

Civil Rights, Inequality and Racial Justice. Promised With Words But Failed Buy With Actions.

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Civil Rights

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a landmark of Civil Rights created for people of the United States who would be discriminated based on the color of their skin, the race they come from, the religion they believe in or the sex they are. It required equal access to education, public places, employment, and enforced segregation within the educational system. It also allowed everyone the right to vote.

Amendments 13, 14 and 15

The 13th amendment was passed January 31, 1865 created so that slavery would be abolished and servitude would be outlawed. Even though it was created it didn't stop those who did enslave from discriminating against people of color.

The 14th amendment was passed June 8, 1866 and later ratified on July 9, 1868. It was created granting citizenship for all and that was including former enslaved people and also said they would provide all citizens protection under the law.

The 15th amendment was passed on February 3, 1870. The amendment was created so that everyone would be allowed to vote and wouldn't be denied based on their color, religious or race.

The Difference Between Equality And Inequality

America likes to sell the idea that everyone is equal and wouldn't be judged for any reason. That everyone would be accepted for who they are but for some reason the government - judicial system, the enforcement they have doesn't necessarily enforce it. They manipulate the system with their loopholes They bend the law for themselves so that it works in their favor when it comes helping people or color or supporting anything they stand for. For example, African Americans are incarcerated in state prisons at a rate that is 5.1 times the imprisonment of whites. In five states (Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont, and Wisconsin), the disparity is more than 10 to 1 according to Dr. Ashley Nellis from *The Color Of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparity In State Prison*. Meanwhile white people who shoot up school and kill multiple children are lead out in handcuffs.

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White people are also even the benefit of the doubt, people tend to ask why would they do this, what was the problem that made them do this but don't blink an eye when a white officer is on a black man's neck for 9 minutes. They place bulletproof vest on children killers and arrest innocent black males who were just walking home. Dr. Ashley continues on in the article and speaks on how more than half of prisons are filled with African Americans. Police for years felt as if they could aggressively pull people of color over - search them and then arrest them for simply having dark skin. They to this day in 2021 continue to falsely accuse men of color of crimes they didn't do, in some cases police officers have been accused of placing fake evidence on people just so that they can be locked up. Now I'm not saying it's the whole system doing this but the whole system wasn't built for people of color. The whole system was built to protect white people in just in case matters. It was built so that they could have "probable" cause to arrest you and place you behind bars.

Black Lives Matter

In July 2013 the hashtag Black Lives Matter was created. In unfortunate events the hashtag was made because a gentleman named George Zimmerman decided to follow a teenager named Trayvon Martin thinking he was a threat simply because he had a hoodie on and a Arizona and skittles in his hand. For some reason he believed the best option for him in that moment was to shoot him. No questions nothing, even though while Mr.Zimmerman was following him he was on the phone with the police and they were even telling him not to follow him to not do anything. It's people like him that continue to have the mindset of people of color being dangerous. To this day the hashtag is being used because more incidents like this keep happening even within the police department. For example, Michael Brown, George Floyd, Eric Garner, John Crawford and so many more.

Black Lives Matter Movement

The Black Lives Matter movement is worldwide. It's known everywhere. People are standing together and fighting against any and all racist. At this moment there is marches for all of the police brutality going on. Then there are activist peoples out trying to get more people informed and educated on it. We have more people of color trying to fight there way into government power to enforce change within the system. We have the power of social media to spread the word of anything. With millions of people watching at every moment anything that gives the vibes or ora of racism is spoken upon and addressed.

Different worlds.

America also has sold the idea of being home of people being free and becoming their own. The idea that people have come here so that they would find more and better job opportunities so people would be able to provide for their families.

They create laws and rights to create the illusion that people aren't being discriminated when in reality people of color are still being discriminated. Still being treated differently. For example, an African American male is more likely to get rejected from a job just based off his name on a job application unlike a white person named Bobby.

White people tend to know this too. They know that black people continue to be treated as such and don't feel like they have to help or speak up for change. Not all but some. They continue to clutch their bags as people of color walk by, they think that everything about people of color are "ghetto" or "loud".

Different Worlds Part 2

People of color are seen as angry, violent people who can't control themselves. They always are getting themselves into trouble, don't care about their education and so much more. Meanwhile it's completely false. Black people have continue to prove that stigma to be wrong over and over again. From Oscar winners, Olympic winners and so much more. Black people have to remind themselves that the world is looking for that, they want them to mess up so that they would be proven right. They get tested on a daily basis. Having to show that they aren't that person they are better than that. They're going to graduate high school and attend college. They have to work twice as hard to show that it can be done. They can become something in life and have some impact on people. For example, I seen a episode of Grey's Anatomy were Warren (a character on the show) had to explain to his co worker that one little incident and everything could go away, everything he worked for would be gone unlike a white person who was more his co workers skin tone where everything would be covered up to work in their favor and on top that they would be given a second and third chance.

How Can Things Change?

The Civil Rights movement and amendments was created in the intentions of helping people of color. Breaking that separation between the two. They wanted to help people of color get better education, wanted to provide better jobs that would allow them to support their family. It was so that they wouldn't be judged on the color of their skin still, shied away from jobs and things that may have made them better.. They would be able to share the same area and do things such as share restaurant spots and learn from each other. For white people it wasn't seen like that it was seen as why? Why do they get what we get? Why are they able to go to public place and do the things we do? Well isn't that why the amendments were made? Isn't everyone the same? Aren't we all human and bleed blood just like any human person?