

The Final Paper

In this class I learned lots of things I never knew. I learned about four big races that are African Americans, Asian American, Native Americans and Latino Americans. That has the biggest part of united states and their different social value and classifications.

In this class I visit diversity in culture, countries, and different classes, I learned that every culture is a part of a puzzle, they are very different but complete each other. in the book named “A Different Mirror” I learned about African American race that in the beginning of their coming to the United States were counted as low class race. “They came to the United States as work force and by their coming slavery started in America. Asian Americans are other minority race in the United States who have been faced with many discrimination acts like African Americans.”

With visiting Museums I learned that United States has most of the population that are immigrants, native Americans, and other minorities. From MOCA I learned that we have a similar culture with them, we used to use the same things in their life that we are using daily.

From Burial Ground Museum I learned the same, but I realized that Asian people has more similarities than others. Burial Ground Museum thought me that people had the worst time in their life, but they kept going and never gave up. Today we can see how they help others; it is all of them who teach us the real meaning of humanity and they were victim of this horrible is painful and hurt us. It thought me that whatever happen or wherever we are we should be thankful of our situation. I notice no matter where a person dies everyone feel the same pain, in different ways.

I saw a show in the National Museum of American Indian that thought me a lot about native American and their big history, their clothes, custom and culture.

I learned about native American and their history, who they are and what is their history of coming to the United State. I learned about their economy, law, accomplishments to the society of America and their impact on immigrants' groups in the United State.

I learned about religion of people and their believes in united states, I had no idea that there are people in different believes and religions. I thought that United States has one religion, and everyone believes in the same religion, but I was wrong and there are different people who believes in a different way and has different cultures.

In this class I learned that Spanish is the 2nd language in United States.

Knowing about African American's accomplishments in the economy and agriculture of the United States was a great topic for me. I learned in the class about the discrimination that African Americans were and are faced and the important was to know how to fight against racism and to provide racial justice through the ARC model.

New things that I learned about Asian Americans were about their history of immigration to the United State and their struggles as immigrants. I learned who are being called Asian Americans and how they have influenced other minority groups. It was new to learn about their movements like they stand for Black Lives Matter they had a movement and then they started stand for Stop Asian Hate and the discrimination that they are faced till now.

Even now we can see how other people act in this topic, but Our America class was one of the best classes that helped me to have strength and gave me the chance to be a motivated person like Asian we should try keep ourselves during fighting against others hate. We should stand with those who are true even if they are minority. Like American who toke their freedom they flighted and sacrificed their lives. This topic hurts me in a different way it was the worst thing I ever saw, and I wish I never visited that place, every time when I remember that what happened to them and still,

they have not a name in their graves I feel pain in my chest for them. For me they are the bravest mankind ever.

I never knew that there is a black church and its relationship with African Americans but now I know that black church is a place that in the first years of their arrivals to America was a place for worship. Later years black churches were a place of their gathering for different purposes. “Black Church was an institution for African Americans that was established during 1619 – 1874 in the purpose of having a place for gathering and doing their rituals. These churches were in three different states that later they became the first sources of the historical black colleges and universities in the United States.” (Galbreath mp4)

I learned about doctrine of discovery as a religious, political, and legal justification for taking of land from those inhabitants who were not Christian, in the European colonization. “The doctrine of discovery emerged from an expressed worldview by the European Christians powers that become institutionalized in the European colonial powers and would become internalized by the world captured by the European powers. The Doctrine of discovery serves the social system the western world”. White supremacy acted as exclusion of other races and groups. Jim Crow’s law was a set of law that sponsored segregation and racism. By this law there were different rules for black and white people. This law was shattered by the civil rights movements and brought equal rights and rules to both black and white in the society.

All these events such as doctrine of discovery, Jim crows’ laws, model minority, immigration act, civil rights movements reshaped my understanding of the American society. The struggles of some specific groups, the struggles of minorities in the society, the struggles of people against favoritisms and race differentiations. It reshaped my mind that still there are law as the Jim crows’ law in the urban cities of the country, still people are struggling with discrimination and the idea

of black and white. The most important it reshaped my mind that people still should resist and stay against these discriminations.

Before class I had no idea that I will about these that:

The 1619 project is a series of essays, short stories, poems, and photography about the year 1619 that marks the first Africans were sold into the colony of Virginia. The author Nikole Hannah-Jones says “ I wrote 1619 project to all Americans because I don’t care if you are an immigrant who got here yesterday or your family goes back to the Mayflower or you are indigenous and you people were the first people here we all benefit from having a better understanding of the centrality of slavery and black people in the country because you cannot separate those two. We treat these as segregated histories the American history and the histories of other people, but it’s one history.”

(The Progressive Forum)

I learned about 1619 both from the book and from the interview with its author Nikole Hannah-Jones. I learned that this book has projected the first coming of African legacy from the slavery time to the present day. 1619 is not only the African America’s history but is related to history of America. It was not that slavery has started after bringing of Africans to the United State, but slavery was already going on among African chiefs and merchants.

I do remember that in one of classes you talked about Racism, that one is my fav part, in this class you thought me that there were people who had tough situations, but they stand for their rights, and how people in United States see Afghans, it was the part that I feel with every single part of my heart. They treat people like animals, I learned about racism it was the newest topic in my life I just the name of this word but now I can understand how that is. Still most of the people in United States think that Chinese are the reason for covid 19, and that was Afghans who are serial killers and the think that people of Afghanistan is their enemy because of 9/11.

I learned about in which classes they were from the beginning of the immigration to the United States, and I learned about their social values. For instance, in the book named “A Different Mirror” I learned about African American race that in the beginning of their coming to the United States were counted as low class race. “They came to the United States as work force and by their coming slavery started in America. Asian Americans are other minority race in the United States who have been faced with many discrimination acts like African Americans.” I learned about Afghan American after 9/11 tragedy, a minority Asian American in the United States face with new judgment in the society. In the book “A different mirror it was written “were they an American or terrorist? (Takaki 10).

The events that I studied during the semester reshaped my ideas about different ethnics and races in the United States. I learned about the history of different ethnics, their struggles, and accomplishments. I learned how different groups of people have been faced with racism during the time and how to fight with racism. As I have been raised in a country that has no diverse people and is not multiethnic as a state of the United State. And I had no idea about what is struggling in a place where you are among minorities.

I learned about doctrine of discovery as a religious, political, and legal justification for taking of land from those inhabitants who were not Christian, in the European colonization. “The doctrine of discovery emerged from an externalized worldview by the European Christians powers that become institutionalized in the European colonial powers and would become internalized by the world conquered by the European powers. The Doctrine of discovery serves the social system the western world” (Charles & Rah 26).

I learned about class, race, and values beside other sociological perspectives. I learned that class is a group of people who has shared socioeconomic status. A class is collection of individuals who

have shared economic circumstance. Race means a group of people have belonged to one group or they have one shared ancestor. Values means the fundamental thoughts that shaped our personality, our behaviors, and our judgmental knowledge about what is right or wrong.

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