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Race Represents Nothing but the Color of Your Skin

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Personal Racism
- Individuals or informal social groups, governed by behavioral norms that support racist thinking and increase active racism

Institutional Racism
- Politics – Incarcerated- lose the right to vote
- Economic – Loss of income within communities
- Social - loss of social & cultural capital

Implicit Bias
- Discretion left up to not only the police patrolling neighborhoods
- The System is flawed by human error
- Unfair sentencing

Consequences
- Mass Incarceration of African Americans
- All laws African Americans had just gained, are taken away if they were incarcerated
- Another way to suppress African Americans
- Creating of Second Class Citizens
- Low-Self Esteem of individuals constantly being put down

Theoretical Perspective
- Although most people feel that racism ended after the civil rights movement in the 1960’s and the election of President Obama, racism is perpetuated through systems and programs such as the War on Drugs which continues to discriminate and repress African Americans

Key Terms
- Institutional Racism- the process by which racial oppression is imposed on subordinate racial groups by dominant racial groups through institutional channels.
- Unconscious Bias- The idea that someone holds racist views, but is unaware.
- War on Drugs- The mechanism used to crack down on drugs and crime that is implicitly geared towards African Americans

Narratives
- Bob’s story – Bob works at the Air Force base in Dayton, but live on the west side of Dayton which has limited food access, so he shops at Kroger on his way home. One day he was there, and was yelled at by white man, wearing a Trump shirt. “The man called me a nigger, and said I was probably paying with food stamps, and that he had cash money. I let him in front of me in the grocery line. A women tried to apologize after the white man left, I asked why didn’t you say something while he was still here? She didn’t have answer.”

References

13th Amendment (1865)
- Abolished slavery and involuntary servitude except for punishment of a crime

14th Amendment (1868)
- Equal protection of the law

15th Amendment (1870)
- Voting rights

War on Drugs Declared by Regan (1982)

Incarcerated Americans
- 1920-2014

- Prison
- Jail

- Millions
- Year
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