

William Faulkner, an American author, once said, "We must be free. Not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." Everyone needs freedom to live. Whether they are black or white, religious or not religious. And though, essentially, every person is free, it's not because of what you, yourself have done. It's because of the millions of deaths and injuries. It's because of all the sacrifices women and men make when they choose to serve our country.

Freedom plays an immense role in my life. I have four siblings, all adopted, and three of them came from another country. Having these three siblings in my life has changed it tremendously. Almost every day, I used to hear the disadvantages of living in their native country, where children and women were not able to get a good education, people starved, and much more.

This reminds me how fortunate I am, to be able to live in such a free and welcoming nation. However, whenever I think of how the world is today, I think of how it used to be. How everyone had to sacrifice and give something up. For example, my uncle fought in the Vietnam War and during that time of battle, he lost one of his closest friends. Many people, including myself, lost someone in their family. So while some people are celebrating the freedom we have, I'm sure some people are still mourning their losses, from many years ago.

Nonetheless, the men and women who sacrificed themselves for our country made it the way it is today. They changed thousands of people's lives, and even if they are no longer with us, we will make sure that every relative and friend of theirs knows this.

Freedom runs my life, and without the freedom I have nowadays, I would not be the person I am today.