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Standing Up For Human Rights 2019

What is Happening to Human Rights in the World



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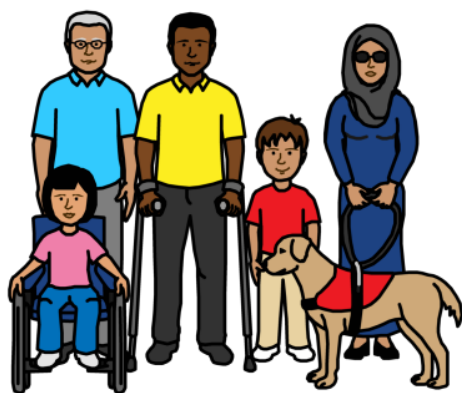
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We are called Human Rights Watch.

Human rights are rights that everyone has.

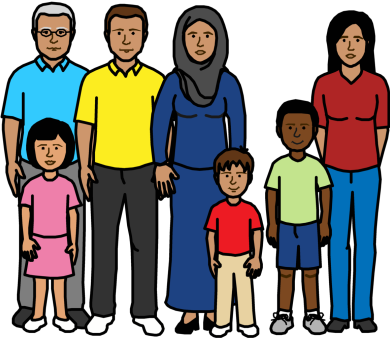
Like the right to:

- Be treated fairly and be safe
- Speak up and have a say
- Go to school and work
- Have a family and a place to live
- Use everything in the community, like transport, buildings and information



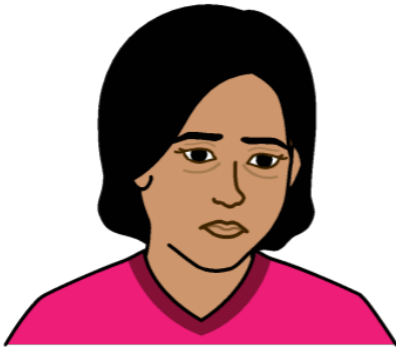
We work to make sure that everyone in the world is treated fairly and gets their human rights.

About this report



This report is about our human rights and what we found is happening to human rights in the world.

What is happening to human rights in the world?



It is a hard time for human rights at the moment.



For example, many leaders in the world have done bad things to people.

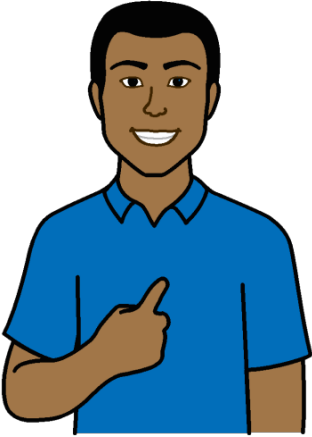
They have tried to stop people getting their human rights.



But many people in the world do not like what is happening.

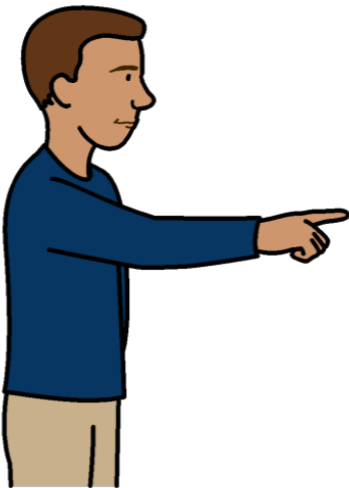
They believe in human rights and are doing more to stand up for human rights.

Why are human rights in danger?



Some leaders in the world are working against human rights.

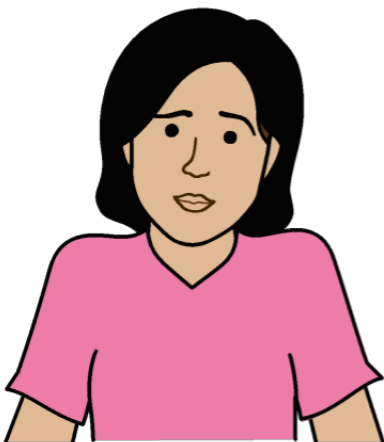
They may do bad things to other people so they can stay in charge.



They may blame certain groups of people for problems in the country.

For example, they may blame people from other countries or religions.

People may believe what the leaders say and want them to do something about it.



The leaders may make it harder for people to:

- Stand up for human rights
- Stop what the leaders are doing

This can put human rights in danger and cause big problems for the country.

Some big human rights problems in the world



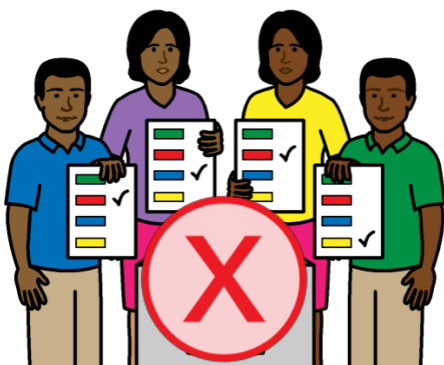
There have been big human rights problems in many countries, such as:

- Yemen
- Hungary
- Syria
- Venezuela
- Philippines
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- China
- United States
- Myanmar
- Turkey
- Egypt
- Russia



For example, some leaders have:

- Started violence that has hurt or killed many people
- Tried to stop people speaking out against them
- Sent some people to prison for saying what they believe in
- Tried to stay in charge by stopping people choosing another leader



People from other countries



Refugees are people who are forced to leave their countries because of problems like war and violence.

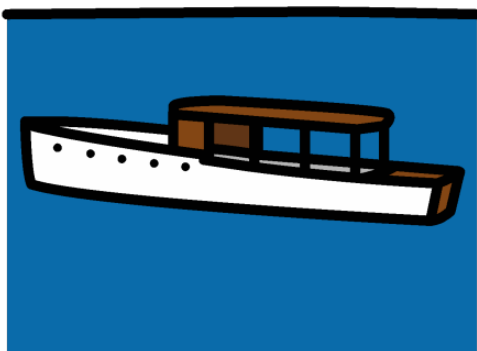
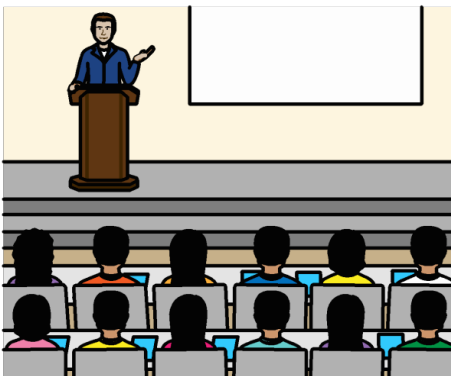
They go to other countries to try to be safe.



Migrants are people who go to other countries to look for work.

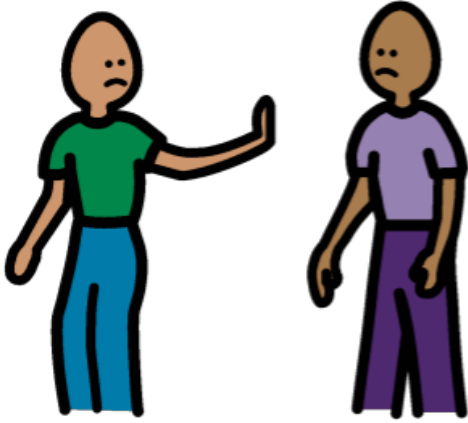
Some leaders have:

- Said bad things about new people coming to their countries
- Tried to stop people who need help coming to their countries.



For example, some leaders in Europe have tried to stop people arriving by boat.

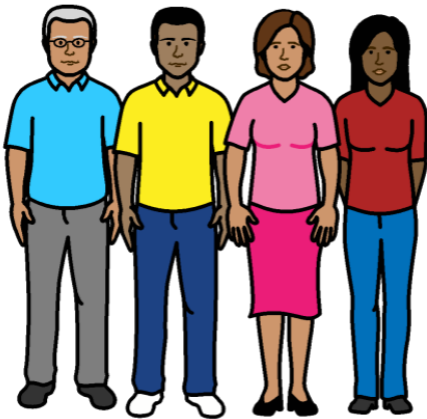
People in the boats have been left in danger because of this.



Some leaders have tried to stop people getting help if they do arrive.

They have done this even if people have the right to ask for help.

Standing up for human rights



There have been some big human rights problems in the world.

But many governments and people have joined together to do something about them.



The United Nations

The United Nations is an organization of 193 countries from around the world.



There is a group in the United Nations called the Human Rights Council.

They have worked to stop big human rights problems in the world.

Venezuela

The Human Rights Council is taking action against the leader of Venezuela.

The leader of Venezuela has caused big problems for the country.

Now people find it hard to get the food and medicine they need.



Myanmar

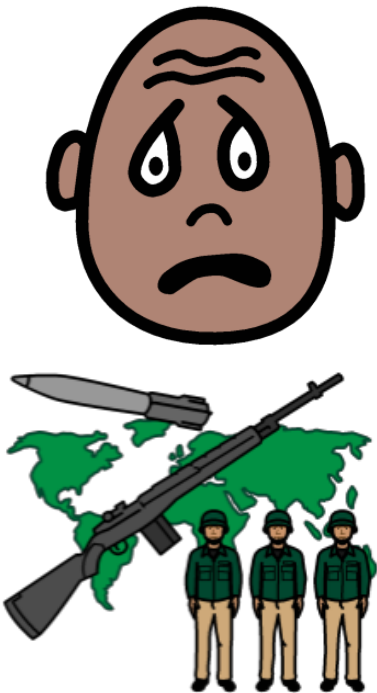
The army in Myanmar has hurt and killed many Muslim people.

The Human Rights Council has started looking into these crimes and getting information about them.

This is so something can be done about the crimes later on.



Yemen



The Human Rights Council has started looking into war crimes in Yemen.

Many people in Yemen have been hurt, killed or left without food and water.

This is because of a war by Saudi Arabia and other countries against a group of fighters in Yemen.

Other governments and people standing up for human rights

Other governments and people have worked to stop leaders doing bad things.



People in Malaysia, the Maldives, Armenia and Ethiopia said no to leaders that caused human rights problems.

They chose other leaders instead.



A leader in Poland tried to change the judges in court.

He only wanted judges that agreed with him.



Many people in Poland said they were unhappy with the leader changing the judges.

And a big court in Europe stopped it from happening.



People also stood up to the president of the United States.

The president wanted to stop people who need help coming to live in the United States.



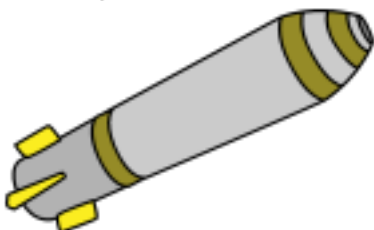
He kept many children away from their families if the families tried to come to the United States.

Many people said this was wrong.

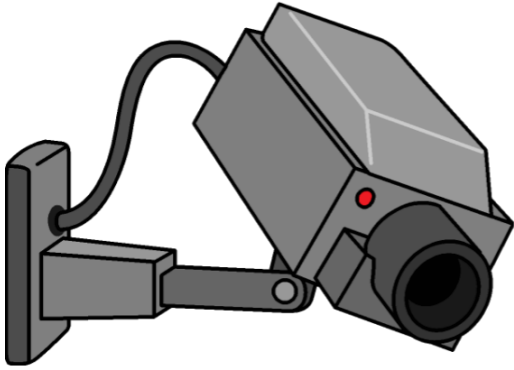


Governments have also worked together to:

- Keep more people in Syria safe from war
- Start finding out who is using weapons called chemical weapons.



Chemical weapons are very bad and can kill people. Countries are not allowed to use them



- Stop China working against human rights.

China is using cameras outside to check on people and find out about their lives.

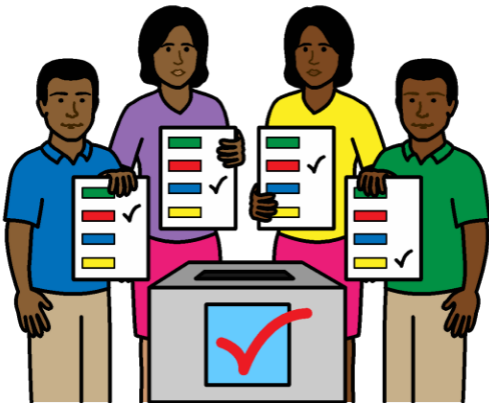


China is also doing bad things to some Muslim people.

China is keeping some Muslim people locked in camps and trying to change their religion and way of life

Africa

Governments and people in Africa have worked to:



- Make sure the president of the Democratic Republic of Congo lets the country choose another leader.

The president wanted to stay in charge even though the law said he had to leave



Governments and people in Africa have also worked to:

- Make sure countries in Africa stay part of the International Criminal Court.

The International Criminal Court decides if people have done very bad things.

For example, killing many men, women and children during a war.

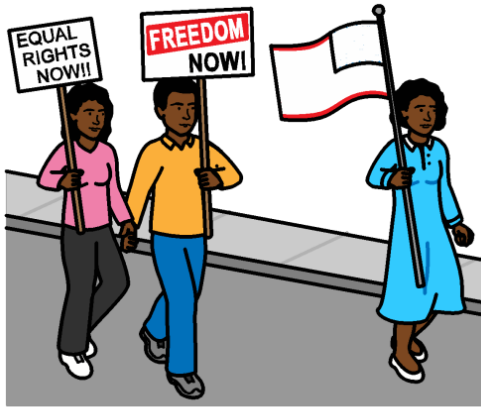
Only one country in Africa has left the Court.



Many countries who have worked together to stop human rights problems have been smaller countries.



They have done this even when leaders of some bigger countries did nothing or tried to stop it.



Human rights have been put in danger.

But many people have worked together to change this.

This shows that human rights are still important and worth fighting for.