

Reflections on Lydia Cacho

Lydia Cacho posed an interesting idea during her speech- that the minority is always right. From her point of view, I can see how this statement makes sense. She is from Mexico, where she suffers from oppression of the right to free speech. When people in her home country “make noise,” it is not accepted. The reason why social change hasn’t happened in Mexico is because the people in charge don’t like when small groups try to fight against what they are doing. So, from her background, I can see how that phrase makes sense. However, for me, coming from America, it doesn’t make sense. We place our trust in the democratic system, which, by definition, trusts the masses to be right. I don’t necessarily stand by this statement, but I also realize that it depends on where you’re coming from.

Another interesting thing she said that caught my attention is that “Justice in many countries is a deaf and blind dog.” She believes this to be true because it simply doesn’t happen- 9 out of 10 crimes are not even investigated in Mexico. Justice is a far cry for the masses. They may seek it out, and find what they’re looking for, but it would only be if they’re lucky. I find this to be incredibly sad, which makes me feel so incredibly grateful to live in the United States where we are granted the freedom of speech. Even though there are some governments, much like Mexico, that are on the completely wrong track, I’m glad that there are people out there searching to expose corruption and societal evils at all costs.

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