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I think that the Freedom of Expression can help us build a better world that can supply justice where it is needed and foster a sense of peace among the public by encouraging change. In a government that derives its power from the people it governs, the right to freely express ideas and rally behind them means the public can seek to make changes that truly benefit the majority. Our right to perform actions such as petition, peacefully assemble, and speak freely are things that endow us with the power to promote improvement and enact justice in the places that we see fit. The freedom of expression can also be seen as a vehicle that allows the voices of people who may otherwise go underrepresented to see their concerns brought into the public eye and addressed by their governing bodies. The benefits of having the right to freely express oneself are numerous and can contribute to a world in which more people are able to strive towards a feeling of peace and freedom.

In today's world, peace and freedom could mean a number of things, however I believe they can refer to peoples desire to be themselves and pursue their personal version of happiness without the fear of oppression. One example of a group that has exercised their rights to freedom of speech are the LGBTQ+ community. For many years their ability to freely express who they were, who they love, and how they identify was something that was seldom acknowledged. The society we once lived in had a whole generation of people who firmly believed that the way they lived their lives was reprehensible and did everything in their power to shield themselves and others from it. It wasn't until the very community they sought to silence and suffocate began speaking out that more people began to empathize with their cause. Through an organized effort built upon the determination and willpower of its members the LGBTQ+ community fought for the right to be who they always were. The fight for rights and recognition among their

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community is one that is still being fought today in courthouses and streets the world over. Their plight is one that, though unfortunate, has become a glaring example of the power that expression holds and can be seen as a beacon of hope for other marginalized groups.

In conclusion, I think that the right to free expression is one that allows us to advocate for the change we would like to see in the world. By utilizing this right to its fullest extent we are able to give a voice to those who may feel that they are without one and make change that allows people from all walks of life to live in a place where they can feel more free. Through the exchange of ideas and a collective push for change we can begin to see a world in which people feel safe and encouraged to search for their version of fulfillment. With each bit of change comes the removal of an impediment to the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness recognized by the writers of the Declaration of Independence. In a world where people feel liberated and can pursue happiness in the way that they see fit only then can they truly begin to live their life.