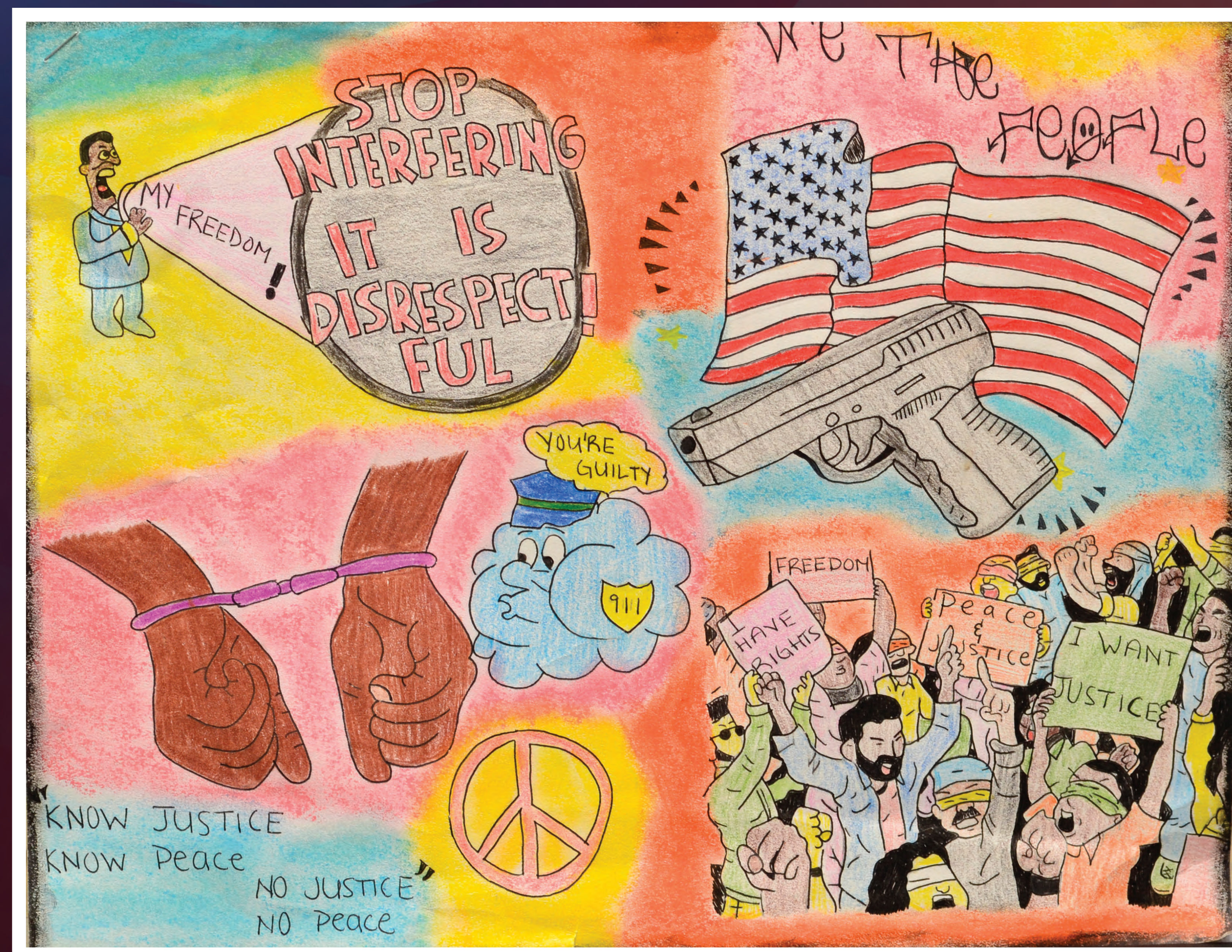


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First Place Art Contest

Milani Jones
*De La Salle Institute
Chicago, Illinois*

The phrase, "We the People" is an example of how citizens should have rights in the world. The peaceful gathering in the picture is portraying how peaceful gatherings should take place I believe people do not have to be violent to express how they feel about something they do not agree with.



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Second Place Art Contest

Iuliia Boyarskiy

*Vernon Hills High School
Vernon Hills, Illinois*

Through this piece I want to show that I believe that freedom of speech is a human right and everyone deserve an equal piece of it, regardless any present tension in the country or an absolute peace.

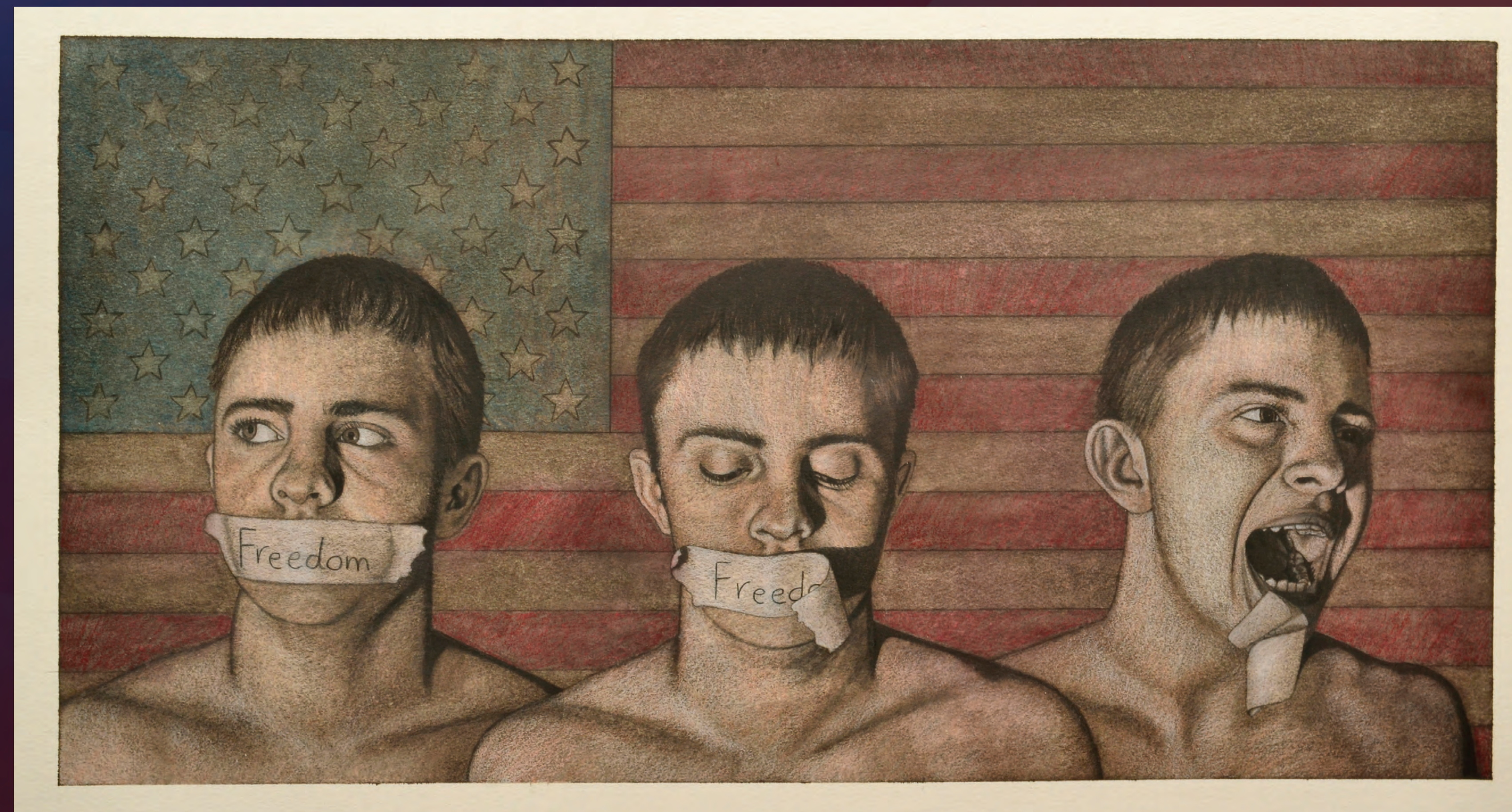


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First Place Art Contest

Kevin McDonald

*Reavis High School
Burbank, Illinois*



As citizens of the U.S., we should embrace our freedom and not allow our voice to be limited. Through the progression of my images, I display the ability to break free from restraint and let my voice be heard.

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Second Place Art Contest

Marion Edwards

*De La Salle Institute
Chicago, Illinois*

The world today tends to lean towards judging people based on the color of their skin, the place in which they choose to live, and their religious affiliation. At the end of the day we all have the right or freedom to choose whatever works best in the lives of their families and for themselves.



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First Place Essay Contest

Patryk Kertho-
Wedunga

*Minnie Mars Jamieson Elementary School
Chicago, IL*

“You protect me.
You let me express myself.
You let me live in a better world.
You let me be me.

But who are you?
Mystical knight of expression.
Valiant guardian of self-truths.
You are the one and only,
First Amendment.”

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Second Place Essay Contest

Seana Gould
Dulabaum

*Elgin Academy
Elgin, IL*

“Knowing what it used to be like in East Germany is really scary, and it makes me appreciate the true meaning of freedom. So, I am thankful that my family and I can think and say and write what we truly believe and not be afraid about getting arrested or killed.”

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First Place Essay Contest

Aryan Walia

*Barrington High School
Barrington, IL*

“Going to high school today, not only do I wear the Rakhi as a symbol of reverence to my faith, but I wear it to enunciate the union of my religion and nation, aspects of my life that have allowed me to call myself an “American”; a unique being of courage and perseverance, carrying pride in its loyalties, united by the love of a country.”

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Second Place Essay Contest

Patrick Magner

*Loyola Academy
Wilmette, IL*

“I spend two days of every June in our nation’s capital. I spend most of that time on Capitol Hill, meeting with our country’s elected representatives... My two younger brothers were diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when the elder was three and the younger was only a few months old... Without the right to petition to Congress and our government as a whole, my brothers would not have such health as they do, given their genetic coding.”