

Troy's Address for Junior State of America

It is now. It is now that a powerful voice is heard. It is now, the time when the greatest insight is heard, insight. . . in the clarity of youth. Minds and thoughts and visions, uncorrupted by the false worries of adulthood, not yet skewed [by] ensnaring worlds of media and society. Young minds with thoughts surpassing those of past generations, past mistakes-minds able to see the errors of the past because they are not yet caught in the momentum of the world, not yet.

We are the light of the future; if not capturing our valuable visions, we are losing our opportunity for greatness not yet seen. I believe that the very fabric of our lives is about to be placed in our hands, and the rights of our humanity are to be remembered and fought for and placed above all. ... If we find ourselves in the blur of false concerns, who will concern themselves with what is right and true? [Our] duty unto others and unto us: to fight injustice, never to forget what is truly important. . . .

The power of leadership lies in the strength of the group, of all: the unity of ideas, the communication of beliefs, the truth that selfless efforts [are] the catalysts of strength beyond the individual. I believe that members of this generation see a common cause, see equally the importance of action, of voice. Any member holds within. . . the capacity for greatness and ideals that transcend. . . distorted precepts of society. And so, I can not assert myself as a greater . . . individual than any around me. I can not ask for a light to be cast on my attributes because I believe that we can see our attributes only when used in collective efforts to benefit all. But I can say that I stand for protection and projection of the minds and voices of the common good. When we eliminate all self-interest, truth is found.