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During this class, I learned more about important ways of looking at society, like how people are divided by social class, race, and beliefs. One important thing we learned in this class is how different things work together to create different experiences for different groups of people in America. We have learned that mixing class and race can lead to certain groups being left out or ignored, which is not fair. We looked at how people's ideas about what is important and what they believe can make things unfair for some people.

Studying the Civil Rights Movement changed the way I think about race and society. I was very inspired by the stories of people who courageously fought for their rights even though they were treated unfairly and violently. The experience made me think about the fight for fairness for all races and how we still have more work to do in our world. Furthermore, by examining the Doctrine of Discovery and how it still affects Indigenous Peoples, it was shown how Native Americans have been mistreated and taken advantage of by the US government for many years. The past taking away of land and putting aside of groups still affects Indigenous communities greatly today.

I learned about the 1619 Project, slavery, Jim Crow laws, model minority, the Immigration Act, immigration, and other things that changed how I think about the United States. I now

understand better how racism has been a part of our society for a long time, and how it still affects how things work today. Some people believe the "model minority myth" which makes some groups of people of color compete against each other and keeps racism alive. Studying how people moved to new countries and the laws that allowed or prevented them from doing so can help us understand how race and discrimination affect immigration rules.

We understood how different groups in class like African Americans, Latino/a/x/Hispanic, Asian Americans, Indigenous Peoples, and undocumented/people Immigrants. It made me realize how important these groups are to the United States. Every group has their own unique story of being excluded. However, they have all helped shape American culture and society in very important ways. Black people have made music, art, and books that are very important. They have also been leaders in making things better for themselves and their communities. Latino, Hispanic, and Latinx communities have helped the country a lot. They have given us good food, music, and things to do. They've also helped with business and government. Asian Americans have helped with new ideas in science and technology, and have also been important in making things fairer for everyone. Indigenous people have a special way of life that has been ignored and pushed aside, but they keep fighting back and staying strong. People who came to America without the right papers and those who moved from another country have helped fight for fair work and equal opportunities for all. They have also made America a more interesting and lively place. Religion has affected American society a lot - in good and bad ways. Religious groups have helped people by providing social services and creating a supportive community. Religion has also been used to support and continue unfair and isolating systems. This means that the

Christian church played a role in discovering new lands and enslaving Africans in the past. It has also been involved in discriminating against people because of their race.

Going to museums was important for this class, and helped me learn a lot more than just being in the classroom. Going on these visits let people touch and see artifacts from history and culture, and learn about the stories and experiences of different groups. When we visited, we met people from the community and experts in different things. We learned more about how people write and argue about history.

We also found out how religion affects American society. We talked about how Christianity was involved in enslaving and oppressing Black people in the past. This still affects how races interact today. We were taught how religious groups and leaders helped with fairness movements, like Civil Rights.

The trips to the museum were an important way we learned in this class. We went to several museums in Los Angeles, including the African American Museum and the Chinese American Museum. We went to visit the groups we were studying in class and saw their artifacts, heard their stories, and experienced what it was like to be with them. The activity made our class lesson more interesting and helped us understand better how different cultures are important and complicated.

I think churches can help different racial and ethnic groups to talk and understand each other better when it comes to making things more fair for everyone. By giving people chances to interact with different cultures, churches can help combat misunderstandings and encourage

understanding and kindness. Moreover, churches can play a part in supporting for rule alterations that tackle unfairness in society and promote equal opportunity and fairness.

This class helped me better understand how race, class, and values affect society in America. I learned that when I study different cultural groups, it helps me understand how diverse and complex American society is. I have learned that religion, museums, and other cultural places teach us about race and society. They can make us think certain things about these topics. This course made me think hard about how I can help make things fair and equal in my own life and community.

In terms of executing racial equity and compromise in American society, the church can play a pivotal part. As Dr. Galbreath famous, the church can serve as a space for mending and community building, whereas moreover giving a stage for promotion and social alter. The church can moreover work to address its own complicity in frameworks of abuse and effectively work towards disassembling those frameworks.

Sources cited in this exposition incorporate Kimberlé Crenshaw's work on intersectionality, the 1619 Venture, Gather of Domain, Dr. Charles Galbreath's address on the Dark Church, and the National Exhibition hall of African American History and Culture. These sources have permitted me to pick up a more profound understanding of the complex issues of course, race, and values within the Joined together States, and have appeared me the significance of understanding.