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The Impacts of Lying

Renne Nicole Good is a victim of a shooting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This event occurred because an ICE agent, or Immigration Customs and Enforcement agent, shot this woman while she was driving her car. Trump replied to this action by saying, "I have just viewed the clip of the event which took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is a horrible thing to watch. The woman screaming was, obviously, a professional agitator, and the woman driving the car was very disorderly, obstructing and resisting, who then violently, willfully, and viciously ran over the ICE Officer, who seems to have shot her in self defense. Based on the attached clip, it is hard to believe he is alive but is now recovering in the hospital. The situation is being studied, in its entirety, but the reason these incidents are happening is because the Radical Left is threatening, assaulting, and targeting out Law Enforcement Officers and ICE Agents on a daily basis. They are just trying to do the job of MAKING AMERICA SAFE. We need to stand by and protect our Law Enforcement Officers from this Radical Left Movement of Violence and Hate!" This shows how anyone would spread fake rumors, even the President of our country, just to act like ICE did nothing wrong and were just doing their job. Also, some people probably believed him and believed that ICE was only doing their job and not hurting anyone, and in this scenario that was false information. If someone has to lie about the truth because the truth is so bad, then why is that same person letting it happen?

When I saw this video, I was mortified that that situation even occurred. The mayor of Minneapolis did not want ICE there and told them to leave. I believe that anyone who came to America and had a purpose to do evil to this country should be deported, but I do not believe that they should be killed in the process. Also, this woman was not here illegally and was an American citizen so it should not have happened in the first place. These agents' sole purpose is to keep felons out of the country, and they should stick to that. I think just two sentences that President Obama said made this point perfectly. He said, "Felons, not families. Criminals, not children." While he did deport immigrants back to their home, he had a real reason for it. Children are going to school worrying about whether or not they will come home to see their mom or dad again, and that should be a problem that no one should worry about, especially a child.

ICE officers have no mercy for these people, and sometimes they do not even let the citizen that is in the process of being deported show them their identification. I understand that this is their job, and they are supposed to arrest immigrants who plan for wrongdoing out of the country, but I think at the least they should let people show them that they are an American citizen, even though they may look Hispanic. I also think that even if they may have come here illegally, these officers or someone should see the reason. Officers should see the reason because it is much different if someone came to America

for a new life, then if someone came to destroy others' lives. If someone came to America illegally but came here to make a life for themselves, I think that they should be able to come and just have to get citizenship later on. America is supposed to be a country with diversity and where everyone and anyone is welcome, but at this rate, it is the opposite of that.

As I grew up, I was always told that everyone is supposed to be welcoming to everyone, no matter what they look like. That is because it only matters what they look like on the inside. I would think that most people would be told that, too. So, if they were or if they had a bit of dignity and kindness in their heart, I would think that they would be nice to everyone. But with this situation that occurred, it shows that people will do whatever it takes just to get approval, even if that means murdering someone in the process. Today's society is so concerned about the approval of others that they do not even do what they think is right. If you just stop and look into your heart, I guarantee that you will make the right decision.