# **Racial Discrimination**

~Conflict theory~

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#### What is "Race" ?

► Human categorization

 Grouping based on physical differences such as skin and hair color, and/or skeletal structures which can be recognised by our eyes.
Caucasoid(White) <a href="mailto:Negroid">Negroid</a> (black)

Mongoloid (yellow)



The idea of "race" began to evolve in the late 17th century

race was widely used sorting and ranking the peoples in the English colonies

#### What is "Racial discrimination"?

Racial discrimination is when a person is treated less favorably or differently than another person in a similar situation because of the race.

4 types of Racial Discrimination

**Direct Discrimination** 

# Harassment

**Indirect Discrimination** 

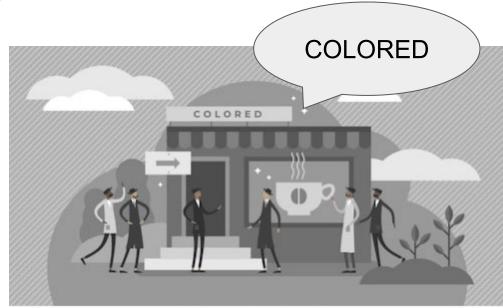
Victimisation

# **Direct Discrimination**

This happens when someone treats you worse than another person in a similar situation because of your race.



if a leasing agency would not lease an apartment to you because of your race, this would be direct race discrimination



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## Indirect Discrimination

This happens when an organisation has a particular policy or way of working that puts people of your racial group at a disadvantage.



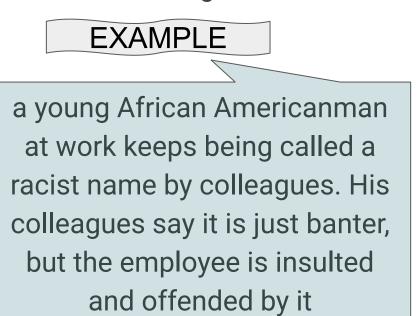


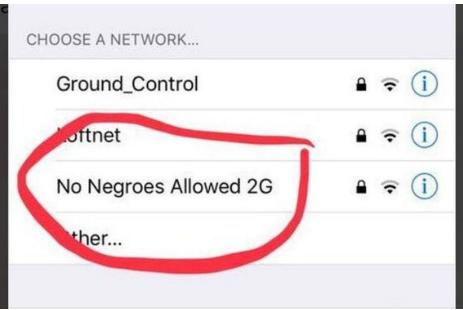
An employer introduces a new dress cord to the workplace. As part of the rules, they decide to prohibit cornrow haistyles.

Hair style worn by certain racial groups

## Harassment

Harassment occurs when someone makes you feel humiliated, offended or degraded.





# Victimisation

This happens when you are treated badly because you have made a complaint of race related discrimination under the Equality Act. It can also occur if you are supporting someone who has made a complaint of race related discrimination.





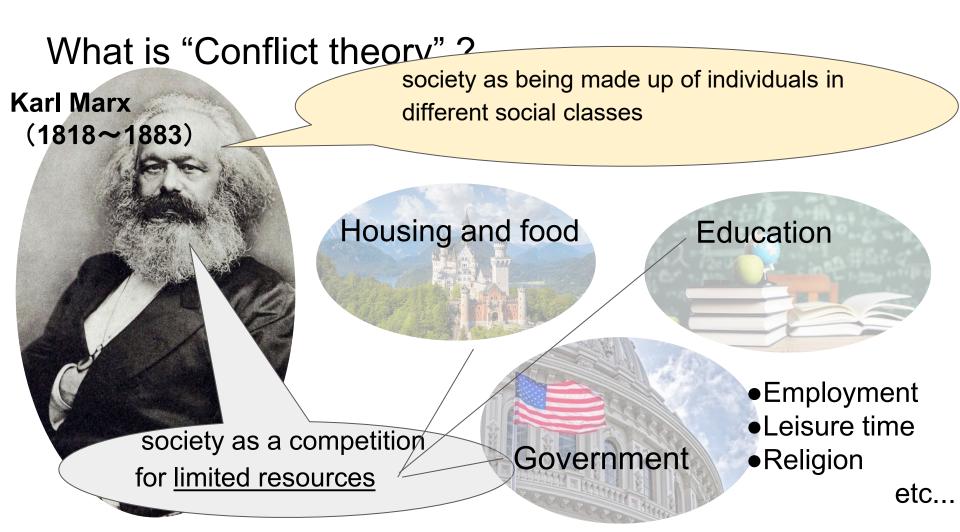
A young Afriican American lady wants to make a formal complaint aboutexperience of unfavored treatment by her colleagues. Her manager threatens to fire her unless he drops the complaint

#### Fashion Institute Apologies for "Clearly Racist" show

A New York City- based fashion college (Fashion Institution of technology: FIT) has apologised after a catwalk show was labelled racist. (It happened February 7, 2020)







## What the competion does....?

Reflect in their inherent inequalities

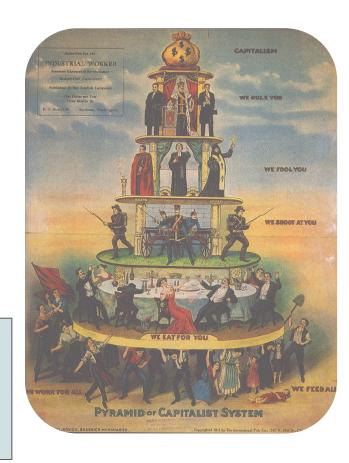
Help maintain the unequal social structure

Some individuals and organizations

<u>are</u>

able to obtain and keep more resources than others.

"Winners" use their power and influence to maintain social institutions... Conflict theory can not be apart from class system and also slavery history, which lead to racial discrimination.



## **Racial Discrimination Fact Today in the U.S.**

1 In New York City, 88% of police stops in 2018 involved Black and Latinx people, while 10% involved white people. (Of those stops, 70% were completely innocent.)

(2)Black women are 3 to 4 times more likely to experience a pregnancy-related death than white women, even at similar levels of income and education.

③Black Americans and white Americans use drugs at similar rates, but Black Americans are 6 times more likely to be arrested for it.

(4)In the US, Black individuals are twice as likely to be unemployed than white individuals. Once employed, Black individuals earn nearly 25% less than their white counterparts.

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