

People perceive equality through success, but in reality, everyone is equal. Native Americans, African Americans/Blacks, Latinos/Hispanics, and Asians are battling for equality in today's society. Throughout history, these groups have always been seen as less than the average Caucasian American. Laws governing equality have undergone numerous modifications, and global difficulties have continued. Throughout the world society presumes Caucasians to be superior rather than inferior to cultures around them. Numerous movements have been made to secure freedom for African Americans, Asians, Native Americans, and Latinos, but will it ever be enough? The answer is no. Although there have been many improvements throughout time, there are also various setbacks.

Asians have been a primary target in society following the recent outbreak of Covid-19. Although they have been mistreated before this, they got more backlash from this pandemic than any other. People were furious to hear that this virus stemmed from China when they tend to eat things that are not good for you to eat. Who wouldn't be mad that a virus came to their country and is killing people one by one? This was one of the main problems, the death rates. Although the death rates rose from this virus they produced, they were the main country to be impacted by this virus, there were numerous deaths. Why should one person's mistake affect the whole culture? Articles such as "COVID-19 Has Driven Racism And Violence Against Asian Americans: Perspectives From 12 National Polls", in this article it talks about the downfall Asian Americans faced after the outbreak of Covid-19, "Recent racially motivated violence against

Asian Americans—including the March 2021 Atlanta spa shootings that killed eight Americans, among them six women of Asian descent—has added urgency to efforts to protect their health and safety after the COVID-19 pandemic.” From 2019 up until now, they are perceived as a threat to society.

Not only have Asians been taken advantage, The Native American community lies within this category. Centuries ago Christopher Columbus was said to have “founded” the United States, but in actuality, Native Amer were there first. He corrupted their land and homes so that white Americans could settle in. They felt like they were entitled to the land and that these Native Americans were “aliens, or creatures” unknown to humans. This caused the trail of tears. The Natives were told if they could not adapt to this lifestyle they need to move to another area destined for them. Columbus used harsh methods like using rats to spread diseases and famine. Being that people were starting to get sick, they decided to move westward to settle into a new space. Throughout the time period of the Trail of Tears, people were migrating through difficult landscapes and dying as well, Columbus didn't care what occurred during this transition just as long as they were away from the land. The Americans Used this land to plant crops and produce the cotton needed for the expansion of businesses. I believe this point in time is not spoken enough about, because in school kids are taught that Christopher Columbus discovered this land when in actuality it was Natives. An example of this time in history is shown in this article, “Columbus wasn’t the first to discover the New World. Indigenous people had been living there for centuries by the time he arrived in 1492 and Leif Eriksson and the Vikings beat him to it five centuries earlier. During his voyages through the Caribbean islands and the Central and South American coasts, Columbus came upon indigenous people whom he labeled “Indians.” Columbus and his men enslaved many of these native people and treated them with extreme

violence and brutality, according to History.com. Throughout his years in the Americas, Columbus forced natives to work for the sake of profits.”...” To prevent further rebellion, he would have the dead bodies paraded through the streets.” This exemplifies the brutal measures Columbus took to endure the European lifestyle on them or there would be consequences, forcing many to leave this land.

One of the biggest groups that have and still are being discriminated against are African Americans. There have been many instances of discriminatory and derogatory acts in America that have had a big impact on the black community. One impactful situation that hurt the community as a whole was when Breonna Taylor was shot and killed at just 26 years old in her house. There were various protests and commotion surrounding her death. The reason behind her death was because police officers poorly planned the raid and did not announce themselves, they saw the boyfriend reach for a gun and mistakingly shot Breonna Taylor. As police officers, you are taught to protect and serve the community, at this point in time they failed her, and put her life in danger. Although her killers were sentenced to jail, that is no justice for taking a life, an innocent one at that. The cause of this situation was “The police had been investigating two men who they believed were selling drugs out of a house that was far from Ms. Taylor’s home. But a judge had also signed a warrant allowing the police to search Ms. Taylor’s residence because the police said they believed that one of the men had used her apartment to receive packages.” The effect reloed in her death. They, later on, came to find out that she was not involved in any of the claims they had on her. Being black anywhere can make people think twice before believing your innocent, and I believe that the fact that they were a black couple the cops perceived this situation as an active threat.

In conclusion, these groups have made an impactful effect on the world as a whole. Although there have been many setbacks and difficulties within each culture, they managed to fight their way to what we know as freedom. Freedom is “the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.” But have we all reached that point? It's more about showing than just saying we are free, we need to feel free as a whole and not always be seen as less than Caucasians, who did not provide nearly as much as each culture did to forming this world and the many changes that have been made to improve humanity.

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