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SOCIAL INJUSTICE: DISCRIMINATION IN OUR

SOCIETY

Social injustice can be seen as a situation in which dominant population is made known of the inequity that leads for others due to their relative position in the structure of the power. Social injustice can also be seen as a way in which unjust actions take place in the society. This act occurs in a situation where the equals are treated unequally and the unequal are treated equally. Some common examples of social injustice are: discrimination, ageism and homophobia. The main focus is going to be on discrimination.

Discrimination is an act that is found in education, housing, employment, health care services, government services and also in politics. Discrimination can be seen as the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age or sex. This act of discrimination always promotes or reveals unfair treatment of a person or particular group of people on the basis of prejudice and partiality which could lead to emotions such as frustration and anger.

In the society we live in today we experience various discriminations for reasons that has nothing to do with legal rights or ability. In terms of race we have various examples of cases of discrimination. Based on a census data that was conducted by researchers at Brown University,

income is not only the driving factor in the separation of races or ethnic groups. Minority groups at every income level live in poorer neighbourhoods than do whites with comparable income. Another study at the state of Arizona shows during the years 2006 to 2007, the state highway patrol was more likely to stop African Americans than white drivers on all the highways that were studied. This still happens in our society today. A good example is of the late George Floyd who was stopped by a white officer who practically kept a knee on his neck for quite some time leading to his death. As most people would say **“black lives matter”**.

The injustice at every turn survey revealed that twenty five percent of Transgender recipients reported losing a job because they did not conform to gender norms. A staggering ninety percent said they faced some forms of transgender-based discrimination. Also in a survey by The Injustice at Every Turn also showed that the amount of unemployed transgender respondent was two times the rate of the entire population.

Stereotype is a cause of discrimination, because one might not think about the stereotypes or prejudices a person hold might hurt or put other people to disadvantage without the person knowing or realising. People sometimes think that they are simply behaving in ways that actually reflect the realities or abilities of a group men and women, rather they are actually discriminating and promoting inequality in the society. Discrimination is not caused by what happens outside of us. It is caused by seeing things wrongly, what is said to one another, commonly referred to as self-talk and also thoughts or belief. It is also promoted by patriarchal church beliefs. These beliefs usually encourage discrimination by thinking of male gender to be of greater importance than that of females. Usually, men occupy the higher positions and have power to decide the amount of access women

have to opportunities which is by far a great discrimination between the male and female gender.

It is believed that discrimination can be eradicated by promoting diversity in our society. It is true that in spreading diversity, there could be a problem with lack of understanding between the people. It is very normal for people to find new things uncomfortable at first. Every person builds their own idea of comfort without placing others at the mercy of the comfort.

Discrimination prevents equal treat therefore, it hurts the society. Discrimination has existed for a long time and it needs to be ended so that we could live together peacefully with equality. The eradication of discrimination is not such an easy task to accomplish due to the problems that arise from discrimination and the time taken to solve it. Thus, in order to eradicate this act, the help of every single person is needed. This is not a task for one person or a group of people to achieve but it's for every single person.