



Why leaders of the world should do more to stand up for human rights and stop all human rights problems



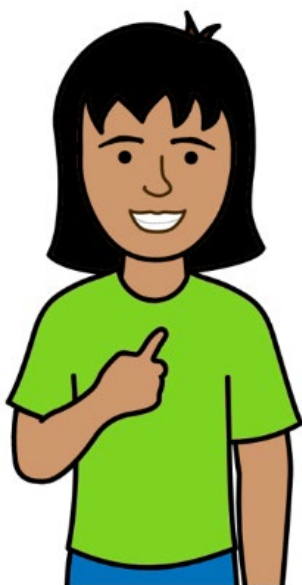
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About us

We are called Human Rights Watch.



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



Everyone has human rights. Human rights are about what should happen in everyone's lives.

For example, everyone has the right to:

- Be safe.
- Be treated fairly.
- Speak out and be heard.
- Go to school or work.

About this report

This report is about why leaders of the world should do more to stand up for everyone's human rights.

And to stop all human rights problems.



Leaders are the people who run countries.

They make big decisions for their country and the world.



That is why all leaders should follow human rights laws in the world.

They should make sure that everyone gets their human rights.



Many people have already worked hard to stand up for their human rights.

This shows what can be done and what all leaders in the world should do.



Bad things that have happened for human rights around the world

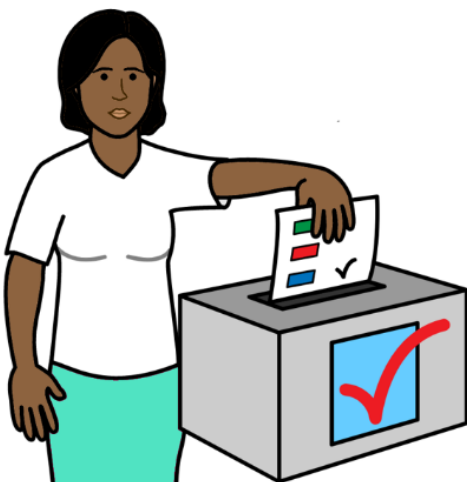


There have been many big human rights problems in the world.

But many leaders have not done enough to stop them.

This has made it easier for other leaders to do bad things to people as well.

Choosing leaders that work against human rights

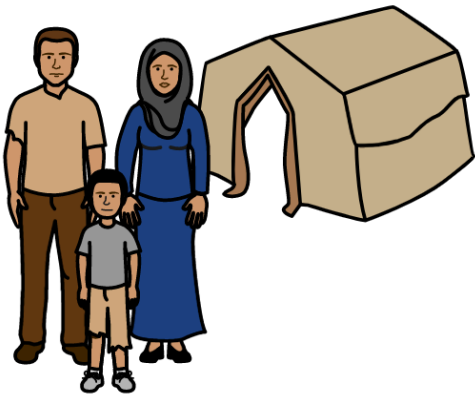


There have been many elections in the world in the last year.

Elections are when people choose who they want to run their country.



Some leaders who won these elections do not support everyone's human rights.



For example, some people may need to leave their countries because of war or other problems.

They want to come to other countries to be safe.

But some leaders want to make it hard for these people to come to their countries.

They say wrong things about these people.

For example, they say these people may be bad for the country or dangerous when it is not true.

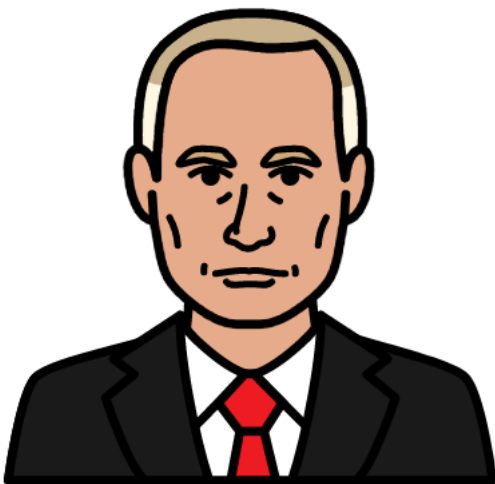


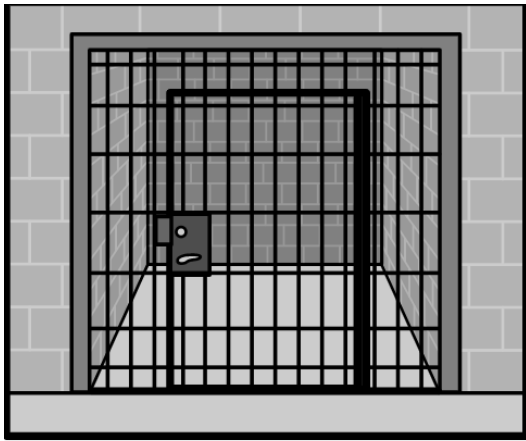
Doing bad things to people to get more power and control

Many leaders in the world want more power and control over other people.

Like the leaders of China, Russia, Venezuela, El Salvador, and Rwanda.

Many leaders try to stop people from saying things that the leaders do not agree with.





Some people may be hurt or killed for speaking out.

Or they may be put in prison.

Wars causing big human rights problems

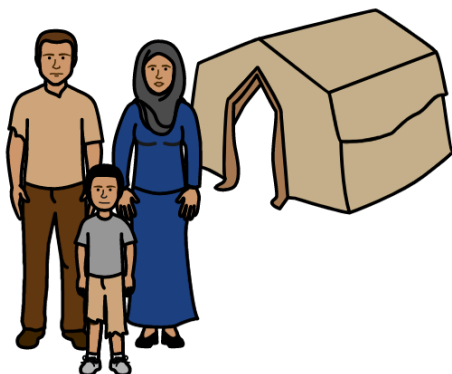


There are many wars in the world that are causing big human rights problems.

Many people who are not fighting have been hurt or killed in wars in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine.



Some people have been forced to have sex during war. That has happened most to women and girls.



Many people have to leave their homes during wars.



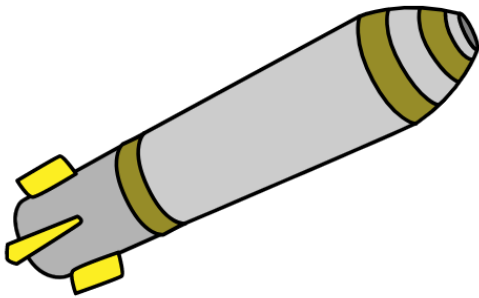
And many people do not have things they need to live.

Like food, water, medicine, and electricity.



The people fighting in wars have often broken laws in the world about keeping people safe.

For example, they have hurt or killed people who are not fighting.



But many leaders have not done enough to stop this from happening.

The leaders give weapons to armies in Israel, Gaza, and Sudan instead.

The weapons may be used to hurt and kill people who are not fighting.



That means some leaders say they believe in human rights.

But they may not do enough to keep people safe.



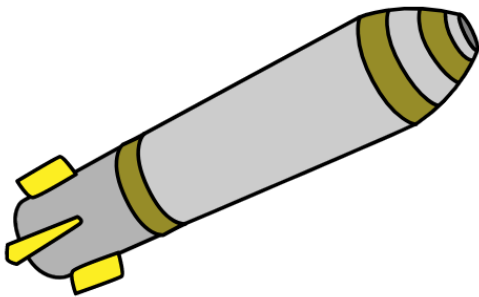
Some leaders have also spoken out about some human rights problems in the world.

But not about others.

The last leader of the United States said that the leader of Russia was doing bad things to many people in Ukraine.

But he did not say that the leader of Israel was doing bad things to many people in Gaza.

He gave Israel many weapons to use in Gaza instead.



People fighting for their human rights

Many leaders have done things that are bad for people's human rights.

But many people in the world have come together to try to stop that.





People have gotten together in countries such as:

- South Korea
- Bangladesh
- Georgia
- Venezuela
- Kenya



People got together to show they were unhappy with things like:

- Leaders trying to have too much power and control.
- Leaders trying to stop people from saying things that the leaders do not like.
- Leaders making it harder for people to get good jobs and enough money to live on.

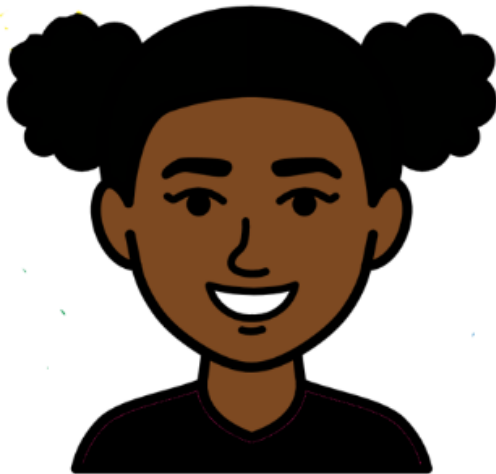




People have gotten together even when it was unsafe for them to do that.

They have shown that they do not want leaders who do those things.

People have helped to change some things by getting together.



The leader of Bangladesh stopped being the leader after many people got together.

And the leader of Kenya stopped some plans because many people did not like them.

Some leaders have also worked together to make life better for everyone.



For example, many leaders want to make a new law for the world. This is so that all children can go to school.

The leaders want all children to get free education when they are very young before primary school.

And free education at secondary school.



What leaders of the world should do now

Human rights are very important.

We all need human rights to be safe and to have a good life.

That means everyone should work to keep our human rights safe.

Leaders of the world should work much harder on this.

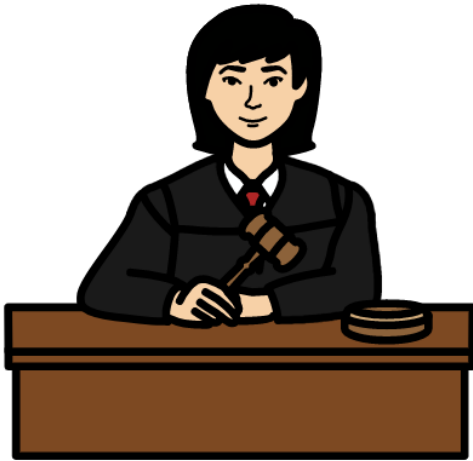
Leaders should always follow human rights laws in the world to keep everyone safe.

But many leaders are not following the laws.

Leaders should speak out about other leaders who are doing bad things to people.

Leaders who do bad things to people should face a court.





All leaders should also support a big court in the world.

It is called the **International Criminal Court**.

The court decides if people have done very bad things.

Like killing many people during a war who were not fighting.

This is very important for stopping human rights problems in the world.



The court now wants to do something about bad things that have happened to people in:

- Ukraine
- Palestine and Israel
- Myanmar
- Afghanistan
- Sudan
- Philippines
- Venezuela



Some leaders do not agree with the work of the court.

This is because the court could punish them or people in their country.



Leaders should also make sure that everyone can speak out about human rights.

That includes:

- Groups that support people's human rights.



- People who want to get together to show they are unhappy with the leaders.

- People who write about what is happening in the country.



These people do great work to show bad things that are happening.

They can help to keep everyone's human rights safe.



Their work shows that people still believe in human rights.

And that people will do everything they can to support human rights.