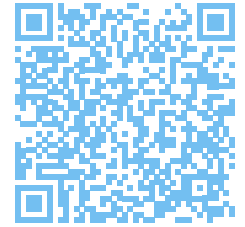


Extracts from The Danger of a Single Story by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



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So that is how to create a single story,
show a people as one thing,
as only one thing,
over and over again,
and that is what they become.

The single story creates stereotypes,
and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue,
but that they are incomplete.
They make one story become the only story.

The consequence of the single story is this:
It robs people of dignity.
It makes our recognition of our equal humanity difficult.
It emphasizes how we are different rather than how we are similar.

Stories matter.
Many stories matter.
Stories have been used to dispossess and to malign,
but stories can also be used to empower and to humanize.
Stories can break the dignity of a people,
but stories can also repair that broken dignity.