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RACISM IS RACISM

In a world with a difference in just appearance, racism has played a very big role. People in every part of the world make racist statements about each other, such as whites to blacks, blacks to whites, blacks to blacks and even whites to whites. Racism is not even a word because Human kind has invented this even though we all from the same species. Therefore, racism is the unequal treatment of human beings on the basis of their skin colour which makes one be distinguished from a certain race.

The word racism happened to be common in the 1600s due to enslavements of Africans either by the Europeans or the Americans. Though it is believed that slavery has existed since ancient times, the most outstanding one was the one practiced by the Americans. Racism in the United States has existed since the colonial era. At that time, most white Americans enjoyed legally or socially sanctioned privileges and rights which were denied to other races and minorities. In Africa, slaves were often taken as a result of military conquest. But when the Europeans discovered that their superior and more advanced technology gave them a tremendous advantage in Africa, they began to plunder Africa's wealth and take slaves. This forceful collection of slaves led to racism. The slaves that were collected would be sold to their masters whom they would work for and they would have a change of name, therefore answering their masters name. Due to this, some African descendants who are no longer in Africa cannot even trace their respectful African countries.

There are many examples of racism which have occurred in the world, both the ones people get to experience and the ones people don't get to see every day. An example of racism in the 1900's is the Tulsa race massacre [Tulsa race riot] which took place between May 31st and June 1st 1921. This event took place when white residents attacked black residents and businesses of the Greenwood district in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It has been called the single worst incident of racial violence in American history. Another example of racism in the 2000's is the killing of George Floyd [black American] by some white police officers. On May 25th, 2020, he was killed in Minneapolis, Minnesota during an arrest for allegedly using a counterfeit bill. One of the police officers knelt on Floyd's neck during the arrest and this action led to his death. This event paved a way for the black Americans living in America as people protested about the event. Both the blacks and whites came together in one voice in order to get the certified justice not only for George Floyd, but for other black civilians who died in the hands of white civilians.

In the world today, there are different forms of racism but they can be found under four different types. The first type of racism involves a complete denial of humanity to racial minorities. The second type of racism involves implicitly stigmatizes members of racially subordinate group. The third type of racism has to do with the rubric of racially harmful actions shown towards the racial minority motivated by implicit bias. Lastly, the fourth type of racism has to do with akratic racism.

There are different effects of racism today which cause a lot of problem for the racial minority. Some include: health problems, segregation, mortality, invisibility syndrome, prejudice, discrimination, reduced self-love, suicide, loss of jobs[unemployment], poverty, etc. These are the after effect of racism that the racial minority face in the world today.

On March 21st, the National Network to End Domestic Violence [NNEVDV] joined the global community in observing the international day for the elimination of racial discrimination because they recognized the importance of challenging racial injustice in order to end domestic violence. According to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "injustice for one is injustice for all" therefore, racial discrimination can be eliminated in the through ways like; validation of the experiences and feelings of people of colour, by challenging the "colour blind" ideology and so on.

In some countries, there are some laws that prohibit racial discrimination. Most countries apply to federal government base industries. Racism is now considered as criminal acts in some countries. I personally believe that standing up for the anti-racism is the best thing anyone can do. Even though we all come from different cultures, we are homo sapiens that live all together in this world because in a world with no racial tension and ethnic hatred, we would be near to a perfect world.