



**WHERE**



**IS**



**OUR FAMILY**

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# ALL OF MY FAMILY

Brothers of all colors  
Sisters of all colors  
We unite under one  
nation  
Under God

Unity has been abolished  
Our family has been divided  
We are trapped on an island of hatred  
Our brother can't return home  
Our sister is too broken to make her way back  
You watch our family fall apart

Every day, Every hour, Every minute

Our bodies

Laid to rest

Blood smothered

over our chest

The gun still smoking from the bullet that left it

Watch as their bodies fade to dust

Listen as the screams turn into prayers

Feel the pain as we lose our family

You may not feel the connection but you hear their name

Nicolas Elizade was our brother

Breonna Taylor was our sister

Yet our family killed them

Our unity has been split

By the blade of hatred

Cut so deep

Make it bleed like the damn

Bullet in their spleen

Nobody dares get in between

Tell them the hatred is fiend

Yet we call on our police

The same police that say

Their gonna clean up our streets

The same police that thinks their justice

No justice No peace

How you justice when I die because of a faulty light

How you justice because I wore too much black one night

"Stop Resisting" Yet i'm the only one acting right

I can't breathe because my anxiety is through the roof

Your hand on your gun doesn't make me think  
This gonna end smooth  
Built 6'4, weighing bout 220  
This isn't an introduction to an nba starter  
This is the description we fit  
Boy you sentenced life  
Even if you ain't done shit  
We need to put a shield over our family  
Let the barbaric chaos stay out  
Let our brothers be vulnerable  
Let our sisters be protected  
Remember our lost  
Educate our young  
Protect our true justice  
Unite  
Under One Nation  
Under God

***PROTECT OUR  
FAMILY***

**ENOUGH**

haunted

PHIA DENVER HOUSTON  
SAN ANTONIO  
MONTGOMERY  
M  
CHICAGO  
ATLANTA  
AUGUSTA

**WARS**

years

**WHEN ARE WE  
GOING TO DO  
SOMETHING?**

**View**

**The**

**JUSTICE**

**AMERICAN**

**HOPES**

**OPEN YOUR EYES**

"Enough haunted time  
Enough Wars"

Haunted Years, When are we going to do  
something"

"View The Justice"

"The American Hopes"

# Interview with Chris Lopez

Mr. Lopez is a good friend of mine. African American Male Senior at SLA Beeber. Although he is a student he has strong political views on the issue of gun violence in America. You will see first hand, his thoughts and ideas in this interview

## Interview

Chris Lopez: My name is Chris Lopez, I'm in 12th grade

Aaron Foy: Alright Chris my first question for you is... What do you feel is the reason as to why gun violence is so common in American society? (Over 110 Americans are killed by guns every day)

Chris Lopez: Majority of Americans have access to guns, even people who don't own one may know someone who does and get access to a gun through them. I believe it won't be as common in our society if the availability of guns was decreased.

Aaron Foy: So, you believe that stricter gun control laws would prevent gun deaths/incidents from happening as often?

Chris Lopez: People have become irresponsible with their guns and kill people across the nation whether it be out of jealousy, hatred, drama or whatever it may be. I believe that if our country would become stricter on the way we allowed people to obtain guns we wouldn't have as many issues.

Aaron Foy: If you were put into the position of being able to change some laws and enforce strict gun laws, what laws exactly would you enforce?

Chris Lopez: Background Checks on all gun merchants (even if they're past consumers), Unfortunately people have bad intentions and mental illness which can lead to the harm of others. Also putting merchants through tests to see if they understand how to work the gun, and what to do to guarantee their safety and others.

Aaron Foy: I totally agree these should be rules enforced for our safety. Next Question, in my poem, "All of My Family", I wish to project the idea that America is a family. In our national anthem it states, "One Nation, Under God". Do you feel this statement has been upheld as a "United Nation"?

Chris Lopez: If you're asking if I feel united as a nation, the simple answer is no over these past years. Being in a pandemic and witnessing such traumatic events such as Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Aubery, Mass Shootings in Schools, Churches. This has not been an accurate representation of our United Nation.

Aaron Foy: More than likely you have been affected by gun violence whether it be directly or indirectly. Would you say that these deadly interactions stem from hatred, whether it be from deadly shootings or suicide?

Chris Lopez: People have hatred in their hearts and it connects to multiple groups whether it be a race, gender, ethnicity, location, looks, no matter what it is there is a hatred that poisons people to harm others.



# Artist: Aaron Foy

With this Project I wanted to use my mental process behind the way the nation is such a hateful place. I put my creative spin into what I believe is a beautiful poem, an impactful collage and an engaging interview.

I based my poem submission off of Audre Lorde's Poem "Power". I used the same length of stanzas, Imagery, vulgar language, and real word examples

My creative Submission was used as a connection piece from my poem but to create a new vocal point. Open Your Eyes may not look like much but it's the message that projects itself. We as a nation have been blinded and numb to the pain of gun violence and we need to "Open Our Eyes"

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