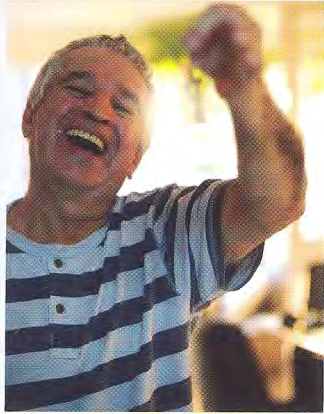


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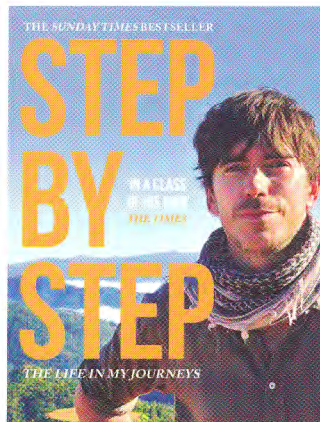


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Indifference in society needs to be challenged

Is the world becoming a better place? The conviction of Derek Chauvin for murdering George Floyd is a step in the right direction. But it hasn't ended discrimination against black American's overnight.

Science is yielding a major victory against Covid-19 in the UK. But the virus remains a threat in many other countries..

Society's treatment of autistic people and people with learning disabilities has moved away from institutionalised asylums but we have effectively replaced those places with hospital assessment and treatment units.

The end of this month marks ten years since the shocking abuse of inpatients at the privately-run Winterbourne View Hospital was exposed by BBC's *Panorama*.

In response, everyone agreed community-based care was the way forward and yet scandalously it hasn't happened. Worst still, abuses have continued to be uncovered at other hospitals.

The fact that once admitted autistic people and people with learning disabilities spend an average of almost six years in such units is also a scandal. But perhaps most scandalous of all is the lack of public outcry.

It suggests an indifference still exists within society that needs to be challenged.

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