THE POWER OF INCLUSION

Mainstream society has always been cruel to people who do not form the majority. People with physical disabilities, in particular, are faced with an apathetic, uncaring environment that pushes them into a state of feeling redundant and unwanted. Despite the prejudice and lack of facilities, many individuals have proven that with a little help they have much to offer society.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt. Jean Do. Sarah Bernhardt. What can the president of a country, an author of a best-selling novel and a popular stage actress have in common?

Franklin Roosevelt was the only president of the United States to be elected four times in a row. He also had several disabilities including vision impairment.

Jean Do was a well-known French journalist who wrote "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly", which was later adapted into an awarding-winning movie. After suffering from a heart attack, Do's body was paralyzed from head to toe and he could only move his left eyelid. It was then that he wrote the book by blinking when the correct letter was reached by a person slowly reciting the alphabet over and over again.