

In today's society we still question ourselves, where do we go from here: chaos **or** community? In his influential book, Martin Luther King addresses poverty nationally and dwells on the poverty that affects white and negroes in the same way. Conversely, my generation is not where it should be. As a high school senior I've been around too many people that lack motivation, that are lackadaisical towards opportunity, and crack easily under peer pressure. This generation is a community by definition, but it is only headed for a chaotic future until we mutate into the adults that we're supposed to be.

Instead of taking advantage of our numerous opportunities, something we once didn't have, many of us take what we have now for granted. We handicap oneself by not making ourselves better as people. We let the materialistic things get the best of us, forgetting that one day we have to grow up and care for ourselves. It's as if we know that success has to come but, we will go after it when we think we're ready. For instance, today there are so many scholarships that could be applied for, but many teenagers let the scholarships pass them by, even knowing that they may not be financially ready for college. Some act as if someone is going to knock on their front door and literally give scholarship money to them. At the same time many of my peers lack motivation. They tend to have the "I don't care" attitude. They seem to think that the negative decisions that they make now, won't affect them later in life. They carelessly go around flaunting their vicious attitudes, misbehaving, and avoiding their school work. They become easily manipulated by their peers, so their lack of motivation enhances. They also fail to remember they have the opportunities that our ancestors never had.

This represents pure chaos but luckily there is hope. The lack of motivation, peer pressure will fade over the years. Likewise the door to opportunity will be opened and