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RACISM

Racism has always existed with humans. It can be defined as treating an individual differently or unfairly simply because they belong to a different ethnic community, religion or nationality. Racism is a state of one’s belief that his race, in terms of skin colour whether white or black is superior to that of other people. Through the actions of racists round the globe, this very problem rages a great threat to world peace. The effects and likely solutions are as follows;

Firstly, murder. It is no secret that the acts of racists round the globe have led to the death of many innocent loved ones; fathers, mothers, sons and daughters who have been victims of this inhumane practice. Though it saddens my heart, but the truth stands that there are lots of racist killings in our era, killings like that of Breonna Taylor, Patrick Cruise and of course the most recently one George Floyd who was brutally killed by a police officer (who claimed he resisted arrest, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary). These racists, they take laws into their own hands out of spite and their actions have gone unaccounted for, for a very long time which is no longer acceptable, we refuse to believe that people can commit such heinous acts and go free in the society in which we live. This very problem poses a grave danger to world peace hence we implore the government to intervene, they should enact laws and set up organizations to enforce these laws to be able to maintain world peace.

In addition, another effect of racism is loss of jobs and unemployment. In recent times, there has been a statistical record that 1 in every qualified 10 black people get accepted for international jobs and this is because of the idea that they feel the whites are more qualified for good job paying opportunities even when it is crystal clear that the black man or woman in question has more to offer, this now begs the question; aren’t job opportunities meant given based on merit and based not skin color?. In past times it had been pronounced that the whites do get better education than the blacks, but that is not the case in recent times, we Africans have improved over the years, so much so that a significant number of us go abroad to study and gain better knowledge but at the end of the day due to the level of racial decadence dominant in the world, the well qualified person of color in question doesn’t get the job opportunity even when it’s very lucid that he deserves it, that is cruel and absurd!. The likely solution to this racial problem is quite simple, jobs opportunities and salary payments should be given based on merit and not skin color.

Thirdly, racism is detrimental to our health. In medical practices, it is said that racism is a ‘socially transmitted disease ‘. Genetically, in terms of anatomy, all human beings are the same. Permit me to remind you that ‘disease’ is defined as anything that affects the physical and mental state of the body, so yes, racism is a disease since studies have shown that it is a key social determinant of health. Studies have exposed that those exposed to racism have poorer health outcomes (particularly mental health), alongside reduced access to health care and poorer patients’ experiences but this shouldn’t be so. **All lives matter**, the life of a white man should not be preferred or should not matter more than the life of a black man, it is inhumane to think and practice such hence we call on the health organizations; WHO and UNICEF to ensure that its medical practitioners are not involved in any act of racial discrimination when carrying out their duties as medical doctors in which they are under oath to do no harm to any life regardless of skin color.

Another effect of racism is intergenerational racial trauma. Due to the fact that most of our grandparents and parents grew up in an era in which racial discrimination was prevalent, hence they tend to instill this ‘social disease ‘into their offspring, not out of bad intentions but out of parental care and love being oblivious of the fact that the world is actually changing for the better and hence the children grow up with a depraved concept of humanity. In respect to the saying “train up a child in a way he should go and when he grows he will not depart from it”, the educational system should adopt curriculums in which the dangers and effects of racism should be taught and emphasized on, so that the children can come to school and get a reorientation on the concept of racism from a tender age so as to tackle the root of this disease.

In conclusion, I strongly believe the world and we, its inhabitants are not beyond redemption. World peace can be attained if and only if we decide to be vigilant, stand against and tackle this very disease from its root, so that love will lead.