

RACISM STILL EXIST

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Racism can be defined as an advantage system based on race. It is a pandemic and a hierarchy that is deeply embedded within the United States society and minds

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and has become a virtually impossible system to escape. While a lot has changed for the past decades, prejudice and racism are one of the society's aspects that have been extremely different. For the positive record, society has changed its view on the minority people, especially on race. The view of black Americans has drastically evolved for the past recent years. In this 21st century, people see racism cases, but not immediately. This is proof that people have moved from where they used to be in terms of racism, but racism still presents itself in society, probably because older generations grew up with prejudice and bias to anyone that has a different skin color. Young people in America have grown up with the understanding that human beings were created equally, and thus cannot believe that racism exists in America unless they see it/ therefore, racism still exists in our society today due to lack of awareness, exposure by the media and the intrinsic nature of people. Mass media has a strong influence on America's young people. What is watched by the young population on televisions and magazines affects their real lives. Also, what is seen on the television skew the opinions and views of the young people on sensitive aspects of society, including racism. As the media tries to cover their news in the most newsworthy and captivating way as possible, they address them in the way people would want to hear. The media tend to sugar coat stories, thus hiding some important facts on these controversial racism stories. Recently, cases of murdering African-Americans have been on the rise (Von Robertson & Chaney, 2017). The most recent and talked one is the murder of George Floyd by the traffic cops in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Exposure of such cases by the media leads to protests from the public. Eventually, the youth grow up with the mentality that a certain race is inferior to the other, and keep this idea moving from one generation to another Although the American education system teaches on racial prejudices,

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closet racism is still being witnessed. The closet racists are not aware of their prejudices; rather they only get information from the textbooks presented by people believed to be knowledgeable enough to decide the materials to be used to raise awareness (Smith, 2018). Children have been coerced to believe in the system instead of being allowed to discuss these racial prejudices. Despite the topic of racism being taught in schools, the education system still records high cases of racism; since certain people and groups in the system tend to portray the characteristics more than others (Loewen, 2018). At a basic level, people that experience consistent racial discrimination are less assignable as closet racists. Through personal experiences with racial discrimination, such people have been afforded opportunities for discussions. It is tempting to think of racism as innate or natural since it has been and is still a prominent feature of many societies. Indeed, evolutionary psychologists have concluded so, and have tried to account for the present-day human characteristics in terms of survival benefit passed down by the ancestors. Logic states that racism is prevalent since it was beneficial for early humans to deprive other groups of resources (Treadwell, 2020). Otherwise, if they are altruistic and allowed groups to equally share resources, they would not have survived. In these terms, it is concluded that racism is a consequence of the highly efficient strategies for the economy. Racism is primarily a psychological trait; specifically, a defense mechanism that is generated by anxiety and insecurity feelings. Therefore, racism still exists since people have generalized prejudices, rather than perceiving it in terms of individual behavior and personalities. From the discussion, a person cannot be born a racist, but he learns discrimination from the environment in which he is brought up. it is one of the most significant issues that societies have been facing and fighting. Racism and prejudice present itself in

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almost every society and civilization throughout history. Even though the world has technologically and socially progressed in the last few decades, prejudice and racism still exist today.

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