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Why it is important to speak for your rights and others?

Speaking your mind is one of the values that separate America from the rest of the world.

Major events in our history started because of people speaking for their rights. The American Revolution, Women's Civil Rights Movement, and so much more. The three things that speaking out does is help future generations, solve problems, and give society their own voice.

The first thing that speaking out does is to help future generations. Recently in Egypt there was a nationwide protest against the dictatorship of Mumbarak. Gladly, the protesters were able to overthrow Mumbarak and establish a democracy. Now future Egyptians can grow up in a democracy.

The second thing that speaking out does is to solve problems. Back in the 1960s the likes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, The Black Panther Party, and many more activists were part of the Civil Rights Movement. This movement fought against the segregation between blacks and whites. Because of this the Civil Rights Act was passed and gave equal rights to Blacks and Whites.

The third and last thing that speaking out does is that it gives a society a voice. It happens everywhere from political campaigns, protests, and even religions campaigns. For example the Roman Catholic Church is right now opposing abortion for their own religious beliefs. Another example is that in my hometown of Plainfield, citizens were complaining about the horrible

conditions of our roads. Because of that most of our roads are fixed up. Speaking your mind can happen at any time.

In conclusion, America is nothing without the freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is what makes us and isolates us from other nations. It is one of those values that Americans have and are using well. Proof of that is in our history.