

Essays

With courage we can unite



Personal thoughts about the
refugee crisis and the
meaning of freedom.

The refugee crisis

In recent years, Europe and especially our country, which due to its geographical position is a crossroads between three continents, was confronted with the refugee crisis.

Thousands of people uprooted from their homelands and their homes, are seeking shelter in safe countries to save their lives from the destruction of war. Having necessarily left behind houses, work, family, friends, people of all ages, try to go on living with what is left to them and once to heal their wounds.

The efforts of refugees to learn a new language, to adapt to new habits and cultures, and their will and persistence for a new start of their lives in Europe are striking. Many of them have lost their families, forced to do any work to survive, but do not abandon their efforts.

The countries of Europe must show solidarity and humanity towards our fellow-citizens who have our need today. At the same time, they must work to ensure peace in the countries of origin and the end of bloody wars on the planet. Peace will bring prosperity and progress to the peoples and will allow people to return to their country and rebuild their lives and their country.

The refugee crisis

“If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl, but by all means keep moving.” Don’t you think these the words uttered by Martin Luther King Jr. sound more topical than ever before? Refugee crisis has been a widespread phenomenon all over the world since time immemorial. However, nowadays, it is gradually triggering ongoing concerns about how to confront the lives of such a large number of people and keeping them safe in the brand new environment.

It is true that the vast majority of refugees recourse to another country in the forlorn hope that they will be granted protection. The latter is not easily accessible in their country of origin, on the grounds that it might have waged war or simply fail to provide individuals with the political security, medical care, or other urgently needed aid. This might explain the reason why during the past few years we have all witnessed loads of refugees arriving in Greece as well. In particular, a couple of years ago Syrians had been living in tents in the port of Piraeus for a large amount of time lacking even the bare necessities. Living in squalid conditions as well as being confronted with harsh weather and exhausting hunger, they had to struggle for survival.

In spite of the fact that this problem is quite demanding, there is still some light in the tunnel. First and foremost, a useful suggestion for solving the problem would be to join a volunteering programme which supports individuals that have been displaced both emotionally and economically. Furthermore, as far as countries accepting refugees are concerned, their governments should not put the blame for economic and social problems on the displaced but they need to deal with xenophobia and discrimination instead. As a result, this would enable them to apply for asylum or resettle in case they are extremely vulnerable and also to be offered basics such as education and healthcare. Moreover, it is crucial that world leaders prioritise saving lives by investing in search and rescue operations for people being in distress.

All things considered, refugee crisis constitutes one of the most serious problems these days. This is the reason why it is advisable that countries welcoming refugees should strain every power to allow them to lead a normal and productive life. After all, we are all humans and we all deserve to claim our right to dignity!

The refugee crisis

When I was 7 years old in my village, I met a kid which it was a refugee. He told me that in his country a war burst out and the kid and his family had to leave. Then, they came to Greece to find a better life.

When he told me that, I was really sad. I was thinking that it was unfair to have a war on your country. For this problem I feel really scared and sad.

Possible solutions for this problem are to have peace in all the countries of the world and to stop all the wars in the world. I hope this problem won't exist any more.

REFUGEES

There are millions refugees, in the earth. What it means refugee? Refugee means to leave from your country to go to another, not because want to, but because it was necessary. The reasons refugees leave for are war, hunger, economic problems and poverty. In order for there to be no immigrants, we must help the countries that have a war to give solutions to their problems, to give them food, to give them money and not to use them. We have to do all of this because we need to help those in need. Because we would not like to be in their positions without help from the other countries.

So we have to finish this topic because nobody likes to be in their position, so we have to help them, to make them happy and to feel them and understand them.

Panagiotis

2nd Gymnasium of Kaisariani

The refugee crisis

Nowadays, the institution of immigration and of refugees is widely widespread and absolutely familiar. Numerous people live with it and an other huge number live it. Especially, Greece is the home of lots immigrants and refugees and probably it has acquired the biggest percentage of them. I believe that the faster the solutions for the decrease of immigrants and refugees are found, the better the world become.

First and foremost, in my opinion, the adventure that these people live and the fight of life that they give cannot be expressed with words. They start a stanger and pretty difficult trek to an unknown destination where the style of life and the inhabitants are unfamiliar and they do not know their purpose. Moreover, this trek is accomplished with disdainful and seedy conditions. In addition, when they arrive there they face lots of discriminations. Knowing this situation and especially having seen it in my vacations in Mytilene, makes me feel terribly and sentiments like fear, stress, sadness and surspense for their future.

Furthermore, I think that we have to find some solutions to solve this problem. Firstly, the nations governments can stop the war with the use of concordats, because of their power. In this way they can achieve the reduction of the refugees. Moreover, the decrease of immigrants can be achieved with the creation of new job placements. So the most of people's financial problems wouldn't exist. Last but definetely not the least, all people we can ameliorate the situation by helping them and supporting them in each way.

To sum up, I believe that we all have to play our part to help the immigrants and the refugees and create a better world for everybody without discriminations.

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The war, except of the violence and the victims, also cause another serious problem which is the refugee crisis. The latest years, many refugees have come to our country and it is a great need for our government and the Greek people to help and protect them.

First of all, refugees have no permanent home and they sometimes get sick, especially the children. They have no food and medicine and they live in awful situations.

In addition, some people in our country don't treat the refugees so well. They refuse to help them and they want them to get back to their country.

The first thing we should do is to provide them with food and medicine. We can also try to find them a job and educate their children. Finally, we have to help them reach their destination.

To conclude, it is obvious that the refugees need our help and protection. All the people have to offer their love and affection in order to make our world better in the future.

Nowadays, the more wars that are happening to our world have a major and bad effect on us because they increase the number of refugees.

To begin with, refugee is a person who is forced to leave her/his country because of the warzone. As a result, when they have moved on to their new country they have to deal with many problems such as where are they going to live or how they will survive alone in this foreign place or who is going to lend them a helping hand. These people suffer more than anyone, because they have to leave everything they had behind, like their homes and families, to search better living conditions and a friendly environment.

However, another aspect of the problem is the way they have been treated for many years now until and today. The observations of the students, teenagers and kids in schools have been affected by their parents' reactions on this subject and generally from the whole community they live in. They think that the different is bad and scary from the usual they are used to and this is absolutely wrong. We must treat people like everyone else with kindness and helpfulness, if it is needed. Lastly, if we want a better world to live in, we must stop wars!

To sum up, we are all equal and diversity is an important thing to keep always in mind.

WITH COURAGE LET US UNITE

There is a major debate concerning the refugee problem. Having seen and heard a lot for that problem I decided to write some possible solutions to face it.

First of whatever we do, we must support those poor people who have left everything on their back to survive in a foreign country without any help. So the most important thing is to organize volunteer campaigns that will provide refugees with supplies like food water and other goods.

Another point is that we could pay a small taxation. With its money can be built some small rooms with separated bathrooms , including all the comforts a house should have.

And last but not least is that we all have to make them feel at home and with our actions make them forget all the violent scenes from their recent past by socializing with them and creating relationships.

To conclude the best solution to face the refugee problem is not only to provide them with goods but also with our love and our warm hug.

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What means Freedom to me?

Freedom means to me that I can be who I want to be. For example I can be a girl or a boy and I can love who I want to love.

Furthermore Freedom is o me that I am allowed to have my say and can go where I want to. Another point is that everybody should be able to grow up and live like a „normal“ person without any violence and limits. My last point is that everybody has equal rights and is treated the same.

Lilli.B Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

FREEDOM

To me freedom means, that you can make your own decisions and decide what you want to do in life (for Example: Job, family). It also means that you can say what you want and wear what you want. To me it also means that everybody should be allowed to have there own opinion. Another thing is that there should be no violence and I think that everybody should have equal rights. Nobody should be discriminated. Freedom means to me that you can vote.

Fabienne.F 10d Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

Freedom

Freedom means to me, that I can be who I want to be and that I can have my own opinion. With that I mean, that people should be allowed to wear the clothes they want to and style their hair like they want to. They should also decide what they want to do by themselves. For example what job they want to do. Nobody should be forced to do anything and there should not be any violence.

Everyone deserves to be exactly like they want to be and everyone should have equal rights. People also should not be discriminated because of their skin colour, religion, sexual orientation or anything else. Freedom also means, that you can have your own opinion and that you can share your opinion without being discriminated. People do not always share the same opinion on things but they should respect the others.

Freedom

Larissa Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

What does freedom mean to me?

- That I'm not afraid to say what I think
- That I could go outside without being scared
- That I could tell my opinion
- That I'm scared of nobody
- That kids grow up without violence
- That there no rape or prostitution
- That everybody could love who he wants
- That there is no war in the world
- That everybody is treated the same (everyone has equal rights)
- That everybody has the freedom of speech
- That everybody could believe in what they want (not scared to tell what they believe)
- That everyone could feel safe in his/her hometown or land
- Freedom to vote
- Right for medical care

Freedom:

Freedom is the way people can express themselves, can make their own decisions and say their own opinion – it is the possibility of being who you really are.

When you are free you can choose your religion, your life partner, what to eat because it is tasty for you and what to wear.

Just live the life that you deserve.

Freedom is a right, so let us fight for it because life without freedom isn't life.

Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

Freedom

Freedom means to me, that I can say everything I want, think everything and go everywhere I want. I can live without having to fear punishment if I say anything against the government. I don't have to think about where I am going to sleep tonight. I'm not afraid of hunger or not having medical care.

Gereon Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

Freedom

Freedom means to me, that I can live without fear of hunger, death and thirst. It also means, that I can love whoever I want. I also can say and think everything. I can have any Job in any country of the EU. It's very important form that I am free to vote and make my own decisions

J.R. Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

Freedom

What does freedom mean to me ?

It means to be free!

Freedom means to me that I can say my opinion without anyone having a problem with that .

Freedom also means that no one can say to me what I have to do and what not. I can make my own decisions in life.

And that I can have the same educational opportunities like everyone else: visit school, learn and work as what I want .

Freedom

Freedom means that people can say what they want and don't get punished for this.

There is also freedom when people aren't enslaved and are fairly treated. Freedom is when somebody isn't controlled all the time with cameras or stuff like that.

Freedom is when you don't get judged by your skin color or your sexual orientation.

If you can't see people you want to see, you are also not free.

Michael Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

Freedom is when you can do what you want and no one restricts anything.

If we had full freedom, the community would collapse in chaos.

There needs to be some ground rules, but not too many.

The amount of freedom we have in Germany is not perfect, but perfect enough to work completely fine.

~ Pascal Martin ~

Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

F R E E D O M

Freedom means that everyone can do what he wants to do in his life. No human should be a slave. You should be able to travel to every country in the world. Men and women should be treated the same and have the same rights. It doesn't matter in which country you were born or what skin colour you have, everyone should have the same rights.

~ Sebastian Quis ~

Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

What does freedom mean to me?

Freedom means to me to be *free*.

You can be yourself, *love* who you want, *dress* how you want, eat what you want to eat and to be *crazy* whenever you want to.

You have to abide by what the *rules* say but you should do what you want, *what you love*.

You should never treat anyone like wild animals; also wild animals should not live in cages.

The children who are slaves and are making our clothes should also *be free*, go to *school* and not have to sit in a room with bad lights and a bad environment.

They also want to *be free* like us.

They want *to eat* good food, *meet their friends* and the important thing for them is *to go to school*.

The students now don't know how much *luck* they have to get an *education*.

Everyone should live in *freedom* and do what their *passion* is.

I *hope* the world changes and one day *everyone* is *free* and can be who they *want to be*. -Zoe Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

What freedom means to me

Freedom means to me that I can say what I want to say.

That I can be who I want to be.

It means I don't have to change myself in order to make somebody else happy. I still think freedom means you should respect others and look out for them, but I don't think anyone should deny who they really are.

You should love who you want to love. Freedom also means to me that everyone is free. That nobody needs to do something against their will and that you are not forced to do something.

Freedom does not include child work or child abuse.

Like the word freedom says it means that you are free.

But you always have to remember that your freedom ends, where the freedom of somebody else begins.

Dinah. L Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen

WHAT FREEDOM MEANS TO ME

To me Freedom means that I can be the person I am and don't have to change for anybody or anyone.

It also means that I can say whatever I want to (except for bad things) and have my own opinion and don't get judged for it.

Freedom is also that I can be around the people I really like (friends, family) and they know me and I can just be myself.

In some countries "Freedom" is just a word that nearly doesn't exist - for example in India where girls are treated like animals and they are not free at all.

We can be ourselves, look how we want to (almost) and live like the human rights tell you to.

Freedom also means that I can love who I want to (girl, boy, whoever).

It also means that I can be from another country, have another skin colour or support any religion that I want to.

I would say that we (in Europe) are very free.

I hope that one day this world could live in Freedom and peace and then I could enjoy my life.

Student Willy-Brand-Gesamtschule Kerpen