Human Rights in Danger

What is Happening to Human Rights in the World
Who we are

We are called Human Rights Watch.

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

What is this report about?

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

Human rights are rights that everyone has.

Like the right to:

- be treated fairly
- go to school
- have a family
- be safe.
Everyone needs human rights.

Human rights are there to keep us all safe.

They help stop governments and others from treating us badly.

But some people today do not think about human rights like this.

They think human rights are a problem.

This report looks at some things that are happening in the world and why our human rights are in danger.
Many people today are worried or upset about things happening in the world, like:

- not enough good jobs for people

- terrorism, where people use bombs and guns to kill people to make a point

- people coming from other countries to live in their country

- people from different cultures and religions living in the same country.

What is happening with human rights?
Some people feel that governments are not listening to their worries or doing anything about them.

This is putting our human rights in danger.

For example:

- Some people are saying wrong things about human rights.

  They say that human rights keep some people safe but not others.

- Some people think that human rights are bad because of this.

- People may blame other people for their problems.

  For example, they may think that everyone who comes to their country from other countries is a problem.

  But this is not true.
Some governments in the world are putting human rights in danger.

For example, some governments are:

- trying to stop people from other countries who are in danger from coming to Europe to be safe
- making it hard for people to say what they think if they do not agree with the government
- not keeping some groups of people in their country safe
- attacking or killing people in their country.
The United States (US)

Donald Trump is the next president of the US.

He has said many things against human rights.

For example, he has:

- said false things about people who have come to the US from other countries
- blamed them for problems with money and jobs
- made fun of someone with a disability
- talked about taking away some rights that women have.
Europe

Some leaders have said bad things about people who have come to Europe from other countries.

Many people have come to Europe because of war or big problems in their countries.

Many people from other countries have lived in Europe for a long time and have families and jobs there.

Governments should make sure they are treated fairly and get their rights.
Turkey, Egypt, Russia, China and Venezuela

Governments in these countries have done things like:

- tried to stop people from speaking out against the government
- tried to stop groups that help people with their human rights
- kept people in prison without giving them a fair trial in court.
Africa

Some leaders in Africa have done things like:

- changed the law or used violence to help them stay in power for a long time
- tried to stop people from speaking out against them.

Some leaders in Africa said they will stop being 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.
Syria

There is a war in Syria.

The leader of Syria is stopping women, men and children in Syria from having their human rights.

The leader has caused many people to be killed or to leave Syria.

Russia is helping Syria in the war.

The rest of the world has not done enough to stop the problems in Syria.
What needs to happen?

The world needs to make sure that human rights are important again.

People in the world need to speak out in support of human rights and say why they are important.

This will help make the world better and safer for everyone.

Everyone can help with this.

For example:

- groups that help people get and keep their human rights
- the media, like newspapers, TV, radio and the internet
- governments
- you, me, and everyone else.