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Perspective on race relations in the US

America is built on immigration and diversity. However, racism is one of the major problems that is going around in the US. Racism is what divides all human beings based on their color and ethnicity. Some races like Whites believed to be more superior to other races, and this what created slavery, inequality, and discrimination.

Race relations, association between communities that is made up of different races within one country, aren't good in the United States ever since Donald Trump got elected as President, because it has become common that majority of the people, mostly whites, think it is okay to express their racist views on people who have a different shade of skin tone. There have been times where people of color have been called the "N" word, and also times where immigrants have been told to go back to their country. There have been racist remarks and hate crimes towards people who follow certain types of religion like for example, people who follow Islam. Ever since 9/11, people, the majority of whites, have been discriminating Muslims, and deeming

them as “terrorists.” It has been led to the point where Muslims were being attacked and assaulted and blamed for 9/11.

Racism has been stretched so far that migrant families are being detained and held in prison-like facilities under Trump rules. However, instead of families being together, Trump enacts a policy where the adults would be separated from their children. The children would be held in the US Department of Health and Human Services, and the adults were prosecuted and held in federal jails. When the policy ended, over a hundred additional children were still being separated, up the point where it has reached over a thousand children within a year. Being a president of a country, that is known for its diversity, and instead, Trump is discriminating and making racial remarks to immigrants, like building a wall to keep Mexicans out because he believed they are all rapists, and bringing drugs to the U.S. Not only that, separating children from their families is dehumanizing. He even went as far as to ask “Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?”(Ibram and Kendi, 2019) because lawmakers are finding ways to protect immigrants from being deported.

When it comes to the criminal justice system, police brutality in the United States was and still is well known. Police brutality is an unwarranted excessive force and harassment that includes verbal abuse and any other forms of mistreatment against civilians that are caused by US police officers. Many people in America have endured police brutality like for example, during 1969, homosexuals, and transgender was regularly being harassed by police officers. As well as the aftermath of the 9/11 attack, there has been complaints that police officers were

racially profiling as well as harassing Muslim Americans. It was up to the extent that police were infiltrating mosques and other Muslims organizations to uncover terrorists. This went on for at least a decade. Aside from that, the majority of people who are now being victimized by police brutality are African Americans. There have been several unjust cases of police brutality against African Americans like for example, a girl named Yunek Moore, who was 15-year-old at that time and a survivor of police brutality, was sitting on a chair outside at a party by which she was approached by three officers who yanked her out of her chair because she never stated who she was the first time they asked her. One out of the three officers grabbed her by the wrist and twisted her arm, then dragged to the front of the yard, and slammed her against the brick house, when she tried telling them she was in pain, they told her to shut up. Then they proceeded by handcuffing her and put her in the squad car and started punching and shoving her. After her mom came to get her from the precinct, she, along with her mom, learned how physically hurt she was, she had to undergo three surgeries, steroid injections, as well as physical therapy. She had a torn labrum in her shoulder and an incapacitated wrist. There are tons of people especially African Americans, that feel unsafe instead of safe when it comes to law enforcement. Law enforcement is there to protect people in the community, not to hurt them.

In conclusion, race relations in the United States are not good because of racism, instead of working together and being united, there are people who put others down because of their skin color and/or where they came from. When it comes to the criminal justice system, I feel as though it isn't fair because instead people feeling safe when it comes to law enforcement, there are people whose beyond scared of it, thinking they will get hurt or possibly killed.

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