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The moments that change us the most are those that open our eyes to new, unknown and impressive things, regardless of the nature of such things or events. During four weeks we have had the opportunity to share with a group of students and open our eyes to a reality that is everywhere around us and yet we somehow manage to look past. Unfortunately, in this case, this new, unknown, and impressive thing was the cruelty of discrimination, racism and human rights violations.

We have always heard that with every bad comes an even bigger good, and a great opportunity to better ourselves and learn. The good we found in this occasion is compassion, understanding, empathy, consciousness, and awareness, although it took a lot of courage to get there.

When we started our collaboration, we all had an idea of what the situations are in regards to human rights in each of our countries, which anyone would say are completely different from each other, but to our surprise, turned out that we share some unpleasant similarities.

As we began to exchange information about different situations, presented to us through reports, documentaries, pictures and articles. I was amazed at the protective and judgmental attitudes towards those with whom we are not familiar. I was amazed at how we create these barriers amongst ourselves only because there are political boundaries and interests between us. But mostly, I was amazed at the lack of respect for humanity and the horrible treatment that people can receive.

On the other hand, we have also learned about the bonds of people with their land, and the struggle to keep what is sacred to us, in the case of Guatemala; and we have learned about the fears that some have of their own land and countries, that force them to seek different alternatives, like the case of those who immigrate to Italy.

Though there are many things in which our countries differ, there are some very important things that we share, like kind spirits and good hearts. I would have loved to say that we all possess these two things, but the reality is that the majorities in our countries do not share the views and values that us URL and Padua students do. It was very hard to open our eyes to the things that people go through because of horrible influences in many of our minds.

In the other hand, this collaboration has brought to us an incredible awareness that has risen in us, an awareness that transcends, that influences and overcomes adversity. I feel proud to say that together we have shared opinions, points of view, and information that have made us reflect and have given us an incentive to plan the seed of good in the minds of those who don't understand us yet.

I feel infinitely proud of our generation of students and the values that characterize and unite us. I feel confident that with great and talented people like ourselves, future generations will not have to worry about these issues and will only look back at this as a lesson in history.

So thank you to everyone for changing a big part in every one of us, as a small group; and an even bigger thank you for being part of a movement that will someday create the same change in everybody else.