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The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One

Following Laws and How Doing That Helps Keep Us United

We are a nation that believes justice is for all but what is justice if there is no law? The law is what classifies us as equal. Following the law fosters unity because it helps set a rule for people to be treated fairly no matter their race, ethnicity, religion, or where rich or poor. As Kofi Annon said, "Unity and justice are mutually reinforcing; without the rule of law, unity turns into oppression." I believe the law unites people, because it makes sure they are treated fairly, keeps us safe, and helps us work together to build our communities.

The law is what establishes the same rules for everyone. An example for this is the Voting Rights Act of 1964, which allows all citizens regardless of their race, gender, economic status, or any other background the ability to participate in our democratic process. The law also provides rules that help us work and live together in a fair and safe way. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 makes sure everyone is treated fairly no matter their race, religion, or gender. This law helps make sure all people can go to work, school, or public places without being afraid of being treated unfairly. Traffic laws also help us live in unity. These laws take cooperation and understanding from everyone who is driving. It doesn't matter if it is a trip that is long like traveling for vacation or an everyday trip like running an errand locally.

Laws also help us respect each other. The law makes it illegal to hurt someone on purpose so that we can all feel and be safe. The law also makes sure we don't discriminate and this helps people from all different races and backgrounds have a place in society. There are laws that make sure people with disabilities can have access to the same places as people who

don't have any disabilities. These laws provide people with equal opportunities. When we respect the rights of those around us, it helps us grow in unity and see the best that everyone has to offer.

When we follow the laws we can build communities because everyone feels like they belong. When schools have teachers and students respecting others by not bullying or being unfair it creates a school that is safe and welcoming where everyone is seen and heard. Neighbors that respect one another by keeping their property clean, not being too noisy late at night, and respecting one another's privacy helps create neighborhoods that are friendly and builds trust. Sports teams can help build a positive and safe environment by showing good sportsmanship and having good teamwork that celebrates the success of other. Help that is caused by following the law, it gives us teamwork by celebrating the success of others. These are all examples of unity in communities created by using the law as a rule in everyday life.

When we respect the rights of those around us, it helps us grow in unity. The law provides us with rules on how we can and cannot treat people. It does this by eliminating rules that separate certain groups of people because of their differences, and instead it emphasizes the value of including every individual person and allows differences to be celebrated. The Constitution of the United States of America has a major role by guiding all citizens toward unity. As citizens we can help the cause by following the laws given to us that are for the good of all the people.