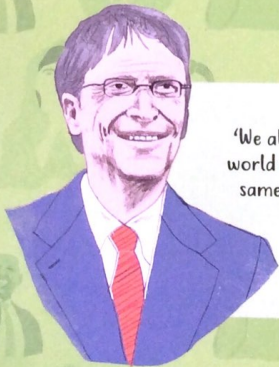


'I am proud to be a girl,
and I know that girls can
change the world.'

Malala Yousafzai (born 1997)



'We all have the chance to create a
world where ... all children have the
same chance to thrive, no matter
where they're born.'

Bill Gates (born 1955)

WHAT AFFECTS A PERSON'S POWER?

It would be good to think that all people all over the world had the same amount of power. This would mean that they would have equal access to the same empowering things in life, such as going to school, or having a home and enough food to eat.

Sadly, though, this isn't the case. Some people have more than other people. More money, more opportunity, more advantages – and this can give them more power than those who have less.

There are many reasons for this, and this chapter looks at some of them, including issues such as inequality and discrimination.

You'll discover what can affect your power, what your own privileges are, and be inspired to challenge injustice and **EMPOWER** yourself and others.

WORLD VIEWS

Different people have different views.



What is a 'world view'? It's the way that a person sees the world, made up of their ideas, beliefs and feelings about what is right and wrong.

Everybody's world view is different. For example, when it comes to the question of migration (people moving from one country to another), people have very different views. Some people think there should be a limit to how many people can enter a country, while others believe that people should have the right to move to whichever country they choose.

Have you ever wondered where your beliefs and views come from? Some of our beliefs come from what has happened in our own lives, but often the things that we think are right or wrong are shaped by other things, such as what our parents think, the religion we follow or the culture we live in.



THINKING POINT

People in the past held many views and beliefs that we disagree with today. Can you think of anything that people think is ok today but that people in the future may think is not ok?

Between the 16th and 19th centuries, over 8 million Africans were kidnapped from their countries and sent on ships across the Atlantic Ocean to be sold into slavery in the Americas. The people who carried out this horrible slave trade justified their actions by their religious views, which said that the black race was not as good as the white race. This was their world view.

The enslavement of African people still has an impact on the lives of African-heritage people around the world today. But the example of slavery also shows that while it can take a long time to change people's beliefs and values, it is not impossible. Today, although modern slavery still exists in many forms, most people around the world agree that slavery is wrong and it is illegal in every country.



THE WOMAN WHO HELPED TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S WORLD VIEWS

'Children, who made your skin white? Was it not God? Who made mine black? Was it not the same God?'

In 1797 in America, Sojourner Truth was born into slavery. At the age of nine, she was separated from her parents when she was sold for \$100 to a new owner. In 1826, she escaped and later became an important abolitionist – meaning someone who works to end slavery.

She organised protests, gave speeches, brought legal cases to court and petitioned (sent requests to) the American government. She even met with President Abraham Lincoln to argue not only for the ending of slavery, but also for racial equality and women's rights. Her work, and that of other abolitionists, helped to change people's views, and slavery was finally abolished in America in 1865.

