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Racism Around the World

When it comes to racism, we need to know what it means. According to Anti-Defamation League webpage on racism, “Racism is the belief that a particular race is superior or inferior to another, that a person’s social and moral traits are predetermined by his or her inborn biological characteristic.” Racism has been one of our society’s most dangerous and critical social problem. Racism promotes negative personal relation between people of different race and culture. In my class after reading one article about racism, it’s left me with some question that I want to explore. Though I will be focusing on mainly “Does racial profiling have impact in the society”? When we try to look for this answer, other basic questions also come up such as Does racism still exist around the world, does media influence people to fear Muslim or Black people as criminal etc. All of these questions are involved with racism and discriminations.

The first thing that comes in our mind “Does racism still exist or not”. According to NBC News by Andrew Arenge, Stephanie Perry and Dartunorro Clark “64 percent said racism remains a major problem in our society. Thirty percent agreed that racism exists today, but it isn't a major problem.” This quotation suggests that majority of still thinks racism still exist and it’s a huge problem for a country. Though thirty percent oppose it but not fully because they also think it exist but not a big deal. I have a concern about those thirty percent because why they think its not a major problem, whereas they understand it exist. Another one according to an online article entitle Being Black in America by [Kourosh Ziabari](https://www.fairobserver.com/author/kourosh-ziabari) & [Akil Houston](https://www.fairobserver.com/author/akil-houston)**,** it states that “ Even if it is not a national trend, minorities in the US continue to receive discriminatory treatment from law enforcement officials and face major obstacles in securing housing, health care and quality education, as well as experiencing irregularities in the justice system. To make matters worse, things have escalated under President Donald Trump”. From my history class, I came to know that African Americans were forced to live in physical and social conditions in which their health had very less value. Enslaved African Americans suffered physical, social, and mental brutalization. The end of slavery did not mean that African Americans could lead healthful lives right away. They have been subjected to systematic discrimination and oppression for long times and still it continues nowadays. So, it shows firmly that people still think, and its quite true racism still exist.

When it’s comes to racism, I tried to go deep and came up with this big concern which is “does racial Profiling have impact in our society”. As an example, why Muslims are considered as terrorist where others are just criminal. This is an ongoing racial issue which impacts in our society immensely. But first of all, we need to know what racial profiling is. According to The American Civil Liberties Union "Racial Profiling" refers to the discriminatory practice by law enforcement officials of targeting individuals for suspicion of crime based on the individual's race, ethnicity, religion or national origin”. So, it means that individual group of people based on their origin more likely to get harassed by law enforcement’s people. While exploring these question, other things also comes up such as does media influence people to have Islam-phobia or its just automatic thing. We all know after 9/11, the whole world had started to think Muslims are terrorist where we all know terrorism has no religion. America started to become strict on security of immigration and other things. People start taking Muslim as terrorist even a normal use to get attacked for this reason. Which makes sense. But we also witnessed other criminal act from different religions race, but that time media presents them as just criminal or mentally sick, But not as “Terrorist”. In 2011, the Center for America Progress published Fear, Inc.: The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America. “The goal of the report was to expose the organizations, scholars, pundits and activists that comprised a network dedicated to the spread of misinformation and propaganda about American Muslims and Islam. The report found that seven charitable foundations spent $42.6 million between 2001 and 2009 to support the spread of anti-Muslim rhetoric. The efforts of a small cadre of funders and misinformation experts were amplified by an echo chamber of the religious right, conservative media, grassroots organizations, and politicians who sought to introduce a fringe perspective on American Muslims into the public discourse”. This shows how it was done to create Islam-phobia., but not through news media only. They did it with all kind of way like through politician, organization etc. So, it is difficult to say that news media only spreading Islam phobia.

Furthermore, I was thinking about it and try to find out that Does racial profiling have impact on all the color of people or just certain race? We already know what racial profiling stands for. It means that individual group of people based on their origin more likely to get harassed by law enforcement’s people. I think this is daily basis stuff. Where anybody can be targeted. It just does not happen through police but also through normal people around us. According to an article on CNN by Holly Yan “in just the past month, a golf course owner called police on black women because they were playing too slowly.  A mom called police because two native American students made her nervous and a white student at Yale called police because a black student was napping in a dorm building.” All we can see is black people are the victim in this evidence. But This evidence leads me to another opinion that is said by director of research for the Perception Institute, Godsil “racial profiling has a broad ripple effect on everyone. Even if it happens to someone that doesn't look like you, it's a harm to the community, she said. For example, many calls about a "suspicious person" don't really involve suspicious activity -- just a person of color walking down the street. This kind of racial bias wastes officers' time and resources, which could be spent actually protecting communities”. Ultimately, she is trying to say that racial profiling also impacts on white people too. Which is not false because anyone can be the victim of this dangerous action. But in my opinion minority people are more likely to be targeted by this. Still it’s a huge argument and difficult to answer that racial profiling is happening on all the color of the people.

Overall, I could say, racism still exist in this world anyway. Through racial profiling, media or organization any way it exists and after what I have got in my research it is hard to make it disappear from our society completely.

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