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Essay Question

Looking at this question I immediately want to say that I would fight for change, that change where exactly you may ask, well in the world racial discrimination has been an issue for as long as I could remember. But I do not want to focus on just racial discrimination itself but this issue in the healthcare field. Over the last decade the Black Maternal Mortality rate has increased tremendously due to racial disparities, the most known one is that some doctors believe that black women can handle more pain during childbirth than any other race. This belief leads doctors to believe that they aren't in as much pain as they say they are and in extreme cases this leads to the death of black women while giving birth or during postpartum health. As you may already know African Americans have more risk factors of developing hypertension, diabetes, and obesity than our white counterparts. My personal belief is that minorities have never been offered the same quality health care as the other races. Therefore these are the reasons I would make the decision to fight for change for the rest of my life.