

Laws of Life Essay

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Boldness is essential for a more inclusive society. I feel like there are a million versions of who I could have become, and specific events have made me who I am today. One of the most relevant events was the birth of my younger brother. In my younger years, I heard that inclusivity was about accepting that we were all different. But now, I feel like being inclusive is not only accepting but also being welcoming.

Before my younger brother, I had all the attention to myself. So, it wouldn't be weird for a four-year-old to be upset about getting a little brother. But all my friends were going to have siblings, so I was excited. XXXX, my younger brother, was born on August XXth. He had black hair and brown skin just like me. When he came home for the first time, he couldn't stop crying, and I kept telling my mom to take him to the hospital. At that same time, my friend's siblings were born, and they would talk about how their brothers could say 'mama' or 'papa'. Meanwhile, my brother didn't even look whenever we said his name. I was really sad because every day my friends had exciting news about their baby brothers, and I had nothing.

My grandma thought he was deaf, but he could hear the TV and the cars on the street. One day my mother saw a lady on TV talking about how her son did the same thing, and he turned out to be autistic. So my mom took XXXX to a bunch of doctors, and they all said he had autism. A doctor even said he would not be able to play with other kids. And when family members got the news, they acted like he would be the loneliest child ever. But nowadays, XXXXs has lots of friends, and he loves to play with them.

When I see a person with specific needs, I always feel the need to include them because I would appreciate it if that was my brother, and someone did the same thing. Some people might think that nowadays, people are "too bold," and that everything is taken too seriously. But even though there are kind-hearted and inclusive people, there are also extremely misinformed and ignorant people.

Last year, my mom, my sister, my brother, and I were at Disney World, in a roller coaster queue. It was hot, and we were in a very small space, so my brother got hectic and accidentally bumped into the lady in front of us. She was mean about it, and even after my mom told her he had autism, she continued telling my mom to 'control' him, like he was some sort of dog. If she was bolder, she would have been more understanding. And that is why I believe that for us to have an inclusive society, we should be bolder.