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Every time the news of an event makes the newspaper headlines, people tend to think of its importance in regards to the present day. However, these current events seen and heard by today’s youth give them tremendous power over the future. One notable example is Barack Obama’s victory in the most recent presidential election, making him the first African-American president-elect. While listening to his victory speech, one could have pondered the thoughts that were going through the minds of children. Moments like these are easily branded into open, youthful minds.

As an adult, seeing an African-American be elected as president of the United States could seem like a total alteration in society. However, through the eyes of a child, it is nothing but new knowledge. “The president is black, what’s the big deal?” one might ask. An innocent mind not yet tainted by prejudice in the world would be more accepting of this idea than that of an experienced adult. These children with fresh ideas are who the country is counting on for a brighter, peaceful future. Believing that an African-American president is normal and not controversial is vital in becoming a more unified country. This ability to think and believe is what gives the youth of the country such great power.

Watching Barack Obama enter the White House can also spark a hidden ambition within the country’s youth. There are probably many African-Americans in this country who have grown up overlooking the idea of becoming president of the United States because they have never seen it happen before. However, with the birth of a new generation, dreams are fashioned and the chronic despair becomes obsolete. Young African-Americans can now look at Barack Obama and see hope. They can see themselves becoming president one day. Even if becoming president is not what they

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desire, children are still shown that they can become whatever they wish to be, regardless of their race. This hope allows this generation to hold their heads a little bit higher than those in the past. These recent events have given the country's youth the power to dream and become leaders that will shape the future.

Though they may not see it now, the country's youth holds great power and the potential to maintain a pleasant society that will make up the United States. They have the power to see past race and coexist within the diversity of the country. Doors have been opened that were thought to have been locked for eternity. Now it can be anticipated that today's youth, with their power, can turn the country into a colorblind union.

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