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**“If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things “ Albert Einstein**

Many people choose to be quite, take insults and even be beaten but now, ever since the

Egyptian revolution and many other things in the past people all over the world have been taking

a stand and bringing down their rulers who have treated them badly. Albert Einstein’s quote “If

you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things” best portrays that if you

want something never give up, don’t follow others and keep trying until you succeed. I agree

with this quote because people shouldn’t follow things they do not agree with, they should fight

for what they believe in and keep fighting until they succeed. The quote says in order to be

happy tie yourself to a goal and don’t follow others.

After reading this quote it reminded me of the Egyptian revolution. The people of Egypt

were being ruled for 30 years by a cruel man named Hosni Mubarak. He abused his people, took

their money, prisond innocent people and took over the government taking all power to himself.

The Egyptian people did not agree to this and decided to take action, through internet sources

such as twitter, Facebook and Skype all the people in Egypt began protesting in front of the

Egyptian capital and many other important government places. The Egyptians had a goal to bring

their ruler down and didn’t want to continue to follow his rules and be abused. They had a goal

just like what Albert Einstein said and wanted to have a happy life. So the Egyptian’s protested

and brought their ruler down. Many people afterwards have been doing protests all over the

world; they all had a goal, tied themselves to it and reached their goal. The Egyptian people

remind me of this quote they never gave up and continued to protest as many died to save their

country.

John Locke is an enlightenment thinker that would agree with this quote. He believed that

all men were free and equal at birth as well as that the “Citizens have the right to overthrow the

Government when their “natural rights” are violated”. The quote’s meaning of never give up,

don’t follow others and keep trying is agreeable with John Locke because he believed everyone

was free and had the freedom of speech. No one was supposed to follow something they didn’t

agree with or not like. He as well believed if they didn’t agree with something to overthrow them

and protest for what they believe in. John Locke believed that if a citizen didn’t like the rule of

their government they were able to protest and over through their ruler. If John Locke was with

the Egyptians protesting he would as well agree because he believed that if a person’s right was

broken like the Egyptians they can over throw. I also think that John Locke would agree with

this quote because he believed that “Rulers are given the right to govern by the people, and

unfair rulers can be forced from power” meaning is the ruler uses his power to much and uses it

against the citizens who have chosen him that the citizens can over throw him.