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The murder of George Perry Floyd Jr. in Minneapolis has re-invigorated the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States, and has led to societal discussion on discrimination, biased and unfair treatment, unequal access to opportunities and outright violence and persecution based on race.

While the triggering event is rooted in the American history of race relations, almost all societies on Earth are heterogenous to some degree, and almost none are free from discrimination in some form, be it on the basis of gender, race, religion, language, wealth, social status, sexual orientation or the like. A common problem is that the rules, mores and laws of society are often shaped by those with power, wealth and influence. These actors often benefit from protecting the status quo, resulting in laws that reserve rights and benefits for the well-positioned.

We, the students of Global Studies, have the privilege of writing our own constitution and setting down the rules for our (small) society. How can we ensure that our rules don't disadvantage some of us?