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SJUS 100 – Introduction to Social Justice

On January 12, 2016, the students in SJUS 100 were asked to define social justice in just six words. Some of their thoughtful, creative & insightful answers are below.

- Lifelong devotion to serving others well
- Empathy and kindness on a daily basis
- Ideally, empathy applied equally to everyone
- Open eyes. Open minds. Open hearts
- Stop history from repeating itself. Please.
- A millionaire and homeless man: humans
- Education = path towards equality. But wait.
- Put yourself in someone else's shoes
- What change can we make together?
- Let's use power for positive change
- Consider, understand, and protect all people
- Knowledge is the only lasting currency
- Equality from an unbiased, neutral standpoint
- Differences ≠ discrimination, differences = beauty, love everyone.
- Making the unseen seen; powerless powerful
- Making the strange familiar; familiar strange
- The world needs more empathy now
- Life under the veil of ignorance
- Equality to all lawfully and socially
- Treat everyone as you treat yourself
- Bringing together different backgrounds for harmony
- Changing people's minds slowly but surely
- Struggle to maintain integrity in community
- All people deserve a fair chance
- Logic + empathy + compassion + resourcefulness = hopeful situation
- Love is all you really need
- Learning how we all can be.
- Why would we want to hurt?
- Whether you like it or not.
- Not easy, but is life changing
- Social justice is at God's heart
- Strive to do what is right
- They helped me, I'll help others
- Giving all what they are due
- Pain can be experienced by everyone
- Equal rights and opportunities for all

How would you define social justice in six words?