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**ASSIGNMENT:** You were taught that in writing an academic essay, you should start with the perception of a problem. Perceive a problem in your present environment, formulate a reachable topic for it.

***INTERRACIAL DEVELOPMENT: RELATIONSHIPS AND GENDER EQUALITY***

To be honest the number of interracial marriages has dramatically increased in the United States since the abolition of laws prohibiting such unions. Interracial development deals with ways to improve interracial relationships and gender equality within Nigeria and the world at large. Is it wrong for an African man to marry a foreigner or vice versa? or Why must a Nigerian man marry only from his own ethnic group, isn't that racism? Or We Africans, we are often referred to as BLACK PEOPLE and the others WHITE PEOPLE, WHY? Or Are they some occupations in this country that are only meant for the Male sex? Or Are the female sex actually meant to not go to school but rather remain in the kitchen?

All the above questions have their obvious answers but some people just won't admit or allow them.

Firstly, it is not a wrong thing if an African man marries foreigner because that is an interracial relationship. Interracial marriage is a form of marriage outside a specific social group (exogamy) involving spouses who belong to racism or racism ethnicities. In the current global climate, there is both increased tension and greater openness. People are more likely to engage in activities that cross racial and ethnic boundaries. However, there also continues to be prejudice and fears about racial ethnic groups with whom many people have little contact.

Nevertheless, when people strive to understand the traditions, values, and beliefs that are endemic to the many groups that make up our global societies, then they will be better

able— and, it is hoped, more inclined— to work together for the good of all. With such a high percentage of the United States population being non- White, an inclusive typology examining the development and functioning of interracial relationships should be created. Researchers have examined the communication patterns of the Caucasian- American college sophomore extensively (see DeWine & Daniels, 1992), but have overlooked communication patterns between other ethnicities. Interracial marriage between different countries help the couple to learn the uniqueness of each other’s culture, understand each other’s ethics, moral standards and way of life. Learning each other'sculturesincludesfashion, music, food, their religion, etc.

I do not know why some parents in this country forbid their children in marrying other

individuals from other ethnic groups. Isn't that racism? Yes it is, because you do not know the person from anywhere but you just naturally dislike the person, that's just absurd. Interethnic marriage is a form of exogamy that involves a marriage between spouses who belong to different ethnic groups or race. So a person, who does not like interethnic marriage thereby forbidding it, is a racist. With an example of, An Igbo man refuses to allow his son marry a Yoruba lady because of a fetish belief that all Yoruba girls are witches or he just wants his son to marry a person of their ethnic group saying it is an abomination to not do so. They are advantages of these interethnic marriage; an inter- ethnic marriage is a mismatch of cultures, traditions, customs, and approaches to upbringing, often an inter-ethnic marriage encounters misunderstanding and condemnation from others. Not only neighbors, colleagues, friends, unfamiliar people, and distant relatives may reproach, discuss, gossip about the representatives of a couple who have decided to officially legitimize their romantic relationship. Quite often close relatives, people from whom a couple might expect the most support, express their disagreement and protest against the union of two people from different cultures. According to many psychologists, mixed marriages teach society of tolerance and the ability to be sensitive to the representatives of different nations. Moreover, they contribute to the improvement of

relations between countries and ethnic groups.

Why are we Africans referred to as BLACK PEOPLE? When Americans call African Americans BLACK PEOPLE, it's a form of disrespect and insult to the African American. The case of racism has increased over the years and it's really painful that we still have lot of racist out there. Racism in the United Stateshasexisted since the colonial era, and involved laws, practices and action that discriminated or otherwise adversely impacted various groups based on their race or ethnicity, while most white Americansenjoyed legally or socially sanctioned privileges and rights which were denied to other races and minorities. Groups especially impacted included non- Protestant immigrants from Europe, including the Irish, Poles, and Italians, who were often subjected to xenophobic exclusion and other forms of ethnicity- based discrimination in American society until the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some Americans saw the presidential candidacy of Barack Obama, who served as president of the United States from 2009 to 2017 and was the nation’s first black president, as a sign that the nation had entered a new, post- racial era.[4][5] The election of President Donald Trump in 2016, who was a chief proponent of the birthed movement in the US (which argued falsely that Obama was not born in the United States) and ran a racially tinged campaign, has been viewed by some commentators asa racist backlash against the election of Barack Obama.

In our present environment, people who live in Apo, Nigeria protested for the man killed by a Police officer in U.S.A., named George Floyd. On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46- year- old black man, was killed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during an arrest for allegedly using a counterfeit bill. Derek Chauvin, a white police officer, knelt on Floyd’s neck for almost nine minutes while Floyd was hand cuffed and lying face down, begging for his life and repeatedly saying "I can't breathe”. Officers J. Alexander Keung and Thomas Kiernan Lane further restrained Floyd, while Officer Tou Thao prevented bystanders from intervening. During the final three

minutes Floyd was motionless and had no pulse while Chauvin ignored onlookers' pleas to remove his knee, which he did not do until medics told him to. Because of the racism and unjust treatment that was given to George Floyd, activists then formed BLACK LIVES MATTER cooperation which is still ongoing.

This gender discrimination issue has been in this country even before I was born and it still is but has been reduced. Some people will say female individuals are not meant to be educated because they will still end up in the kitchen but that's just thinking myopic. Thankfully this case has reduced in most parts of the country but some parts still refuse to educate their female children. Gender inequality in Nigeria is influenced by different cultures and beliefs. In most parts of Nigeria, women are considered subordinate to their male counterparts, especially in Northern Nigeria. It is generally believed that women are best suited as home keepers. Feminism had not appeared in Nigeria until roughly 40 years ago. This has been attributed to Funmilayo Ransome- Kuti. Now ladies can study in universities and become Medical doctors, nurses, engineers, journalists, lawyers and more great professions. ABSTRACT Women, today, have come to be accepted as the pillars of the smallest economic unit, the family and from them all great people, both male and female, have been birthed. This goes to show that women are forces to be reckoned with in terms of nation building and economic development.

To sum up all the things been said, it is not a crime to practice interracial and interethnic relationships but instead you promote unity and diversity within the country and between countries. Racism is not good, and we should to curb it out of our society. Gender inequality in Nigeria has been reduced and should be eliminated, this can occur when parents are properly educated on gender equality.