
The History of Discrimination in America

According to Google, discrimination is, "The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex." Treating other people badly for not having characteristics similar to you. We were outcasted do to our skin colour. We were being treated like animals even though the only thing different from us was our skin pigment.

Because we were discriminated, we were beaten, enslaved, killed. We got to the point where we had enough and we knew we had to fight back. We had to either fight with our hands guns like the Black Panthers and Malcolm X or try and reason with them like Martin Luther King Jr. and Booker T. Washington. But we must also remember that, discrimination wasn't just a time for separation, it was a time for our races to unite and a time to combine our hearts and minds into courage. A time for the people of America.

The Road to Freedom In the past, slavery to the White man was money. Slavery to the Black man ;however, was a death sentence or a living hell. We were forced to work until we dropped and then some. If you rejected it, you were killed in ways including: lynching, shooting, cremation, etc. But that would not last for long, because some of us who were enslaved had courage and we weren't about to stay alive with our bodies in the grave. People like Harriet Tubman rose up to the challenge and became a hero of history. We made ourselves an exit to freedom and we cherished it with open arms. According to a website known as the Underground Railroad, "Injury and illness was a danger on the Underground Railroad, as well as wild animals. Despite such risks and dangers, the journeys were braved by fugitives to escape from a life Slavery."

Leaving slavery forcefully however wouldn't cut it. They would just get new slaves or they would find the ones who did escape. No we had to take a more political action. We can see this from the example of the Black Panthers, Malcolm X, even Barack Obama. The most iconic of these people; however, isn't these three but Martin Luther King. Discrimination and A Dream One of the most iconic time periods of discrimination was the time period of Martin Luther King Jr. As we all know Martin Luther King fought to end discrimination.

He wanted all of us, Black and White, as a whole to find a way to love one another, to be in unity with one another. Martin Luther King, giving his I have a dream speech, states, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia son of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down

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together at the table of brotherhood.” This evidence right here shows how much he wanted peace with all of our brothers and sisters, all of our races, all people. But did it really happen.

Now picture discrimination is over. Laws have been past and we as a race are united. Now with that in mind picture a prosperous town with double everything. You got two grocery stores two fire departments, and you even got two water fountains. Both being items being of equal importance and value. The only problem is the sign in the front. In big bold letters, you see the words, “WHITE ONLY” and on the other item you see BLACK ONLY.” That’s right discrimination is still here. In an article called, Separate Is Not Equal, it is stated, “Although some white Americans welcomed them, others used people’s ignorance, racism, and self-interest to sustain and spread racial divisions.” We see here that although there were laws that freed us, we were still hate upon. They even made Jim Crow Laws to stop us from voting. If that isn’t a lot of hate, then I don’t know what is.

If we look at our world today, it looks like we are as equal as 2 Nutty Butter Bars, but we are not. We can take the schools for example. School in today’s world is getting full of segregation. We see that if you go to any school, you will see majority of only one skin pigment and two percent of the other pigment. According to the website, The Atlantic, school segregation is getting worst.

It also states, “the percentage of children of color attending such a school rose from 59 to 66 percent. For black students, the percentage in segregated schools rose even faster, from 59 to 71 percent.” Segregation in school has increased at a large rate it seems. How are we going to fix this problem, what can we do to fix this, and if this keeps us will this lead to another racist dispute. We will never know until the future shows itself.

Throughout history we have had dispute after dispute with segregation. We have overcome trial after trial and have problem after problem, but it seems segregation is sneaky and conniving. We have found out that it is still here in secret. Although it hasn’t caused any problem we must keep on the watch. We must protect America from another fate of racism. This is the outcome of this evil. The evil known as Discrimination.

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