

Colorblind

Opinions are finicky little things, sometimes quite frustratingly so. Your own opinion can fluctuate daily, and the point of view of a person changes everything. The truth of one is a lie to another. The phrase, not everything is black and white, is a phrase that is perhaps too commonly said. It illustrates that some people will only see one side of an argument and can not perceive the other. It's meant to show that there is a gray area. Undeniably, there is a middle ground, a gray area, a possible compromise, or a third option, but let me propose a question. Why are people looking at the world in a grayscale? Look around you, describe your surroundings. Are you in a warm, cozy room that you can relax in with your cat? Are you in a cold classroom, watching the clock tick? Are you breathing in the fresh air of the amazing outdoors? Or maybe you're describing the patterns and shapes of every item. Make a list. Be careful because color can be blatantly neglected. Look around and enjoy every shade, tint, and hue. See how it sets the mood. We use color so prominently in writing to describe every scene to create a beautiful world. Why do we often forget color in our everyday life? It is unnecessary to see ourselves as the white queen, and the other person as the black king who needs to be defeated on the checkerboard. If you are not playing chess, then you may be playing checkers, claiming that there is red in your world too. Stop being content with playing checkers as there are more than two or three colors. There are more than two or three colors, just as there are more than two or three perspectives and truths. For those daredevils, I dare you to look around you with more than the definition of your opinion. For the more introvertive, use those introspective minds to create a world that has more than a grayscale. Our eyes can see amazing wonders, such as people and nature, and can see

unique colors. We should use that beautiful part of us to view the world in a more vivid, whimsical way. The colors we may see may look different to another person, only making it more wonderful. We are all born with a way of looking at the world. We are also all born with the capability of seeing more. If you happen to be colorblind, your opinion of seeing in the colors you see is perfectly valid. In contrast, feigning colorblindness robs you of the perspective of the colorblind and the perspective of those who see in a rainbow. Furthermore, the world is not meant to be looked at in a filter of red or yellow. The world is not filled with joy or anger all the time. There are little bits of color everywhere, even in the dullest of places with beiges, blacks, whites, browns, and grays. We should see our opinions, people, and the world in color and no longer box everything into black, white, and gray. Imagine what more of a wonderful place we can make if we added a little more pigmentation to it. Imagine what we could see and do with these new perspectives and ways of thinking. As people always say, not everything is black and white.