



'We still have a long way to go in terms of bettering ourselves, but we've come a long way from the beginning.'

ETHAN CHEN, NORTH RIDGE



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'I'm proud that we could become a nation that's bigger than what our founders envisioned.'

ELIANA PERETZ, FAIRFAX



'I very much hope that culturally we cut out a lot of the bigotry. ... We were on a big upswing for a while, and then it just kind of went south real bad.'

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