

Essay. Miami

I currently live in Florida, the sunshine state. My city, Miami, is one of the most diverse urban areas in the United States, where lots of different and exceptional cultures join together. This is something that makes my community so unique, but at the same time there has to be an extraordinary effort to combine all of our distinctive traditions through the same public educational system.

In my school, I have friends from all kinds of nationalities, most of them from Latin American countries, but also born and raised in the United States, Europe, and even Asia. It is obvious then, that all class of ethnicities come together in the same classroom for about 8 hours a day. This is why I consider that my environment profoundly enriches my personality, even without being aware of it. That particular issue cannot be left unnoticed. Not all of us started high school with the same healthy and helpful support from our families. Nevertheless, once we are in the school they treat every one of us personally, bearing in mind our economic and social situations, providing the free lunch to the ones that most need it, free advising, any kind of extracurricular activities that help having our minds out of trouble, and last but not least, free high quality education. They also provide us with free transportation to make it every day to class.

Apart from the school transportation, the public transport in Miami is less than satisfactory, starting from the bus system, to the trains or even sidewalks. If someone is considering not buying a car in Miami, that person will not be able to get to work on time, because of the very few lines and limited schedule offered. Of course, people who have always lived here, do not notice this phenomenon, but there where I come from, young people like me make their every commute by bus or metro, while they can read, chat, even study or do homework, on top of the most important matter that is helping minimize the environmental impact.

Consequently, buying a car turns out to be the only choice, contributing to everyday traffic jams and accidents in the high way and making unbearable to enjoy commuting. Therefore, I would encourage a shift in the way the community think nowadays about public transportation, which should be cheap, efficient and sustainable for everybody.