

WE NEED TO BE HEARD

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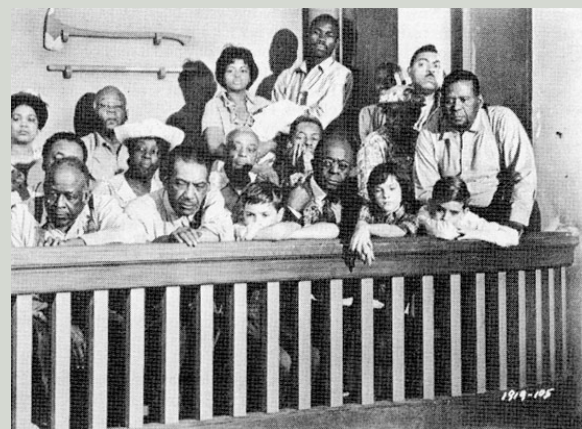
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As an educated citizen in the black community of Maycomb County, there are many things that need to be expressed about the case Robinson Vs. Ewell. This case showed unfairness toward the community. A tremendous amount of praise is being shown for Mr Atticus Finch's Fairness throughout the whole trial. His actions showed dedication to his job and people of his town no matter what race. Mr. Finch is a caring, thoughtful, and dedicated man. Though we praise him for his generosity, the case and its aftermath was unfair to the black community.

The trial, Tom Robinson Vs. Mayella Ewell, took place this summer at the courthouse. I myself was not there to witness the case but my kids and pastor told me everything that occurred. The information that was brought forth was not fair in Tom Robinson's' case. Jem said, "Tom said he felt sorry for Mayella and the courtroom went silent. He worded his words wrong. A little mistake and he got sent to jail. That's not fair. There is no way he could have raped Mayella Ewell."

Tom didn't have a chance to win against an all white jury. He made one little mistake by his choice of words. Although the truth came out at the end by that time all hope was lost for Tom.

The verdict of the case was not fair do to the circumstances. There is no way Tom was capable of the charges he was accused of. Appreciation and thanks is given to Mr. Cunningham, even though he changed his verdict. Because of Mr. Finch's amazing closing statement a long deliberation for the verdict occurred. Mr. Cunningham was the only person on the jury who found Tom to be innocent. These hours of deliberation consist of trying to change the mind of Mr. Cunningham.



When the death of Tom Robinson was announced retaliation may have been the answer but it wasn't a good choice. Rev. Sykes prevented the black community from retaliating. His actions showed control. The rest of the community was probably waiting for a riot or flashmob but that wouldn't make the black community any better than Bob Ewell. Not taking action surprised Maycomb County. It proved that the black community had control. They were given bad news but good attitudes and actions were shown.

Having worked for the Finches most of my life helped me get to learn more about them. They are decent and truly loving people. Mr. Atticus Finch is a loving father and he is dedicated to them. He is a risk taker. Taking on a job, no other lawyer would take, caused a lot of controversy throughout the town. His true self was shown throughout the entire case. Respect, love, kindness, and commitment were displayed. There wasn't one time that he acted differently. His devotion to the case was praised. He was not only praised by the black community but by some citizens of Maycomb County. He may not

have won the case but his goal was accomplished. The goal being to get the truth out. He already knew the outcome of the trial but if the truth actually came out there may have been hope for Tom Robinson.

As a black citizen of Maycomb County many things needed to be expressed to the town. Such as the black community's' views on the case Robinson Vs. Ewell and its aftermath. We needed to be heard because our opinions matter as well. Many things occurred due to this trial and a lot of opinions were expressed. Tom Robinson spent thirty days in jail. He isn't perfect but he couldn't have physically raped Mayella Ewell.

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