

The story we tell about poverty isn't true by Mia Birdsong

Birdsong talks about multiple stories of people who live in poverty and the constant work they do to achieve their American Dream. The purpose of the video is to depict the lower class in America and how the way we have been depicting them isn't correct. There are many success stories, like of a group of ladies who started a cleaning and babysitting business that does very well. Doing this has given the women a bit of financial stability knowing they have extra money to support their families. There are many success stories like this that Birdsong tells, but the point is still made that sometimes hard work is not enough to make a change in lifestyles. What needs to at least change is the view we have on people like this.

The way we view poverty is very different than it actually is. We may see it as people who aren't trying to get a job, or just need to get a proper education. Others may see it as lazy people who lie and steal in order to get money, and that they deserve to be where they are, but that is not the case at all. We see them as poor people on the street, but many people living in poverty are struggling, fighting as hard as they can to bring themselves up and chase their American Dream of a better life for them and their families. This is a good example of the American Dream and whether or not it is accessible. Many argue it is not, but the people in the stories Birdsong tells are an example of hope, and that the American Dream is all about hard work in order to accomplish your goals. That's what fuels the American Dream, despite the fact that in most cases, this hard work won't be enough. There are millions of people who may or may not be able to climb out of poverty despite their efforts, but it's important that our views of these people is different, and that will be the start of a change in society.