities and how to be involved in social change but I learned a lot about myself and the impact I can make by being involved.