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Change the World

The actions that we do or don't do today will affect every generation to fallow us. As one person in a world of billions, can we change the world? We must gather together to accomplish goals of the society as individuals. Change does not happen on its own. In the world of modern communication, we are able to communicate with each other at never before speeds. This is good for change. This allows people to be aware of certain people's conditions and situations more quickly and efficiently.

The problem is that people today do not realize how much of an influence they can have in society. You do not have to be a politician or a person in power to make a difference. Also, also certain individuals assume too much power and use it in a negative way and refuse to relinquish it.

First I will talk about how the graphic novel, *The Watchmen*, uses characters such as Rorschach to initiate change throughout society. He and his fellow watchmen take it upon themselves to fight crime and use vigilantism to secure the city from danger. The watchmen are just normal people doing things above and beyond of what society expects of them.

Another aspect of this point can be raised by the movie, *City of God*. In the movie, many characters seek power and take it upon themselves to decide the fait of others. One person in particular, lil ze, kills anybody that is in the way of his drug trade.

In a smaller look at the bigger picture, one could think of instances that if changed in some miniscule amount could potentially affect the entire future and therefor in a snowball affect one person could change the series of events that happen.

This theory that one person can change the world also contradicts itself. In almost all of the examples, the person is a leader of a group. The person is not solely responsible; it is the group as a whole to fallow out the action. We see this in Watchmen and in City of God in the way that other vigilantes and how lower class drug runners are used to help the leaders

This can also be seen in the recent video about Joseph Kony. He is a man in Uganda that is the leader of a terrorist organization that abducts children and uses them as soldiers and sex slaves. He is the face of the organization, but there are tens of thousands of people working for him. Also, in the fight against Kony, there are many activists that are involved including the United States. A single person could not possibly take down Kony or his organization.