Racial Discrimination

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Racial discrimination is when a person or group of people get treated less favorably than another person or group who is in a similar position because of their race, color, or nationality.

Who is Affected by Racial Discrimination?

Everyone is affected, but some races are affected more than others.

White people do experience racial discrimination too despite being a majority. They just experience it significantly less.

Minorities also experience racial discrimination in different ways depending on race. Anyone can racially discriminate regardless of their race.

How Racial Discrimination Affects Society

Outcomes of Racial Discrimination:

- Death
- Protest
- Riots
- Harassment
- Fear
- Unequal opportunities

Conflict Theory and Racial Discrimination

Conflict Theory, introduced by Karl Marx is a theory that society is constantly in a state of conflict because of competition for limited resources

It is typically present in capitalist states especially since the concept of capitalism revolves around trading limited resources for a profit.

Conflict Theory and Racial Discrimination Pt. 2

Racial discrimination and conflict theory go hand in hand because of the competition there is for resources

Those who own these resources are biased and will give help who they favor

Favoring one race over another, or a common saying "Immigrants are stealing 'our' jobs"

Common Occurrences of Racial Discrimination

- Police Brutality
- Gun violence
- Marijuana arrests
- Stop and Frisks
- Turnstile Jumpers
- White supremacy

Protests Against Racial Discrimination

- Black Lives Matter Movement
- Anti-guns Movement
- Police brutality protests
- MTA protests

Racial Discrimination in Everyday Life

According to a retired cop, there were instructions to specifically target Black and Hispanic minorities.

Pierre Maximilien called out his former colleagues for discrimination stating he was told that Asians, Jewish, and White people were not to be slapped in cuffs, implying that black and latinos were their priority targets (Brown 1).

Clearly, this is racial discrimination since they are specifically targeting certain minorities because of their race.

Racial Discrimination Amidst the Pandemic

- Attacks on Asian Americans or anyone who looks Chinese
- Xenophobia
- Businesses shut down
- Social media racism
- Lack of support for asian owned businesses
- President starting a trade war with China

Examples of Discrimination During the Pandemic

A survailance video captures a Brooklyn woman taking out garbage just a few steps from her home when a man doused her with liquid believed to be acid (Moore 1).

This was clearly an intended attack.

Asians are alread the targets of blame for the Covid-19 pandemic and people are taking it one step further with targeted attacks.

These attacks are clearly racial attacks due to the spike in them since the pandemic.

Racial Discrimination Summary

Overall, racial discrimination is integrated into our societies whether we realize it or not. Anyone can be racially discriminated against and anyone can also racially discriminate against others. Race is a figment of human creation that was designed to keep certain people at the bottom.

However, since some people are benefitting from race, they don't want to give it up

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