

INJUSTICES WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

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History of the inequality

- *Since the 1950's African Americans have been in a constant fight against society for equal rights. Although there have been many marches, obstacles, and laws that took place they are still seen as un-equals. There were an abundance of barriers preventing colored individuals from fulfilling their goals, they prevailed and many barriers were terminated.*



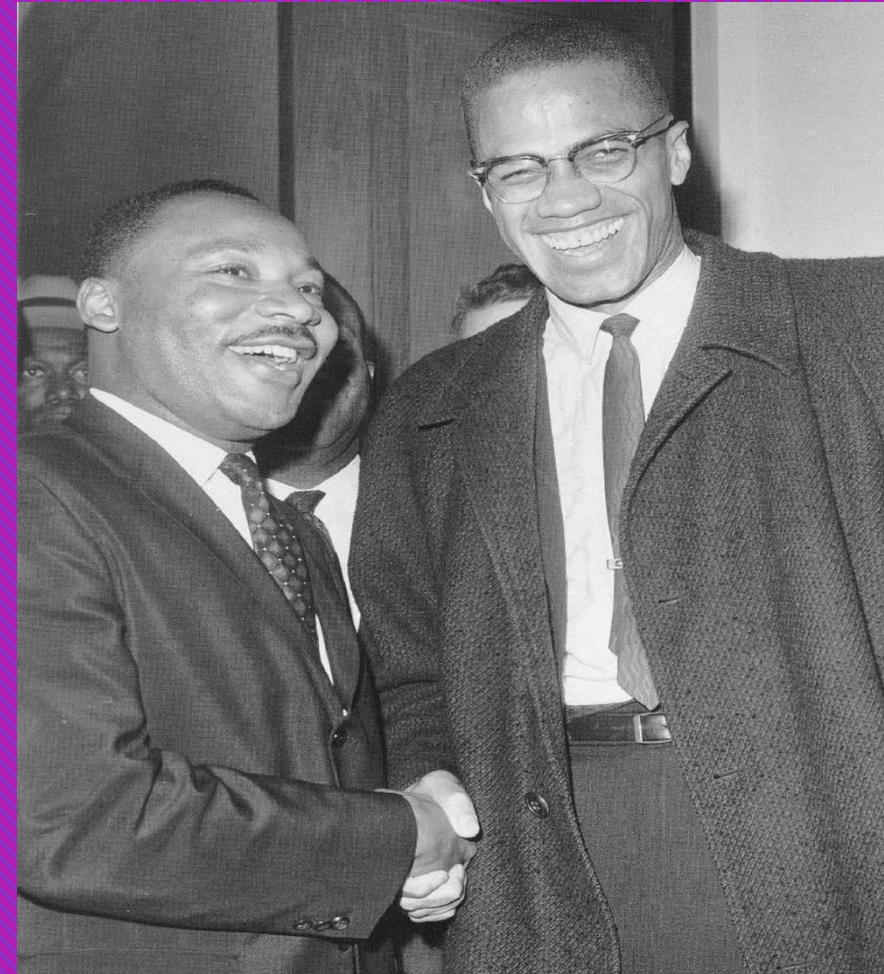
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- *The Jim Crow laws prevented African-Americans from entering some places such as schools, bathrooms, stores, etc. due to the color of their skin. This was the case when it came to Rosa Parks being arrested. When there were no more seats available in the white section a man instructed Parks to give up her seat for him, when she refused she was then arrested.*

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In 1965, there was a march held for the colored activist who was murdered by a white police officer. The Alabama police set up a block way to prevent the participants from completing the march. As they tried to push past the critics, they were then attacked by the police with tear gas and they were beaten badly. The leaders of the peace rallies were then assassinated which then cause an uproar from the followers of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X.



Inequality today



Earlier in the year of 2018, a man by the name of Stephen Clark was shot and killed by police officers in Sacramento. Police say that they believe he had a weapon and thought they were in danger, so they opened fire on the victim. how was he deemed a threat if he was shot in the back, armpit, and neck. After a further investigation was conducted his “weapon” was a revealed to be a cellphone.

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In 2011, Anthony Lamar Smith was gunned down by officer Jason Stockley. The officer felt Smith had a gun therefore he opened fire. The gun that was in Smith's car seemed to be planted by officer Stockley. During trial the evidence was not proven to be beyond a reasonable doubt therefore the court dismissed the case. If there was more evidence he could have been charged and convicted for murder in the first.



In some way do you think segregation protected colored people?

“No, because it set them back for generations. Segregation ruined their image, income, job qualities, and their wages. People are still racist because of the way things were before.”

-Kayla Cortes

“Yes but in all of the worst ways. It allowed those who were of fair skin to feel entitled in their own community. This negatively affected colored individuals because it kept them from growing in society and prevented them from being treated fair.”

-Jocelynn Perez

“No, because they were being separated killed and forced to abstain from certain activities, in what way is that safe?”

-Jason Munoz

How do you feel about the Stephen Clark case?

“I feel at that point it was a bad call on the officers part to apprehend him or treat him hostile. The time it took for them to call the paramedics was them trying to create a story that will stick and not have any inconsistencies.”

-Jocelynn Perez

“In that situation, there are different problems. The relationship between colored people and the police are very tumultuous. People of color never felt safe, understood or looked out for by the police. There is a huge distrust, cops die and get injuries due to their job can actually alter their responses to certain situations. People who put themselves in situations of being suspicious are in danger because of the previous situations encountered by police officers. People who are afraid make bad decisions where situations like this happen. They couldn't have known it was a cell phone until they actually conducted further investigations. But for us to judge 3rd party I don't think it is necessarily fair. The problem is the police use emotions to make decisions instead of logic.”

-Kayla Cortes

Do you feel since the BLM movement began the number of deaths within the African American community has gone down?

“No, because the movement is just to bring awareness to what is happening and does not change the fact that this will continue to happen today and in the future. It has not been that long that the movement has been in place to show an immediate change. In the future, I feel it will be more evolved and effective.”

-Miranda Cortes

“No, because naturally, people in poverty are going to be more of people in color. Crime rates have many little improvements over the past few years. The BLM publicized the cop and colored people shooting but not all other crimes conducted against them.”

-Jason Munoz

Summary of the essay:

Throughout the years, African Americans faced many obstacles barring them from completing goals. They were never seen as equals to the other faces but instead they are looked down on. Colored individuals continue to face social disparities because of the ignorant attitudes throughout the community. As you will read throughout this essay even those who are believe as protectors are the one's who are feared the most. Colored people will continue to receive a treatment by some ignorant individuals all because of the race they are. The attitudes from the past continue to play a huge role in the attitudes formed by society today. Due to the police being so aggressive it is hard to end the ongoing feud that takes place between whites and blacks. As a result of these aggressive tactics exposed on social media today, the community created a group that has a sole goal to make it clear that "Black Lives Matter." Those people who have suffered injustices by the law just hope to be safe. The only way they can feel safe is if the police officers change their tactics and attitudes on minorities.

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