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RESPONSE:

As someone who is familiar with the systemic aspect of racism and how it permeates into all aspects of society, I was expecting the food insecurity disparities in between white and black women. However, I was not expecting there to be significant disparities among those of different sexual orientations. For me, that study really emphasized the importance of intersectionality and understanding how individuals can be held back because of different aspects of their identity.

Similarly, I was somewhat aware of the food insecurity issue on college campuses, but the extent of the problem's severity shocked me. The fact that 40% of university students are food insecure simply did not make sense for a country of the United States' position.

Pittsburgh undoubtedly has an issue with food insecurity, particularly with food apartheid. The city's hilly geography makes it all the more difficult for marginalized/low-income communities to gain access to healthy food retailers. There are multiple local organizations spearheading efforts to combat food insecurity and nutritional inequality in Pittsburgh. These organizations are doing wonderful work, and as Danielle Nierenberg said, the influence of their actions could be magnified by federal assistance.

As students, what we can do is help bring the necessary federal resources to these organizations by voting for the correct legislators. Oftentimes, I feel that food insecurity is an issue that is not considered when choosing who to vote for, but it is such an important and prevalent issue that it simply can not be ignored. In a few years, most of us will have the ability to vote. By educating ourselves on our political leaders and harnessing that voting power, we can make significant change.

Personally, I will take action by aiming to educate high school students on policy changes surrounding food insecurity, both the importance of it and the nuances of it. I will accomplish this by working with my school's FCCLA club, which already has a sustainability oriented mini organization within it.

CAPTIONS:

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Instagram post I made on canva:

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