

Groups A-G (sec 01): On human rights and marginalized populations

Are there populations within your countries that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly and/or equally than others? Are there populations that are "advantaged" or "privileged" and populations that are "disadvantaged" or "lack privilege"? How would you describe those populations? How are they treated? How do YOU think they should be treated?

JUDI FREEMAN NOV 25, 2020 09:31PM

ANONYMOUS JAN 24, 2021 03:23PM

Samu, Nurmijärvi, Finland

Finland's population has diversified a lot in the last decade, and while there is still some controversy surrounding the topic, I think that it has no negative effect in our culture. Some conservative and old people think that humanitarian immigration should be stopped in Finland. There is ethnic segregation in the biggest cities in Finland, for example Eastern Helsinki has more immigrant families than Espoo. But overall, Finland sets a good example on how foreign people and minorities should be treated.

MIA JAN 19, 2021 01:09AM

Since its founding, the United States has essentially functioned on the mistreatment and marginalization of specific groups.

America's history (and present) is chock full of racism and the marginalization of racial/ethnic groups. Racial groups, especially African-Americans, have continually fought against the racist systems this country was founded on that seeks to oppress them. Discrimination is seeped into the very soul of our country and engulfs every aspect of it, like jobs, education, healthcare, and media. Sometimes (most of the time) racism isn't as "overt", and this most commonly manifests itself as microaggressions and stereotypes that our society and media just love to spread.

But racial/ethnic groups are not the only marginalized groups in this country. Women, the disabled, and the LGBTQ+ community have been continually discriminated against. As much as this country loves to portray itself as "the land of the free", it really only applies to one specific group: white, cisgender, straight men.

In the past, there has been a distinct lack of intersectionality between these marginalized groups. However, this is trying to be amended as people attempt to band these groups together to advocate for equality and fair treatment for all of them. While I am privileged to live in this country, I find the continued treatment of these groups appalling, and so I strongly support the idea that everyone no matter race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexuality, etc. need to be treated equally.

DAMON JAN 10, 2021 01:15AM

Damon SA, Boston, Massachusetts

In America, the concept is that everybody is free and has equal opportunity. This is simply untrue as many American ways of thinking goes against this. Culturally, people of color and immigrants are treated differently. There are many stereotypes and connotations in which living in America as one of the said groups carry. Disadvantages vary from systemic racism to chances of opportunity. Generally, in America those who are wealthy are privileged. Specifically with race, white people are more advantaged due to a culmination of history and societal standards. Being a person of color and white are opposite spectrums. Although there are some areas who are liberal, there is still a large population of close minded or racist people. This can be seen with all those who still support Trump, this variety in the population leads to substantially different ways of life and treatment depending on where you live. With that said, even in the more liberal parts of the country, people of color are still not treated as equals to their white counterparts. Of course I think everybody should be treated equal no matter their: race, ethnicity, gender, religion, etc.

ANONYMOUS JAN 06, 2021 05:08AM

Eileen L, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

America like most of the world was set up with a norm ever since the colonists set foot into these lands. For centuries the "perfect" society has been curated, but it's completely flawed. People are treated less than because of race, 🏳️/sexuality, income, religion, and opinions. Minorities isn't a literal term because they dominate the country in population. So many people are being marginalized because the writers of our history have told society that they are worthless and have been since the beginning of time. These people that are marginalized are the same that formed America to be what it is through hard work. These people need to be treated with respect or at least as a human being.

ANONYMOUS DEC 09, 2020 08:22AM

zulhafiz, malaysia

our country, malaysia we have a powerful rules . human rights is important to us in malaysia because it describes the harmony of the people in this country. we have various types of ethnic populations, even we have a difference religious and ethnic we were treated well regardless of race. How about marginalized populations? we all are born in one nation even we have a marginalized populations we are well treated by our people as well as our kings. but some of this groups who cannot be entertained by society and government is indigenous people because they live in the interior of the forest. . And i think everyone deserves to be treated equally regardless of race and religion.

ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 07:05PM

Ali Gyre, Lebanon

in every society there must be disparity in everything starting from income disparity to enjoying rights. These categories are well known, for example in my country those who are wealthy, have a status in politics, and western foreigners have different and better rights than the poor class, Syrian refugees, and Palestinian refugees... poor people cant own many things due to their low income which preventing them from some rights limiting their privilege . Palestinians cant own lands nor build houses or companies to invest for better future. Nevertheless, Syrian refugees are worse than Palestinian refugees whos their rights are cut in half...its really frustrating and furious when you think about it, the government doesn't care about fixing the disparity among the citizens and those who we are helping. There is a simple method that can help fix this catastrophe among us but only if the government assists...They can simply reduce the taxes for poor people and increase it for rich people(i doubt it will work since rich people in my country are so greedy they can simply revolt cuz they rule the country indirectly with their money)and they can reduce taxes on upgoing companies hoping they will grow in future and increasing taxes for strong and big companies....What A Preposterous Act This is...

MADELINE C 04, 2020 08:30PM

Madeline Star Valley, Wyoming

I am blessed to be born into a country where we have certain rights and privileges already given to us from birth. However, some aren't as lucky as me. Even in this country you see hundreds of homeless people on the streets that are just ignored. I think that each state has different laws or rules that others don't and sometimes they are better than what we have and sometimes they are worse. I know that in other countries some are treated infinitely worse either because of backgrounds or wealth. In the U.S. there is even some different privileges given to other who have different levels. For instance if you only have a high school education level or lower you are less likely to get a job because you are less qualified.

In other countries I know that places in Africa are less privileged in ways of medical service, technology, and even water accessibility. They are almost cut off from society and live in what some would call medieval ways that are simply natural for their culture. But when disaster strikes, because it always does, these people are left out to die and no help in sight. I think that no matter where you are or what your culture is or how much money you have... everyone should be able to have access to and get the basic requirements of life including medical help, food, and clean water. NO MATTER WHAT.

It is a problem we very much have to work.

NANCHON C 04, 2020 03:34PM

Nan Chon Gaygue, Myanmar

Our country, Myanmar, is a country which is currently developing right now. We have various types of ethnic groups and populations. But we're all equally treated. We altogether have nearly 135 ethnic groups. Even we have different religious, sexual orientations and behaviors, we all are born in one nation. That's why we all are treated equally and fairly. And I also think everyone deserves to be treated equally in schools, hospitals, public areas or so on. If we all have the same attitude, we all will be treated equally and fairly.

Hi Nan!!That's really nice of your country.But,I'm little curious about the problems faced by rohingya people.This issue got a lot of media attention all over the world.After hearing from you,I think the issue is almost resolved!What do you think about this? - MINHA UMAI VP

I agree with Minha's comment. The Rohingya crisis has been terrible from what I've heard- is this something your government is now working to fix? - JACK TRAPANICK

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 10:37PM

Emily Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic.

Yes, there are populations in my country that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly than others. For example social class in my country is something very controversial. Some people don't have the same privilege to have a job even if they graduated from the same college, if you don't have political relations you are less likely to have a job, this is not in every occasion but it happens very often. Also people with dark skin are sometimes discriminated in their jobs, schools, college, etc even though the population in my country are 49% African, 39% European, and 4% pre-Colombian.

Discrimination when it comes to finding jobs and within the workplace seems to be a challenge many people face. Yet this is where the opportunity to improve social and economic class often comes from, so it seems to be a cycle of sorts. - GREG ROSENKRANZ

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 01:46PM

Nouhaila Sale, Morocco

Morocco is a country that is divided into two social classes. Rich people, who leave without a problem, have everything they want, get so much respect... But there the other classes who is the contrary to the last one. They have fewer right and the country don't treat him very well. When you see homeless kids in the streets who don't even have good clothes to covers his body, sitting in front of the mosque waiting for some peace of bread. That the government should take care of him, they just don't care. But thanks god there's a lot of nice people here taking care of everyone that need something, we don't wait for the government to do something about them we help however the case was, we are the same human helping there brothers/sisters.

That's so sad to hear Nouhaila. It is terrible that many governments around the world, which are supposed to protect and care for their people, often leave this responsibility to other citizens. But at least we know that there are people out there with empathy, who are willing to help others. — GREG ROSENKRANZ

Mithia Uthairathil, Kerala, India

India is a country which is known to be very cultural throughout the world. However, the culture rooted deep in the country also has various problems. We are a country that has a prevalent problem of casteism. During the early times, the villages were segregated on the basis of their caste. For instance, the highest caste never touched anything which belonged to a person of lower caste. We like to say caste discrimination is not present in new India, but it is, especially in rural areas. Furthermore, intercast marriage is considered such a taboo. It is almost a crime to marry someone you love from the other caste, while the people in urban areas broadened their thinking, rural ones still have not. The villagers still do not believe in this concept and it also gives rise to honor killings.

Another problem is gender inequality. Although Indian constitution grants men and women equal rights, gender disparities remain. Violence against women's are increasing in India. As a girl, it's really heartbreaking when we here about cases, how brutal it is... cases mostly happens in rural areas, and uneducated victims family compromise over money, because they don't want media attention.

Marriage at a young age is also a problem for many women's, where they get married at 18 or 19!! There is a discussion going on to rise the marriage age to 21 for both men and women. It will be great if they rise the marriage age. Many girls get to study!!

The practice of dowry is illegal in India, but it still remains in rural areas, where the bride's parents gift cash, gold or cars to groom's family. Thankfully, this system is changing because girls don't allow their parents to give dowry. This dowry practice lowers the status of women and leads to domestic violence and even death. This is a great burden to lower class and middle class families.

Speaking against caste discrimination, proper punishments to criminals, bride saying NO to dowry and parents knowing the importance of education can lower the impact of these problems.

It's awful to hear about the gender-based and caste-based discrimination going on in your country. I really appreciated how you had clear solutions that can help solve these problems, though! That makes me hopeful. — JACK TRAPANICK

Brooks G, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Boston, and the United States overall, is known for being very liberal, but both have prejudice just below the surface. Personally, there are facts about myself and my family that could make people very prejudiced against us, facts that I hide until I know I can trust the people I am with. Many marginalized peoples do not have this opportunity, as the things that make them marginalized are visually obvious. Because of this I have immense privilege, but it is my ability to recognize that privilege that I think separates my mentality from that of many others in my city and country. I am very aware of the marginalized people, and try to do my best with my own privilege to help them have their voices heard.

hey brooks! I see its really hard to be true and open minded in your country — ALI MATTOU

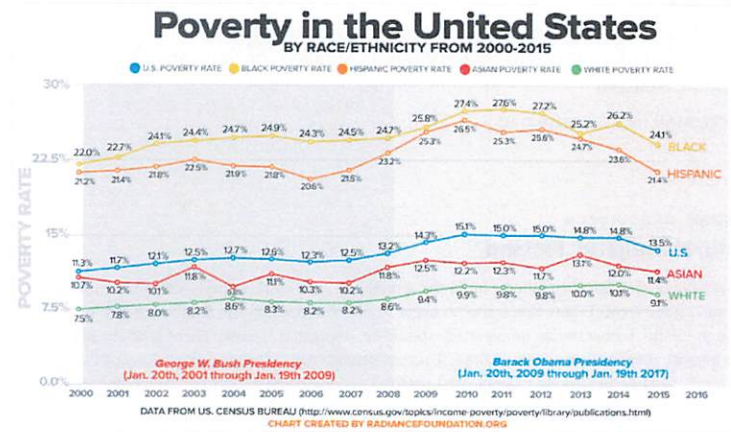
Much power to you buddy! — ARUN PAUDEL

Aidan C, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

The United States takes pride in being one of the most diverse countries in the world. Our country is far from ethnically homogenous, due to a long history of immigration to our continent. However, over the course of American history, various groups of people have been left at the disadvantaged end of society. In fact, nearly every single non-white ethnic group has been subject to some form of persecution, and even groups considered within the "white" subcategory have been victims as well due to their specific cultural identity or religion (Irish, Quakers, etc.) However, when the matter of severe racial injustice is brought up within the US, this predominantly refers to the experiences of Black Americans and Americans of Latinx or Hispanic heritage. These two American demographics have long-standing histories of facing challenges within the country, linking back to the American era of slavery as well as the conquest of former areas of Mexico. In fact, a large amount of cultural perception for these groups comes from the legacies of those eras - freed slaves in the post-Civil-War era had difficulties finding jobs, and often fell into a state of poverty; former citizens of Mexico left over in the United States were looked down upon by their newfound conquerors. While large groups of immigrants did move to the United States after this era, most notably the influx of Asian-Americans, statistics show that Black and Latinx Americans continue to be most affected by poverty, while other ethnic groups are less so, but still face separate issues. In my opinion, the historical causes behind advantages and disadvantages of ethnic groups continue to be present today in the overall cultural perceptions or lifestyles. We in the United States need to start to understand why we unknowingly

now and perpetuate these negative histories, and as time passes we can hope for a more equitable future that negates the effects of history.

(Chart of US Poverty Rates by Ethnicity)



ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 01:45AM

Elisa M, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Although the United States is regarded as a widely diverse country, there are still many populations that are faced with inequality and even racism. Whether it be due to their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, beliefs, etc. many groups are disrespected and are treated as lesser. To give a direct example, minorities have a long history of being mistreated when it comes to societal and job opportunities. In terms of populations that are more privileged, white people (more specifically white males) have the greatest advantages. On the other hand, people of color are generally much more suppressed and many times do not receive the same treatment as privileged populations. We can see this in something as simple as human and individual rights. People of color continue to experience injustice with the current systems and widespread beliefs that are in place. And it isn't just people of color that are treated differently, women, the LGBTQ community, people who follow certain religions, and many more are at a constant disadvantage in today's society.

Everyone should be treated equally, and through certain movements we are slowly trying to work towards that goal. We shouldn't be handing out certain advantages and disadvantages due to someone's differences.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 11:19PM

Asja Ć, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Sarajevo

Again, I need to address this this problem with reference to the fact that BiH is a post-conflict country (the consequences on our nation's mentality are severe, so you can't really comment on any aspect of our lives without bringing this up). Anyway, after the war, our country had been divided into two federations - The Federation of BiH and The Republic of Srpska. This division is still in power and it just adds onto the problem of nationalism in our country (our nation wrongly associates nationalism with religion and this is the core of inequality in Bosnia; when asked what's your nationality, you can only answer either a Bosniak (Muslim), a Croat (Catholic) or Serb (Orthodox) even if we all LIVE and were born in BOSNIA). Thus, we have three presidents and an ongoing mentality that we need to hate each other. Overall, the percentage of Muslims and Christians is very close (almost 50:50), however, there are towns where the majority are either one or another. Sarajevo, for example, is mostly Muslim, but since it is the capital, as a tourist you can't really see that there is any discrimination. However, a very common problem is discrimination in schools. If your class is mostly Muslim and you have a Christian name, you will most likely be bullied, by both professors and classmates. The same goes for the opposite scenario. And that is a problem that I fear cannot be fixed. Our parents are like this and they pass it on to their kids. Our government is like this and they brainwash our nation even more. The ones who oppose this nationalistic and discriminatory point of view are called "one of them" or "haters of our country". Bosnia does not have many minorities, but one of the biggest ones is the Romani population, who feel discrimination on their skin daily. From bullying in schools, to physical violence outside of it, the fact that they often get rejected when they come to vote, they even get prohibitions from entering certain public places and the government does not do anything regarding this. Our LGBTQ+ community is very small, however the discrimination (based on religion) they go through is severe. Again, nothing done by the government. Women... Women were traditionally the one's that stayed at home to bring up children and that is sadly one more thing implemented in our nation's minds. There is very little women out in the public sector and if there is one, she is laughed at and ridiculed with comments like "what is this WOMAN talking about - someone show her the kitchen"... This is the sad reality we live in, and try to fight, but there is long road ahead of us.

The religious divisions in your country sound similar to racial divisions in the USA. Many towns and neighborhoods (especially in our city of Boston) are very demographically segregated. Many Americans are living in bubbles of people who share their race, religion, and political beliefs. Our civil war was over a century ago, but we still see people proudly waving the flag of the losing side, which fought to keep Black people enslaved. Our countries are in very different situations, but it seems like similar forms of discrimination and division persist universally. — RACHEL RONCKA

DANAE L. L. DEC 02, 2020 09:41PM

Danae F, Ecuador

Here in Ecuador, almost all indigenous communities have faced certain problems when it comes to equality. Most Ecuadorians view indigenous people as a lower class or as people who don't deserve

the same respect. Although we are always told that we are the same no matter who we identify ourselves as, there has always been a different treatment for indigenous people. This issue has also been seen in afro descendant communities. Currently, we are in the middle of political campaigns and we are very close to elections. Unlike the US, the candidates are not separated by political parties and each candidate must win over as many provinces as he/she can. I have only lived here in Ecuador for about 3 years but in my time here, I've already seen how most candidates for any political position have used to their advantage the fact that the people living in the countryside or indigenous people don't have the same privileges as people living in the city. The candidates normally offer what these people need most in order to win votes. These things normally include the construction of medical facilities, schools, etc. Most of the time, these things aren't even done once that certain candidate is elected. With every election, more and more people are drawn by these promises and this really concerns me. This year, there is an indigenous candidate running for president who has made really convincing points and hopefully if that candidate wins, this country will have the chance at a better future.

Hearing about this upcoming indigenous candidate really makes me think about the similarities between Ecuador's upcoming election and the 2008 US Presidential election, in which a Black American, Barack Obama, was elected. Although I was very young when he was elected and I don't personally remember it, I know that this sent 'shockwaves' throughout the country. However, even after eight years of his presidency, it feels that Black Americans are still being marginalized despite his many notable efforts to combat systemic racism... my question to you what tangible steps do you think this indigenous candidate could take to ensure a more equitable future? — AIDAN

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:29PM

Mehed' Gazipur, Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a land of non-communal and this is our pride. Our government actually tried her best to give us her best service but you know our country is a populous country and over population is our main obstacle. Basically I think our street children, lack of shelter and food makes them forget about their lives' safety. During the two-month lockdown beginning at the end of March, the streets became all theirs. But the children had nothing for survival around this time when such children needed support the most. And grew in number in search of livelihood in Dhaka city as well as divisional city. Homeless amid pandemic, is there any hope for street children?

"We could not receive new children in order to keep residents safe from the virus,"

The main objectives were to rescue street children, reintegrate them into their families, if found, and rehabilitate them.

"Whatever the number of street children was before the pandemic, it must have gone up as financial hardships struck poor families. In some instances, an entire family with children took shelter on the streets,"

Street children doubly vulnerable amid shutdown. They still collect scraps and stock them at the salvage store, but the shop owner does not pay them now. "We also dream of a better life like other children. But how?"

I think every city corporation should have a children's rights protection committee. And our government and also the whole world should take care of street children, poor.

Thank you so much for sharing Mehedi! I think that there definitely should be more programs implemented in order to support the children whom you talked about. It's concerning that they don't have any security staying on the streets so I do hope that lack of access to basic human necessities and education for them will be addressed. — DEANNA IRIS RUELO

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:06PM

Meliksah Sivas, Turkey

In Turkey although there have been conflicts with people for past years we haven't been facing that much of discrimination on minorities and LGBTQ+ community recently and especially in these times because people seem to understand the worth of human life, and starting to emphasize more day by day. But as Zeynep mentioned the biggest issue we face is domestic violence in our country that is mostly on women, she did a good summary of the whole situation so you should give her a read if you have the time.

DANNY N  DEC 02, 2020 12:17PM

Danny N, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

In the United States, cis white males benefit most from the system while many groups such as the LGBTQ+, BIPOC (and more specifically the Black and Latino communities), women, and immigrants are treated less fairly.

Despite gay marriage being legalized in 2015, there is a lot that still needs to happen for the LGBTQ+ community as trans people cannot serve in the military and can be refused service at hospitals. Furthermore, many businesses can also refuse service to LGBTQ+ due to religious or any personal reason. These are forms of discrimination. This intersects with the marginalization of BIPOC, as black trans women are more likely to have received violence or be killed.

The black community has arguably been the most disadvantaged in the United States and many of the inequalities still exist today. This can be seen in redlining, police brutality, and even implicit bias. There is still a lot that needs to be done to fix these systemic and social inequalities that black people must face on a day to day basis. They are disadvantaged for simply existing.

Women have traditionally been seen as an unequal to men and this mentality still remains. In multiple job industries, women are often paid less and have lower positions than men. Abortion rights are being argued, that women should not have the right to conduct a safe abortion because some believe that killing babies is immoral. However, this ultimately strips the woman from any freedom she has of

her body. Women also live in the fear of any acts of violence when walking at night. This relates back to the intersectionality and how black trans women are more likely to receive violence or be murdered.

And even if many of these marginalized groups receive the systemic change that is long overdue, many of the implicit bias will remain, probably for years to come and the discriminatory social environment will continue to plague these communities.

ADDY  EC 02, 2020 06:58AM

Addy , USA, Boston, Massachusetts

In the US, all citizens are supposed to be treated equally under the law (at least for the most part). Sadly just because the laws may not show clear signs of causing inequalities, the US is definitely not a meritocracy. Protests all around the country, and world, against police brutality and for black lives matter shows that there is a discrepancy between the treatment of white and black Americans in the US. White Americans are privileged in this sense, while black Americans are disadvantaged. There shouldn't be this distinction in the US, we (in the general sense of the US) should not be treating black Americans differently than how we treat and view white Americans. Yet, it isn't as simple as just treating everyone as equals, because even then there still exists the history of racial injustice that still affects us, such as redlining and the school to prison pipeline which continues to hold back the disadvantaged. Equality is not the same as equity, and equity is what America should be striving for. In order to get there, major changes in taxes, educational, income, housing, and governance need to occur in order to get to level the playing field for everyone.

But there isn't just a racial inequality in the US, rather there is a advantaged and disadvantaged side to every aspect of our identities, whether that be gender, race, heritage, ethnicity, sexual orientation, political identity, economic status, or any other. Some have a greater affect than others, but the reality is none of them should affect how prevailed or unprivileged someone is. No one can say for sure how we could get to an America without privileged and unprivileged populations, as one cannot exist without the other. But by trying to respect everyone, regardless of what population(s) they belong to, each of us can work on making an America that lacks discrimination.

ANDY  DEC 02, 2020 05:36AM

Andy , USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Here in the United States of America everyone is supposed to be equal. Everyone is supposed to have the same rights and privileges as everyone else. But that has never happened since America's founding in 1776. America is supposed to be the world's example for what freedom looks like but there are people here who will never be free. America is supposed to grant everyone equal protection under the law but there are people who have never been treated fairly. Minorities aren't treated equally and are sometimes persecuted by law enforcement just because of the color of their skin.

In America advantaged populations are often white people. This is referred to as "White Privilege". Many American laws and policies have been enacted for them to succeed. America was built by white straight men for other white straight men. This to white privilege through centuries of minority suffering. While African slaves were being worked to death and Native Americans were being viewed as animals, some white people in this country have reaped the benefits and are still reaping the benefits today. And the Native Americans and African American populations, because of what happened to them, have no privilege and have been disadvantaged from the start.

These disadvantaged populations: Native Americans, African Americans, and other groups like the LGBTQ+ community have been looked down upon for centuries. They were hated because of who they love and enslaved because of the color of their skin. They were pushed into communities and were left there with nothing. No good housing, no nutritious food, and not even good schools. They are treated without respect or care for their wellbeing. These disadvantaged populations are suffering while the privileged population is still benefiting from past actions. This isn't equality. This is discrimination. Everyone should have the same chance at success as the next person. Everyone should have access to good schools and healthy food. It is ridiculous these things depend on the color of a person's skin.

RAYNA  EC 02, 2020 04:20AM

Rayna, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

In the US, we are still trying to combat the effects that slavery has on our society. Many systems within our government have been built upon the unjust ideologies such as racism, sexism, and homophobia.

Right now the Black Lives Matter movement is going strong. Many people risk their lives by protesting in the streets during this pandemic to show just how much our government needs drastic changes.

The average working woman is only paid around 3/4 of what the average working man makes. Even though we have laws set in place against workplace discrimination based on sexism and racism, these are still problems that we need to find solutions for.

We also have our LGBTQ+ population. As of now, our country has marriage equality, but we have many people in higher positions in our government who want to undo this. There also aren't many laws set in place to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community in the US. There have been instances where people, where because of their sexual orientation, have been turned away by businesses legally because it "went against their religious beliefs".

In a perfect world we wouldn't have any of these issues. I believe that everyone should be treated with equal respect, and right now the US isn't doing a great job of that.

OURANIA FARAFYATH@MS DEC 02, 2020 06:40PM

Ourania P, USA, Boston, MA

Cis-heterosexual white males that are able-bodied and neurotypical (though the latter is not recognized as a word in the dictionary) would be labeled as the most a privileged group on the basis that there has been no institutionalized disadvantages at any point in their history.

This doesn't mean that they can't be economically disadvantaged, which of course has an effect because anyone coming from a low-income group family is at a disadvantage especially when we look to see how this manifests in the sectors of education, housing and overall quality of life especially as the economic class disparities continue into the extremes.

However, those who deny privilege choose to ignore the dehumanization of indigenous people and black people throughout the United States' history. . . today an entire new culture has been created by black people because their ancestors' specific identities had been stripped away, since most today can't trace their lineage back to a specific country. Indigenous people have to have proof of their own heritage to satisfy the government's citizenship requirements when it was their lands that were taken from them. Women have been subjected to sexism, objectification, domestic violence, the wage gap, and it's still unfathomable to me to think that it's only been 5 years since we've legalized same- marriage nationwide for the LGBTQ+ community and we're still arguing over whether transgender people have the right to use the restroom of their gender. Then there's been racial discrimination of many Latin and Hispanic communities and labeling the their entire group as 'immigrants' when we as a country are all immigrants in one way or another. . . same is applicable to Asian-Americans today.

Yet we're still amidst dismantling the disadvantages for these marginalized groups that've been set up by the founders of this country. . . and it's even harder that we become a sort of a dog-eat-dog society and formulate prejudices all against each other where the prioritization of intersectionality so it's not a 'who-has-it-worst' game, and we are able to acknowledge all the problems regarding unequal societal dynamics that plague our country today.

ZIQI ZHEN DEC 02, 2020 03:53AM

Ziqi Z, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Inequality is definitely widespread in America, but because it manifests in the systems and in cycles which perpetuates inequality, it might not seem obvious at first. It's no surprise that America has always been primarily built for white cis-gender heterosexual male Americans, with an emphasis on the rich and the elite, first and foremost, with every other group based on gender, sexuality, and ethnic identity cast aside.

Historically, laws and attitudes lean towards a sexist, racist, homophobic, xenophobic, etc attitude, which is unfortunately a common theme around the world. Anti-immigration sentiments did not come up once or twice but is a continuity all throughout history and up through the modern day. These laws and attitudes still have large ramifications in today's society, though many might argue otherwise.

I would love to delve into every single group that I think is disadvantaged and all the human rights and inequality issues that America is currently is dealing with, but it's unfortunately not that feasible to do, not to sure mention the differences and similarities between region to region, state to state, and county and county. Doing so would take maybe a whole paper to try and do it justice.

The biggest take away is that many of these disadvantaged groups such as women, people of color, believers of certain religions, being in the LGBTQ+ community, etc, deal with prejudice, stereotypes, implicit bias, and of course, the systems in which our society runs on. Many groups are more likely to be born into poverty, go back into poverty, incarcerated, apprehended by police, liable to violence and sexual violence, lack access to resources, more liable to health problems, turned away from housing, be deported, and more. Intersectionality is also very important to think about, as, for example, black trans women are more likely to be murdered, be homeless, face unemployment, and more.

Also, it's important to never categorize a person based on these obstacles, each person is unique and each person is much more than what they faced or what they didn't face. Each person's circumstances are also unique and not everyone in a group can relate to each other perfectly.

I think in our current situation, we shouldn't look at everything with a "color-blind" or a whatever blind lens because many people disproportionately face issues purely because of their skin color, origin, and identity, and we need to make sure how and why that exactly happens instead of ignoring that it's a thing. We need to find solutions and elicit changes that can permanently change things for better, rather than putting band-aids on a leaking boat.

GREG @GREG@MS DEC 02, 2020 03:59AM

Greg R, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

There are many different populations within the United States that have fewer rights and are treated less fairly. Often, this discrimination is deeply rooted within the laws, systems, and in some cases, the people of our country. For example, racial minorities, especially Native Americans, Latinx and African Americans, are in many ways disadvantaged. These populations face inequities within educational opportunity, economic opportunity, housing, and representation in government. Women also face disadvantages in the form of gender stereotypes, lack of government representation, and more. Lastly, the LGBTQ+ faces issues including marriage rights. Not only are these and many other

populations systematically discriminated against, but they also struggle to be fairly treated and accepted by others.

There are also groups that in some aspects are advantaged. In general, certain populations such as Asians and Caucasians tend to have more educational and economic opportunity, contributing to an achievement gap. Men also are advantaged. For example, they hold a majority of government positions.

Ideally, everyone would be treated equally regardless of their identity. People would be able to recognize and celebrate differences, however they would not be a factor in the way people are treated by other individuals or within society. While a completely equal society is challenging to obtain or even imagine, it does not mean we shouldn't strive to realize this goal. I think it is great that many people are striving for this equality, even for populations that they are not a part of, as seen through the recent social movements and protests across the United States.



RACHEL @RACHEL@MS DEC 02, 2020 03:21AM

Rachel, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

In the United States, people face discrimination and marginalization based on aspects of their identity like race, gender, sexuality, income, and more. Our country's Founding Fathers were straight, cis-gender, white men, and that is the demographic all of our institutions are designed for. It doesn't help that most of our current government is comprised of this same demographic. We are living with the remnants of a society founded on the enslavement of Black and Indigenous people, and the exploitation and alienation of Asian, Latin, and non English speaking Americans. Although we have many laws in place to prevent discrimination, there are still significant wealth and achievement gaps, higher COVID deaths, higher incarceration rates and more among racial groups.

Women in America have seen much hard earned advancement in legal rights and the workforce over the years, but still hold much fewer leadership positions, especially in very lucrative or influential industries. Harmful gender stereotypes are still prolific, and contribute to a social culture that simultaneously shames and oversexualizes women and girls. There are still laws that prevent women from having full autonomy over their bodies. Women have also seen higher rates of job loss as a result of COVID, adding to the very real pay gap. Sexual assault and harassment still persist unpunished in person and online, and domestic violence has sky rocketed thanks to COVID and lack of adequately funded services. This is also affecting LGBTQ people and people with nontraditional gender identities, who still don't receive proper acceptance (especially in religious communities) or legal rights. Violence against them is left unprosecuted because of trans or gay panic defenses in court. Black transgender women face horrific rates of violence and murder, with an average lifespan of 35, like we are in medieval times or something. That is one example of the many unique challenges that result from the intersection of race, gender, sexuality, etc, which is why it is so important to promote intersectionality in all areas of activism.

With all this rampant inequality, it's not surprising that many Americans feel disillusioned and disappointed by our systems and nation. However, I think the fact that these issues are now so apparent and seem so pronounced is a mark of our progress as a nation. Today we are able to have these conversations and promote these issues on a national level, which is something that wouldn't have been possible a century ago. Progress has been slow and there are still far too many voices being marginalized or punished for speaking out, but I hope that we will retain this spirit of activism that 2020 seems to have sparked for many years into the future. I think that all people, regardless of how they identify racially, gender wise, etc. should be treated with fairness and respect. To do this, we can't completely ignore our differences ("post racial America"), but we must use them to identify the ways in which our systems give privilege to some and disadvantages others. This will require more extensive and inclusive education across the whole country, so that all Americans will be aware of the experiences their fellow citizens go through.

It really is so amazing to see so much more talk and activism going on at a national level, which I'm pretty sure is because of advancements in technology, the Internet, and social media. I really am thankful to be able to find and consume so much of this information through YouTube, social media, articles easily found online, or any other platform on the Internet, something that absolutely could not have happened 20 years ago. However, it is disheartening to think that the people who arguably needs to hear this the most might never do so, or might end up with different information from the online media that they consume. — ZIQI ZHEN

...agree a lot about your points with me (sectionally), I think that more often than not, some people tend to ignore the broader aspect of how several issues that are related to each other and how they affect marginalized peoples, so people's understanding of this will allow us to better address discrimination as a whole. — DEANNA IRIS RUELO

LILAH 6 DEC 02, 2020 02:09AM

Lilah 6, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

The United States was built on the basis of discrimination towards many groups of people. Although many people, including the president, try to claim that we have overcome this history, the most advantaged population in our country are by far still straight white men, preferably Christian.

Whether it is about access to education, healthcare, jobs, or housing, straight white men are much more likely to move up and succeed. However women, members of the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, and especially people of color are at an extreme disadvantage in every aspect of America's society.

To this day, women still do not make the same amount of money as men, even when working the same jobs. There is an extreme culture of sexual assault in the workplace, and although the recent "me too" movement has brought a lot of the injustices to light, many women still do not receive appropriate justice in the courts.

The most blatantly disadvantaged group in our country are people of color. Today, there has been a strong movement toward seeking justice through Black Lives Matter, but not much has been changed. In the past few months, the entire country has seen public lynchings of black people, and the killers have still not yet been held accountable. This racism and injustice goes back to the foundation of our country's history. The worldwide COVID outbreak has affected communities of color very disproportionately, largely due to the facts that they have been denied access to proper education, keeping them from high paying jobs, and forcing them to living conditions not suitable to support a global pandemic.

It is unrealistic to think that these problems, which do not even begin to cover the extent of the discrimination in the U.S., will change over night. However, all people should have access to the same level of basic human rights, and be given the resources necessary to gain the same opportunities.

TANDIN 10 DEC 01, 2020 09:49PM

Tandin JW, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

The United States has a long history of discrimination against different types of people. While we like to believe that things have changed a lot in the United States, the reality is that they have not. People are still treated differently because of their race, religion, sexual orientation and more.

In our country, white people are "advantaged" and have more privilege than people of color, especially black people who are "disadvantaged" and "lack privilege." People of color face systemic racism in the country and have less opportunities than white people. This inequality is evident in all aspects of life from people of color being denied opportunities, to facing blatant racism in everyday life.

Members of the LGBTQ+ community can also face much discrimination. They face discrimination from the government, as well as other citizens who refuse to accept or respect them for who they are. They are often denied the same rights straight people have, such as marriage, which was not even legalized until more recently.

I think that it is extremely important to address the systemic problems that plague our country. As a country we need to acknowledge these issues and work to change them. I think it is important that everyone has the same opportunities and chances to thrive in our country, and currently that is not the case.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 07:08PM

Zeynep 1, Trabzon, TURKEY.

Although there is not so much racial discrimination in Turkey, violence, and discrimination against women and the LGBTQ+ community is too much to ignore. About 200 women died I saw during the COVID-19 period. And the cause of these deaths was absurd, such as a woman getting a divorce from her husband. There have been 117,192 cases of domestic violence in the past seven months, a 34% decrease from 2019. These cases heartbreakingly show the rates of violence against women in my society, and the culprits of these incidents can go to court in formal dress and receive a "good behavior" discount. The way the Queer community gets behaved is worse than these, but they are few examples because people now prefer to live in secret or immigrate abroad rather than come out. Usually, when someone does come out, their family calling them f** and indirectly, he practices both physical and mental physics. Sadly, in my country, these people don't have rights. So, legally, their sexual orientation is ignored. In recent years, we have also seen cases of police going home and killing trans people for no reason, and pride marches being considered "terrorist acts."

Hi Zeynep, thank you for posting. I think everything you talked about is so important. I did not know that women could face so much danger for getting divorced! And I also see examples in America of guilty people who "go to court in formal dress" and are lightly punished, as you said. — EMMA LU

Interesting and sad to hear you discuss the problem of domestic violence during the pandemic due to lockdowns. I have heard this has also been a massive problem in Latin A — JACK TRAPANICK

Latin America* — JACK TRAPANICK

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 05:38AM

Ariah U, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Although a lot of our leaders in the past and in the present have chosen to ignore blatant inequalities that are evident throughout our societal culture, The United States is no exception when it comes to exclusion and discrimination of certain demographic groups. In terms of race, white people, who are the majority and disproportionately hold the most power, have hidden advantages and privileges that have been woven into our social construct since the foundations of our country. Women are also faced with higher obstacles than their male counterparts due in part to a long history of government overreach when it comes to surveillance over women's bodies and choices. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are also marginalized against, as well as members of immigrant groups because of the large undercurrent of xenophobia.

Some examples of blatant discrimination in the US are persistently evident to this day. Over the past couple of months, we have seen black people being killed in essentially what are state sanctioned lynchings. We have deep racial inequities when it comes to the economic and medical crises that are compounded by the COVID pandemic. These are all results of a system that has only looked out for those with already built in advantages. Because of the deep rooted construct of white superiority that is embedded through all of global society (due in large part to European imperialism and expansion), the American healthcare and criminal justice systems remain unequal on the basis of race. Black people make up a disproportionate amount of our incarcerated population when compared to their overall percentage in our population, and have a higher chance of living with out health insurance. Societal structures and state sponsored discrimination are all in the mix here, although a lot of the time the US government deflects from its own wrong doings.

EMMA 1 DEC 01, 2020 03:08AM

Emma L, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Despite all we've learned about our social progress and our rights in American, it is no secret that there are populations in our country who are treated less fairly and who "lack privilege," whether this is due to history of oppression and biases existing government structures, or due to our own individual prejudices.

Immigrant populations, for instance, have faced significant barriers in America, particularly if they are not white and do not have English as their native language. Through Trump's surge in politics during these recent years, xenophobia has been a blatant issue in his rhetoric and his goals in legislature. Trump wishes to abolish birthright citizenship, increase the complexity of the citizenship test, and separate immigrant families and subject them to horrific conditions at the hands of ICE. I think we need to remember our country is supposed to value diversity, and not judge people to be dangerous or incompetent because they are not "Western" enough.

Besides evidence of xenophobia, there is blatant discrimination against African Americans whose ancestors might've lived here for centuries. In America, they are disadvantaged in almost every facet of life, whether based on income inequality, redlined neighborhoods, social implicit bias, police brutality and criminalization, employment, education, representation, etc. I think more radical reform is necessary, and we have to treat the needs of Black people seriously, as they've been forced to compromise on their rights for far too long.

And the last (of many more) populations I want to address is of the LGBTQ+ community. While there's been progress with Pride celebrations, members of the LGBTQ+ community are treated by many as "abnormal" or "invalid," whether this is in public, or in the privacy of their own homes. For people who are non-binary and/or transgender in particular, they are extremely disadvantaged — transgender women are more likely to be accosted in public, even killed. There is also transphobia that exists in the LGBTQ+ community, and an immense lack of understanding for transgender people in general. I think we need more education about the LGBTQ+ community in and out of school, and the community needs to be treated with the same dignity and respect, and be given the same rights, as cisgendered, heterosexual individuals.

REGINA 1 DEC 01, 2020 12:58AM

Regina C, USA, Boston, Massachusettes

is The United States is no exception to groups being undervalued and mistreated and therefore there are also groups that are "advantaged" and "privileged."

In the past year, there have been riots and protest advocating for the equal treatment of the black community throughout the United States after a video of a black man being killed by a police officer went viral. In the past couple of years, I have learned about the systemic racism that is embedded into our society, whether it be in real estate, jobs, or school, people who are of darker skinned are at a disadvantage. Throughout history, people who are not white, have faced discrimination in America. Although we are all on a path to a brighter future, this unfair treatment is still here, just in more discreet ways. For example with the rise of COVID-19 in the past year, it has been termed by the president as the "Chinese Virus." By putting an ethnicity onto the virus, more people are afraid of going into chinatown, during this pandemic, many local stores have been suffering immensely due to their race.

Sadly, not only are certain different race and ethnic groups are at a disadvantaged, but the LGBTQ+ community, women, and so many more groups are discriminated on. It's baffling to think that in a country that is called the land of the free, we are not equally treated as "free". We are instead in a country where some people are valued as more while the rest are stuck in the system with little wiggle room.

I think that there is little communication between the people in different groups, and it is so easy to judge the other side without any context or background. There is such a divide between each group

without the communication between them. I think that you can belong to a group, but it should not define who you are, and therefore you should not judge a group but instead judge the individual's character instead.

I completely agree, I feel like individuals frequently judge others based on the group they belong in which causes deep divides. Communication is a really important way we can begin to close these gaps.
— SILVIA G

DEANNA IRIS RUIZ · DEC 02, 2020 09:53AM

Deanna R, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Within the US, several populations are being treated unfairly whether it be because of their skin color, race, religion, ethnicity, gender identification, sexual orientation, age, or physical/mental incapacibilities. At the top of America's social ladder are usually white cisgender men who reap the many benefits of the oppressive system that we live in. Specifically, discrimination towards AAPI (Asian American, Pacific Islanders), African-Americans, and the Latinx communities (or anyone who is a person of color) have become more apparent now than ever during the pandemic and with the utilization of media.

These populations have been targeted in several places, whether it be in a workplace, in the media, or even taking a simple walk to the store, there is always a skewed view that is perpetuated within each of these populations. Asian-Americans are often seen as the 'model minority', seen as capable of climbing the socioeconomic ladder with ease because they are considered to be extremely intelligent and seemingly "perfect". However, this perception causes heavy burden to the Asian-American individuals who feel as if they are able to be as successful as their white counterparts. However, it only adds to a negative feedback loop, as the systemic racism in America prevents them from getting better wages or receiving promotions, and this 'bootstrap mentality' unfortunately doesn't work in our chauvinist capitalist society. African-Americans have are typically thought to involve themselves in illicit activities and are seen as 'dangerous' because of the discrimination they've faced since the beginning of America's history and even before. They have constantly been at the receiving end of violence and face fear at the thought of being the victim of a police officer and despite people who celebrate the accomplishments of black culture, some stay silent once they have expressed their need for help. The Latinx community has been the target of even our president, Donald Trump, who amplified anti-immigrant sentiments and threatened to deport immigrants out of the country. These negative sentiments eventually culminated into a stereotype in which Latinx people were seen as dangerous as well.

Tokenism is something that I've noticed happening to all these populations but specific to women and LGBTQ+ people in the workplace environment. More often than not, they are seen as representatives of something "diverse", yet no affirmative action is being taken; women are still not receiving half as much the wages as men and LGBTQ+ people still face the isolation and condemnation of their peers, and are not allowed the freedom of identity. Diversity without inclusion is performative activism, and has only been enabling the oppression of these marginalized groups.

Unfortunately, although America has set into place several laws and regulations which would help combat discrimination towards these peoples, there is still much work to be done in spreading awareness of how these marginalized groups are being treated and change the way they are being presented in the media. I think that regardless of anyone's difference, it is our individual responsibility to make sure that we can advocate for them however we can; whether that be educating ourselves on their culture and how they have been oppressed, using the personal pronouns one identifies with, acknowledging the accomplishments of these marginalized groups, and most importantly, start conversations with people who may think otherwise from us. Of course it'll take time to integrate these changes into our divided society, but bringing respect and understanding to whatever conversation we have about these groups is something that needs to happen.

GRACE P · DEC 02, 2020 05:43PM

Grace P, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

In the United States, there are many marginalized groups, including women, people of color, and the LGBTQ community. In contrast, the group that has the most privilege and advantages is white men, as they are very well represented in most arenas in life, particularly in politics.

Women are still fighting for their reproductive rights, including abortion and access to contraceptives. Currently, Roe v Wade, the court rule that stated that banning abortions was unconstitutional, is under threat, meaning that it will become very difficult for many women to get a safe abortion if it is overturned. Every woman should have all the resources they need to maintain their health and well-being. In addition, there is still a significant wage gap between men and women. I believe that men and women should be paid the same amount of money for the same amount of work. Unfortunately, women are negatively impacted by the gender wage gap often because of society's pressure and expectation for women to be the primary caregiver.

Many minorities, such as African Americans, Asians, and Latinx people, face a lot of discrimination because of false, deeply-rooted stereotypes about them. The black community, especially, experiences racism shown through police brutality and many facets of life, including education, housing, career, and healthcare. Asian Americans also deal with a lot of racism and discrimination, which has heightened because of the pandemic. Latinx people encounter racial discrimination in many aspects of our society, especially in our justice system as they are most targeted for deportations. I believe that everyone should be treated respectfully and given the same opportunities no matter the color of their skin or their background.

Even though gay marriage was made legal in all states in 2015, the LGBTQ community continues to struggle to be treated with the same respect as their heterosexual counterparts. They come across a great amount of discrimination and harassment in the southern and middle states in the U.S., which

are much less liberal than the east and west coast. It is sad to know that this is the reality, as everyone should be able to love whomever they want to love.

ISABELLA S · DEC 01, 2020 12:22AM

Isabella S Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

In the U.S. there are many marginalized groups, although sometimes people who live in America can be blind to them. Black people, the Latinx community, Asians, the LGBTQ+ community, women, and many other groups all face adversities every single day in this country. People of color do not have the same opportunities in school and careers because of the color of their skin, and all the stereotypes people hold against them. Black people face so much danger everyday because walking on the street they could be killed by police officers who are supposed to protect them. The LGBTQ+ community is a lot of times forced out of their homes just because of who they love or what gender they identify as. Transgender people are more at risk of being murdered or assaulted, simply for being who they are. Immigrants trying to escape poverty or danger in their own countries are often ridiculed and seen as criminals just because they wanted a better life for themselves and their families. Women have been fighting for their rights for centuries in America and there is still a wage gap between men and women. Also women are still being pushed aside or not believed when they experience sexual assault because a man's reputation has to be protected. Of course all these different communities should not be made to feel less or face all these different obstacles, but unfortunately that is easier said than done. That is why it is so important to have conversations like these in order to stay informed and make sure that all these issues aren't forgotten. The only way people can begin to see everyone as equal is if they are taught that people have differences, but at the end of the day we are all humans.

JACK T · DEC 01, 2020 01:54AM

Oppressed Groups in America

As in virtually all countries, disabled and LGBTQ+ people in America face discrimination, sometimes legalized, as well as social stigma and homophobia, transphobia, and ableism. These two groups are the only ones who are not guaranteed equal protections under the law, though recent instances like a Supreme Court decision in June have improved things for the LGBTQ+ community.

Muslims in America are sometimes regarded as terrorists or at least with discomfort by other Americans, a harmful stereotype that has little basis except for extreme examples Americans see in the news. Jews also face some bias, particularly from far-right groups, but much less so in contemporary American society than in the past or in comparison with other marginalized groups. And, of course, most people will know about racial discrimination in the US. Asian-Americans, Latinx people, and most of all Black people face implicit biases against them that manifest throughout our institutions, especially in our justice system.

Finally, also like in many other countries, American women struggle with issues like the pay gap, abortion access, menstrual product affordability, domestic violence, and discrimination/bias in the workplace.

Naturally I don't think any of these people should be treated with bias or discrimination. The best approach to such diversity is recognizing people are different but equal. There's no reason to be color blind or "not see gender;" we just need to be able to see people's identities without making judgements based off them. That's easier said than done, though.

I feel like one reason why a country like England or France have so much underlying racism in the country despite the fact that they consider themselves as "color blind" is precisely because they turn a blind eye to these issues in order to make it seem like everything is okay. — ZIQI ZHENG

Exactly. Racism exists and color-blindness just ignores the problem and lets it fester instead of solving it, like people think it does. — JACK TROMANICK

Since Malaysia is a diversified country, we learn to live harmoniously with many different races. So the racism in Malaysia currently is not an issue but losing jobs and trying to rebuild life is very difficult. — SHARIFAH FICHEL BASSAN MOE

SILVIA G · DEC 01, 2020 02:28PM

Silvia G, USA, Boston, Massachusetts

Sadly in America many different groups of people are oppressed and discriminated against. We see this inequity in all aspects of life from the work space and government to schools. Obviously racial discrimination has been a very prominent issue within our country. Individuals of different races are denied the same opportunities and rights of those who are white. Throughout history we have witnessed the struggles and prejudice they face constantly in our society. LGBTQ+ people have also been treated unjustly and forced to face bias and discrimination where ever they go. The fact that individuals are illtreated based on what they identify as is horrible and has happened continually throughout America's history. Another major issue within our country as well as many others is that of gender equality. Women fight against sexism in their daily lives through unequal pay, stereotypes, and domestic violence. Various populations within America hold fewer rights and face discriminatory actions based on religion, gender, race, capability, sexuality, and more. I believe that everyone should be treated as equals despite what characteristics they may have. Individual's identities should not shape our opinion of them and we should learn to respect everyone for who they are. Although this is a difficult outlook to uphold in society, I believe that we can work towards a more equal environment.

I agree with you that everyone should be treated equally no matter who they are. We as a country need to learn how to respect each other more and put aside our differences. — TANDIN

Groups H-N (sec 02): On human rights and marginalized populations

Are there populations within your countries that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly and/or equally than others? Are there populations that are “advantaged” or “privileged” and populations that are “disadvantaged” or “lack privilege”? How would you describe those populations? How are they treated? How do YOU think they should be treated?

JUDI FREEMAN NOV 25, 2020 09:29PM

MAIA JAN 05, 2021 04:36PM

Maia , **Boston, USA**

The United States has an abundance of people that are treated as less due to aspects of their personhood. For a country that preaches about freedom and equality, we need to do more to change this and make our society a more inclusive place for all.

Some of the groups in the US that automatically come to mind as lacking privilege are people of color and of non-white heritage, members of LGBTQ+, specific religious organizations like Muslims, women and people with disabilities. The most privileged population is that of the white man although white people in general are offered numerous societal advantages. Our society was built around the white man and although steps are being taken to change that, it is still very real in our present day society. The groups that lack privilege such as African Americans often fear for their lives when faced with our very own law enforcement even today not even to mention their long history with racism in our society. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are often met with ridicule and even violence when they do so much as be themselves. Members of religious organizations, especially Muslims are met with efforts to put them down and waver their faith with the most common example being the blatant disregard for their cultural practices and traditions such as their head wrap and using stereotypes to bring them down. These are only some examples of oppression in the US.

It is obvious to me that these populations are treated unfairly and this needs to change seeing as their basic human rights are tried just for belonging or identifying with a certain group. The system that favors white males over all else is an obsolete idea that should have been changed before it began. Although I think there are many efforts to change our society such as talking about these problems openly and through the media, we still have a long way to go before we can truly call our country the land of the free and brag about our equality.

ANONYMOUS DEC 20, 2020 10:08PM

Faruk S., Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

As everywhere, there are populations within my country that are unfortunately treated poorly. Whether that is justified is something everyone should decide for themselves (in my opinion it is not justified).

Right now the most poorly treated segment of the population are the immigrants. There are many of them here in Bosnia & Herzegovina, and they are not taken care of properly. In the northern and eastern part of the country they have their own temporary camps which are not suited for the coming winter at all. They live in thin tents, with no hygiene, proper housing or beds.

As such, they are often forced to resort to criminal activities to survive and people blame them. Of course, theft is always theft, but these people steal and rob because they literally have to. And with most countries surrounding Bosnia & Herzegovina having quite a closed and somewhat hostile approach to them, many of them are staying here for a while.

As such I believe it only makes sense if they are properly taken care of (seeing that they were promised housing and, of course, it's a few months late).

JAGNA DEC 08, 2020 07:45PM

Jagna B. Malopolska. Poland

In my country, all populations have the same rights. People of a different color skin or nationality have the same rights as people who are native on my country. The only thing I don't like are the stereotypes that some people follow.

Poland is a very biting country and LGBT+ people are treated a bit worse. Only the young generation begin to support and respect them. The media also stopped blurring their existence.

In my opinion, in a few years' time, with the arrival of the younger generation, everyone will be treated equally.

ANONYMOUS DEC 08, 2020 04:10AM

Bivushi I, Nepal, Pokhara

In Nepal, there are 126 caste/ethnic groups as reported in the census 2011 and 123 languages are spoken as mother tongue according to the census 2011 A.D. (2068 B.S.). 10 different religions are in practice here in Nepal. In the past, Nepal was a Hindu Nation but now according to the Constitution Of Nepal 2015, which was promulgated on September 20, 2015 there is freedom of religion in Nepal. Hence all the populations of all religions are treated equally as Nepal is a Secular State.

However, Reservation is one of the tools of inclusive policy adopted here in Nepal, which is mainly focused on increasing participation through employment, of marginalized people in government and related services as well as in education system of the country. But in my opinion, that Reservation affects the merit based selection and it also helps in preserving the discrimination because state itself, through reservation, recognize people with separate status.

NAYELI QUILLES DEC 07, 2020 02:46AM

Nayeli Quiles, Boston, MA, USA

Here in the United States there are many marginalized groups that are discriminated against or disadvantaged due to their skin color, religion, sexual orientation or immigration status. There is a perception of whiteness that puts individuals at a societal advantage because they are not hindered in their livelihoods due to the color of their skin. African Americans throughout history have needed to fight for the basic rights that should be granted to any individuals. In the 21st century they are still fighting against systems that oppress them like violent police brutality and the prison industrial complex. Alongside them Latin immigrants are fighting for their right to a better life and opportunity for their children, but they are treated mercilessly at the border or at detention camps. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are also discriminated against and have higher rates of suicide and depression in their respective age groups due to strict societal norms sometimes enforced by family or friends.

In order to have a world where all human rights are protected, the hardships of minorities and those oppressed by society at-large must first be observed so we can improve upon specific areas.

ARPITA SINGH DEC 04, 2020 04:48PM

Arpita S, India, West Bengal

In India, all societies have some kind of social inequalities. In most societies, occupations are passed on from one generation to another. Members of the same caste group were supposed to form a social community that practiced the same or similar occupation, married within the caste group and did not eat with members from other caste groups. This was taking the lower caste people

away from their basic rights.

Caste system was based on exclusion of and discrimination against the 'outcaste' groups. They were subjected to the inhuman practice of untouchability. This prevented them from getting out of that system.

But partly due to the great efforts made by the Indian freedom fighters and socio-economic changes, castes and caste system in modern India have undergone great changes. With economic development, large scale URBANISATION, growth of literacy and education, OCCUPATIONAL MOBILITY and, the old notions of CASTE HIERARCHY are breaking down. The Constitution of India prohibited any caste-based discrimination and laid the foundations of policies to reverse the injustices of the caste system.

PAING CHAN MYA DEC 04, 2020 04:27PM

Paing Chan Mya, Patheingyi, Ayeyarwady, Myanmar

In Myanmar, there are 135 ethnic groups officially. So there are many religions, languages and etc. There are Buddhism, Christian, Muslim and many others. In the past, we had many religious wars among the extreme religions. After we've passed through these times, we are living peacefully and there are no fights among the religions. There is the pagoda (the sacred status of Buddhism), the church (A building for public Christian worship) and the mosque (the traditional Muslim place of worship) in the center of the city, Yangon. Every child in our country has the right to study. The governments also provide the fund for the betterment of public schools cuz almost everyone attends the public schools.

We are also treated very equally. Although there are some regions where the people are disadvantaged. Now, anyone can worship any religion. Everyone respects each other whether he or she is LGBTQ+ or not. But there are some difficulties in marrying two different religions. Now we are leading the developed country and I hope the new generations including me will get equal rights in the future.

Saeed , Lebanon

Lebanon's population is consisted of **Palestinians, Syrians, and Lebanese** , And some other minorities . and there is a great amount of racism in Lebanon . Ofcourse, Lebanese people have all the rights except 24/7 electricity and water supplying and women rights . However, Palestinian and syrian people don't have all the rights. they don't have any sort of civil rights, they cant register a home in their names,they live in what so called "refugees camps" which are surrounded with Lebanese army like birds cage.Also a Palestinian or Syrian adult who finishes his studies in whatever university cant work in government .Moreover they cant get free health care form Lebanese government . Any kind of disaster aids funded by the government would ever go to a non- Lebanese . In my opinion refugees should be treated properly especially Palestinians who are living on Lebanese land for more than 80 years.

VERY GOOD. You explain it very smoothly – KADER490002

Paarth A, India, Gurgaon

Caste system and discrimination on the basis of class and caste is an unfortunate part of India's past. It has origins from ancient India and became more dominant during the British rule (the 1700s to 1947). According to this system, certain communities were supposed to practice specific occupations and marry within their own community. This created a separation in society, and gave rise to 'Dalits' or 'the untouchables', who were treated unfairly and often violently because they were born into a 'marginalised' family, leading to large human right violations.

The Constitution of independent India, which came into effect in 1950, abolished untouchability in all its forms and introduced various measures to accelerate the integration of the former-marginalised communities into society, these included reservations in the legislature, government posts, universities, etc. They were recognized as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, on the basis of their history in British India. After all these years, instances of caste or class-based discrimination have reduced significantly. Increased education and understanding of the past have led to this, and the situation will only get better as education levels rise.

You explain it very smoothly. VERY GOOD – KADER490002

Saul H, Boston, MA, USA

While at a very basic and technical level, under law, all US citizens should be treated fairly, this is often not the case for many minorities. Minorities in race, religion, and the LGBTQ+ community are often discriminated against and are not treated fairly by those with more power than them. Throughout US history, racial minorities such as african-americans, native americans, and all immigrants have been given less rights and have

been discriminated against. Even today, this is still a huge problem in our country, shown with police brutality, reservations, and deportations. As for religion, many people in the US take it upon themselves to act against others who are of different faith than them. In the LGBTQ+ community, there is a lack of acceptance in our society of people with different sexualities than us. Before 2015, when the US supreme court ruled in favor of same- marriage, many states in the US had ruled it as illegal. Even gender discrimination is still an issue, with women in the US often losing rights they should have, such as abortion.The most advantaged group in the US is white, Christian, heterosexual males because not only do people in this group have the most rights, but they are also the least discriminated-against group. I think everyone should be treated equally. Everyone should have equal rights and equal access to the resources available in the US. No matter who you are, it is vital that you are treated with fairness.

Daibelys U. , SPM, Dominican Republic.

-In the Dominican Republic racism is not a subject of controversy , it doesn't matter the skin color, since we all have the same blood; But all this changes when it comes to Haitians. It doesn't matter that they're not of Haitian nationality, it is enough to just have Haitian parents. These people are subjected to insults and exploitation. Haitians are disowned and most of the time mocked. They don't have right to step on their homeland, because is considered a crime from their part.

Gender identity is a taboo and talking about it's like sign a direct passage to hatred ,and as a consequence, make way for rumors. It's also hard to be the way you naturally are or refuse to comply with certain gender norms that society sets. By expressing yourself you only earn hatred and repudiation. I don't know if it compares to the problems of other countries with respect to the issue, but I think it's something that is hurting my homeland , the Dominican Republic, from within.

Olivia T, Boston, MA, USA

In the US many people are not treated fairly or equally. Racial minorities such as black, asian, latino, and indigenous people are not treated fairly. Members of these groups have experienced oppression and discrimination through out the history of the US and still face many problems today. Many religious groups also face discrimination in the US even though we have freedom of religion, religious groups still face discrimination based solely on their religion. Other groups such as LBGTQ+, disabled people, women, and immigrants experience discrimination as well. In the US white heterosexual males are the most privileged in our society. White privilege is a part of American society that can not

be ignored. Historically white people in America have not been faced with discrimination and oppression in the ways that many others have. Today white privilege still reigns true. Populations in the US that who are disadvantaged or lack privilege are not treated with fairness or respect in America's society today and they deserve to be respected and treated equally.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 10:03AM

Mamta Bhatnagar, India

Historically in India the marginalization of certain segment of the population has always been there because of the caste system which classified people by their occupation and status. The caste system shows a fundamental discrimination in economic, social and civil spheres of human life.

These marginalized group have been historically deprived access and entitlements not only to economic rights but also to social needs such as education, health and housing. The 'Dalits' remain disadvantaged across many social indicators.

Measures to improve their position in the society is taking place through reservations in government posts, higher education, general economic programme. Scholarships, bursaries, subsidized tuition fees have helped in significant measures but we have a long way to go.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 09:43AM

Hailey M, Boston, MA, USA

White Anglo-Saxon protestants(WASPs) are at the top of the United States. These people are treated the best. White people in general are at the top of society but there are some other factors that will make them lower. Being a woman, part of the LGBT+ community or being a religious minority will bring down your status in the United States even if the individual is white. Other races are automatically at a disadvantage but one in particular is the most disadvantaged.

The most disadvantaged group of people in the United States is black people. There is a lot of racism ingrained into the United States's culture which keeps black people at the bottom. Black people are killed by the police and the police are not held accountable. Black women are at more of a disadvantage because the US is a patriarchal society so women are at the bottom. There could be other factors that could make these people even more disadvantaged than they already are. People could be non-white and part of the LGBT+ community/disabled/poor/etc. and that would put them at a double/triple/etc. disadvantage.

I think that people should be treated fairly. I think that everyone should have equal access to medical/educational resources. In the US your place in society determines your access to resources such as food and education. I think that the people who are

disadvantaged need to be uplifted and given more assistance so that they have the same opportunities as privileged people.

EMILY DEC 02, 2020 08:05AM

Emily H, Boston, MA, USA

In the U.S, there are most certainly populations that are treated less fairly than others. Race, religion, gender, and disabilities come into play when I think about advantaged or disadvantaged. When I think about the most advantaged group of people in society, it would be white males. Often times, they are the people in power (government, top 10%, or households).

The United States has a long history of racism and colonizing. That hatred towards new immigrants, people of color, and religion still is prevalent today. We see people of color today facing discrimination and lacking resources to get them to a more equitable place as everyone else. Then we see indigenous people losing their own lands from Americans who place policies that disadvantage them and displace them. These groups of people are underprivileged and face the most damage from the actions people with power are doing.

Although we say we are a country of freedom and everyone can practice any religion they wish, Muslims are the most disadvantaged group of people just because of international affairs and the connection to terrorism. They are poorly mistreated because people grouped them based on certain incidents. They are also a lot of disrespect to the religion when dress code is implemented or food availability.

Genders and sexuality are such sensitive topics because people are used to the standard heterosexual relationship and being cisgender. Females are losing their rights to their own bodies. LGBTQ+ are unaccepted and conversion therapy exists. The system disrespects this population. There are actual written laws that forbid them from their rights.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 06:40AM

Jasmine L, Boston, MA, USA

There are definitely populations in the United States that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly than others, including racial minorities like Black, Latino/a/x, Asian, and Indigenous peoples, religious minorities like Muslims and Jewish people, as well as women, the LGBTQ+ community, and disabled people. Intersectionality, or how someone's social categorizations like race, class, or gender create overlapping systems of disadvantage, also contributes to how people are treated and how much privilege they have. For example a white woman would have more advantages than a Black woman, even though they are both women and face disadvantages because of their gender, the Black woman will face greater disadvantage in America because of her race in addition to her gender. White, Christian, cisgender, heterosexual, and non-disabled men continue to have the most privilege. Another example of intersectionality's presence in

America is that the wage gap between genders intensifies for most women of color. For example, for every \$1.00 a white man makes in America, on average a white woman makes \$0.79 of that dollar, while a Hispanic or Latino woman makes \$0.54 of that dollar (U.S. Census Bureau). I don't think any population should have fewer rights because of any social categorization like race or gender, and we should all have equal rights. But I also think that everyone needs to be treated equitably, because there are many systems in place where equal treatment would not be enough to guarantee actual just and fair treatment.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 06:19AM

Tia Boston, USA

In the United States there are definitely populations that are treated less fairly than others and have a lack of privilege. This includes women, people of color, certain religious groups, the LGBTQIA + community, and people on the spectrum or with disabilities. We still live in a white male dominant society.

Women constantly still have to worry about their sexual reproductive rights such as their right to an abortion. People of color experience racism on a day to day basis like police brutality and discrimination in the work place. The LGBTQIA + community only just got marriage legalized for them in 2015 and still have to worry about their right being taken away right now, while straight people don't have this worry. Religious group such as Jews and Muslims still undergo anti-semitism and islamophobia, which there has been a rise in recently. All of these groups face oppression and are unfortunately mistreated in the U.S.

I think that no matter who you are, we all should be treated equally. It is definitely disgusting and disappointing to see how much hate people have in their hearts to treat someone differently based on how they were born. At the end of the day, we are all human and deserve equality and respect.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 05:17AM

thanh s, boston, usa

There are, without a doubt, populations in the United States that don't have the same rights and opportunities as others. These populations include people of color, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ+, certain religious groups like Muslims, and women in general. These groups are discriminated against in every aspect of their life (i.e. in the workplace, in public, on television, etc).

For example, same-🏳️ marriage wasn't legalized until 2015, and now, in 2020, it is still debated on. People from the LGBT community also face a lot of discrimination, especially through some heavily religious groups, hate groups, jobs that refuse to accept them due to their sexuality or gender identity, and in military (transgender people were banned from serving in the military since 2019). Another example is that black women have been continuously denied proper medical aid and are mistreated

in hospitals, with doctors claiming that they don't feel as much pain and therefore prescribe the wrong dosages.

The population in this country that is privileged is the cisgender, heterosexual, white male. This country was built on the backs of enslaved people and other minorities and benefitted white men from the very beginning of its founding. This group of people can face difficulties in their life, but it will never be due to their race, gender, or sexuality.

I think that everyone should be treated equally (obviously). It's disappointing to see all of these groups of people being mistreated and hate crimed and yet there are still so many people denying the existence of these things such as racial inequality or sexism. I think in order to stop the polarization of the privileged and the unprivileged, we must first all learn and acknowledge the existence of these inequalities, have empathy for everyone and their different circumstances, and accept everyone's differences.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 03:48AM

AYISHA KERALA, INDIA

Of course, there are so much people in India too who are denied of opportunities, experiences and are underprivileged. In India, the distinct social institution of caste system is the prominent form that shows discrimination towards underprivileged or lower caste. People often face discrimination and exclusion on the basis of their gender, religion, ethnicity and disability. Caste system is characterised by social inequality and social stratification. According to this, people in a society are ranked in a hierarchy. The privileges naturally support this system and underprivileges oppose and challenge it.

Since few years, in India, the minorities such as Muslims, Dalits etc were facing severe form of inequality. They couldn't get equal opportunities even in education, health, access to various resources like others. They are treated unfairly. Even they couldn't show their oppression against this unfair system. In 2019, Government of India passed Constitution Amendment Act which amend citizenship towards the illegal migrants from 6 minority religions. And those who were oppressed against this Act and conducted strikes were suppressed and arrested by Government. We have to grow more for a perfect and fair society where every individual treated equally.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 03:01AM

Derrick M, Melbourne, Australia

There are populations within Australia that are treated less fairly than others, for example Muslims, Asians, Indigenous Australian people and Torres Strait Islanders. Recent action has dictated that Indigenous people are treated more fairly (given allowances), but are at large still subject to wide scale police brutality, perpetrated by white policemen. Individuals in the LGBTIAQ+ community are

also marginalised and under represented within the parliament and general public. This is due to the false narrative of white cis het superiority, which discriminates against others in an unjust manner.

I think that Asian individuals, particularly Chinese people, can be met with hostility due to the tense interactions between Canberra and Beijing, as well as the Coronavirus pandemic. Asian people are seen as alright to make jokes about, despite it being socially taboo to make the same comments about POCs (not that Australia really has any). Women are undervalued and subjected to a glass ceiling in the workplace; this is further exacerbated by any non-mainstream (Christian and white) religious beliefs and races, which may dissuade employers from employing these people.

I think that these people should be treated fairly - the same as everyone else - and that there should be no cultural or religious stigmatism in this country. The fact that Melbourne is often called a melting pot of cultures is indicative of the inclusivity that needs to take hold.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:54AM

Maya A, Boston, USA

There are definitely populations within the United States that are treated less fairly than others are. The minorities I immediately thought of were black people, Latinos, East Asians, South Asians, Middle Easterners, Jews, Muslims, Indigenous people, women, and the LGBT community. These groups of people have been at a disadvantage from birth, based purely on aspects of themselves that will never harm others. However, they are still ridiculed and attacked because the most privileged members of society dislike them just because they're different from themselves, someone they consider a "perfect being". The most privileged members of society are the heterosexual cisgendered educated wealthy white men, and their views are passed down to members of society who wish to be them, even though the odds are practically a billion to one. This doesn't mean that said men are the only privileged people in our society, as although white women specifically do definitely have prejudices towards them, it isn't as outward as it is towards racial minorities and the LGBT community. Women and black people have more deep rooted and systemic prejudices towards them, but black people are so much more likely to be a victim of a hate crime or be failed by the system. This country was founded by straight white men and it really shows, as it was made specifically for them and now rights for minorities have to be incorporated instead of being there from the beginning. I believe that all people should be treated equally by law and by other citizens., as we as citizens all want what is best and prejudice isn't going to help anybody achieve that.

ALLISON DEC 02, 2020 03:06AM

Allison Boston, USA

In the United States, there are definitely populations that are treated less equally and have to constantly fight for their rights.

Certain populations are definitely more privileged than others. Some populations who aren't treated equally are people of color, indigenous people, LGBTQ+, women, people who have a disability, immigrants and many other groups of people. These people are affected by discrimination, racism, systemic racism and have to constantly fight for their rights.

They constantly face challenges such as being discriminated in the workplace, called slurs or offensive names, been racially stereotyped, been affected by prejudices and other stereotypes, and many more forms of discrimination.

People who are privileged certainly have difficult lives but it will never be because of their race, gender, sexuality, religion, social status or identity. The people with the most amount of privilege in the United States are heterosexual, cisgender, white males. This country was built by and for straight white males and it still reflects that today especially with white privilege and systemic racism.

I believe that everyone should be treated equally. It disappoints me that people are still discriminating against others for things that they can not control and things that form their identity. It also disappoints me that people of color are still so affected by systemic racism and are constantly racially stereotyped. Everyone should be treated with respect and courtesy because we all are human beings, and our differences are a thing that should be celebrated.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:37AM

Johny S, Boston, USA

In the U.S., there are certainly populations that are less privileged and are treated unequally. These populations include but are not limited to: POC, indigenous people, LGBTQ+, immigrants, women, people with disabilities, and lower income people and families. These groups regularly face challenges that those who are more privileged have never had to experience or work through. Sadly, these groups are often discriminated against, and "othered." Whether it be systemically, or simply microaggressions, these groups have always had it tougher in our country.

This is not to say that those who are more advantaged and privileged will not face hardships and challenges, but it does mean that if they do, it will not be because of a group that they belong to. For example, in the U.S. and I'm sure in many other countries as well, straight white males have it much easier than say, a female POC who is LGBTQ+.

This country was founded to fit the interests of a straight white man, and this past shows extremely clearly to today, both systemically and societally. Just one look at the power structure of our country and who holds positions of power and it becomes very imminent who has the advantage in obtaining these positions. All throughout our society, minority groups are treated with less respect than the majority, and they are less privileged in

practically all aspects of life.

I believe that everyone should be treated equally, regardless of their identifying characteristics. This does not mean that we should ignore and be blind to who they are, rather, we should embrace our differences and show pride in who we are. We must welcome all types of people into society and strive to find equality for all.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:26AM

Christian Boston, USA

In the US, there are definitely groups of people that are treated unfairly, however on paper unless you're an immigrant, you have all the same rights. An example is marginalized groups like minorities, they are definitely treated unfairly whether that be in the law system, or through regular interactions, with prejudices and stereotypes forming and becoming more prevalent. Beyond that people who practice their religious freedoms, but do not look traditionally american are definitely treated unfairly. Those who wear hijabs and religious or cultural head wraps are looked at as foreign and non american, and prejudices formed around them cause them to also get unfair treatment. And thirdly women in the american society get unfair treatment, many problems presented by the female community are swept under the rug by internalized misogyny in an unfair american society. An example of this would be many abortion laws that are being put into place to prevent doctors from performing abortions.

The most privileged and advantageous person in America is the white man. The prison and law system in many ways are set up to allow them to flourish. Which is extremely sad. Considering this is the "land of the free", you would expect everybody to be treated fairly and equally. That no one feels targeted on the basis of their race, even though 65% of Black men feel that way. I feel that the ultimate goal is that everybody has peace of mind, and that a minority can leave their house without worrying whether or not those who are sworn to protect them will take their life.

TIFFANY D. DEC 02, 2020 02:05AM

Tiffany D, Boston, USA

There are definitely populations within the United States that have fewer rights or are treated differently in comparison to others. Minorities such as black, Latino, Asian, and Native Americans, often face many different forms of racism either outright or through microaggressions. People of religions different from Christianity and those within the LGBTQ+ community are also disadvantaged.

These disadvantaged populations are often suppressed by flawed systems that hinder their chances at success—whether it be underfunding schools, or supporting a criminal justice system that discriminates against races. Usually white cisgendered men are

considered the most privileged, since they don't face the same societal discriminations as these other minority groups.

These minority populations are seen as "others" by the white majority. Black people are often more susceptible to incarceration due to their skin color and the flawed justice systems. Latinos and Asians are often discriminated against and sometimes even seen as "perpetual foreigners". As a result of their differences, they are often treated unfairly.

I believe everyone should be treated equally, and should be provided aids specific to their needs (extra funding for schools in certain communities, more resources for those struggling financially, etc). However, even if everyone is treated the same, it's clear that some minorities are more disadvantaged than others, and require more adequate assistance to reach the same level of equality.

LUKAS : DEC 02, 2020 01:56AM

Lukas Boston, USA

Yes, there are populations within the United States that have fewer rights. To start, black people, indigenous people, and people of color suffer regularly from systemic racism. Even just focusing on our city Boston, you can see how segregated black people in particular are into areas like Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan. Then you can observe things like more chronic disease hospitalizations in those areas, largely as a result of a lack of parks and green space built by the city. Similar things happen in cities across the country. Healthcare and criminal justice systems work against the BIPOC community.

Women are also treated unfairly in our country. Our patriarchal system often sees women as unfit to hold positions of power like being a government official or running a business, and when they do people tend to be hypercritical of their decisions. Along with people of color, women's voices are drowned out or ignored a lot of the time which isn't fair because they deserve to be heard more than the people speaking.

The LGBTQ+ community definitely lacks privilege as well and are not treated well in our country. Unfortunately I think people try to find excuses related to religion to discriminate against these people. Tons of people in positions of power don't support LGBTQ+ rights and some refrain from talking on the subject. This is unfortunate because these people have a great influence over our country's views and beliefs as a whole.

There are also all these subtleties these groups of people have to deal with regularly that cis, heterosexual white men (the advantaged and privileged people) rarely come across, and when they (the white men) do come across it, it doesn't have the same effect on them. Based on what I've been told and what I've seen, these include black people's hair constantly being touched, women being interrupted, and LGBTQ+ people being stared at.

I think the focus should be on these groups of people, along with disabled people and members of certain religions, and lifting up their voices and making changes for their benefit and only their benefit. Only when our systems are designed for the underprivileged will they work better for everybody.

MARGARET OLSON DEC 02, 2020 01:28AM

Maggie O, Boston, USA

In the U.S. certain populations are definitely treated less equally and many have had to fight for their rights and are still fighting. These populations include people of color such as Black, Latino, Asian, and Indigenous populations, the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, women, people who are not Christian, etc. White heterosexual Christian upper class males tend to be the most privileged and have easier access to positions of power, although that is not to say that everyone else lacks privilege. Populations that are treated less equally are subject to discrimination and unfair treatment. This includes unequal treatment by law enforcement, the wage gap between white men compared to women and people of color, the continuous threats to gay marriage rights, the continuous threats to trans lives and rights, disproportionate effects of poverty, and lack of access to a good education. I think that everyone should be treated equally. Because of individuals' identities their paths to success and a quality life are pushed aside, which needs to change, although in the U.S. we have a lot of work to do.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:35AM

Shuwen M, Boston, USA

In the United States, there are populations that do have fewer rights and are treated less fairly than others. These groups are often the ones that need the most help, nevertheless they are still being mistreated by people daily. Some examples of these groups are racial minorities such as black, Latino, and Asian, people with disabilities and with a religion other than Christianity, and people of the LGBTQ community. These are populations that are "disadvantaged" and "lack privilege"

There are populations that are "advantaged" or "privileged". The group is consisted mainly of cis-white heterosexual Christian men. This group often receive the best treatment in America and are often the ones that treat others less than equals.

The less privileged groups are often treated poorly by others and not as a result of the law, even though some laws do favor one group over another. There have been many instances where people have been called slurs for their race or their sexual orientation. In some areas, people that are speaking another language are told to go back to their country or told to speak English because they are in America, even though America does not have an official language. There are places that refuse to serve people because of their race or sexual orientation.

I think everyone should be treated the same and be given the same rights. The group one identifies with should not decide with they get to do and what privileges they have.

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 04:16AM

Katarina (Belarus)

Hey hello everyone, this is Katerina from Belarus. I am happy to tell you about any social injustices in our country, namely that they do not exist! We do not have a tangible division into social strata that receive more or less privileges. And I think this is absolutely correct! Since inequality stimulates competition, forcing to advance. Thus, by making someone feel worse than others, we generate violence, vandalism, robbery and other bad things. According to statistics, the population of Belarus is divided into:

Rich (1.5%).

Wealthy (5-6%)

Wealthy (8-9%)

Medium-income (14%)

Low-income (17%)

Poor (46%)

Beggars (7%). (I took all these statistics from the article). And in fact, this statistic makes me very sad !! Just look: "The poor (46%), who only occasionally can afford to buy meat, fruits, clothes, are not able to pay for their children's education, or organize cultural leisure for themselves." I do not know what kind of person wrote this to bet and what data I relied on, but for all my 16 years of life, I swear that I have not met a family that could not afford meat !! According to this article, the population of Belarus is in great need of help! Due to the lack of money, people cannot afford to buy meat. It just shocked me. Then it turns out that the group of the poor and the beggars are in the most disadvantaged position, the group of which occupies half of the country's population! And the state is not going to help people in this yet. We do not have any organizations that help low-income families or social benefits from the state. I would like to start solving this problem as soon as possible.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:04AM

Megan N, Boston, USA

Yes, in many countries there are populations that have fewer rights or treated less fairly and equally than others. Some examples of these marginalized groups are women, the LGBTQ+ community, people who are disabled, lower income families, different religious groups, and people of color. For example, in the US, there is a gender pay gap, where for every dollar a man makes, a woman would only make about 81 cents. This is not because of a woman's skill level or job qualifications, some men and women have the exact same job, yet women are still paid less. To compare to this to another country, in 2018 in Saudi Arabia after a 7 year struggle, women finally received the right to drive.

There are groups of people that are more advantaged and privileged. For example, straight white cisgender men are far more privileged in comparison to people like a black transgender lesbian

woman. In the US especially, straight white cisgender men are more privileged because they do not face discrimination or hate because of their identity. Of course they are going to have to face challenges in life, but the challenges and hardships they face are not because the groups they belong to and who they are.

Many people that are part of disadvantaged and marginalized groups are treated unfairly and wrong. In many cases, these groups face discrimination, hate, and their rights being taken away. For example, in 1993, the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was passed in the US and prohibited people of the LGBTQ+ community from serving in the military. I think people should be treated equally no matter what groups they belong to. To start making this change, we need to hear and listen to the struggles and challenges the marginalized people face and instead of disregarding them, we need to make change.

ISABELLA EC 02, 2020 12:04AM

Isabella C, Boston USA

In the United States, there are definitely populations that have fewer rights and are treated less fairly and/or equally than others. Groups of people that are treated less fairly than others include black, latino, asian, indigenous, immigrants, members of the LGBTQ community, disabled people, women, and people that practice certain religions. These are only a few of the groups that are discriminated against in the United States.

There are populations that are "advantaged" or "privileged". People that are white, practice a religion that is a branch of Christianity, are heterosexual, or are not first generation Americans, all receive preferential treatment in comparison to the groups of people that have fewer rights and are treated less fairly/equally.

Much of the discrimination that occurs in the United States is not in legislation. Women are treated less fairly in the workplace. People that practice religions other than a branch of Christianity are treated unfairly constantly. Blacks, latinos, asians, indigenous people, and other minorities are not provided the same opportunities as others. They do not have the same type of access to quality education, job opportunities, housing, health care, and so much more. They face harsher punishments than others for similar offenses. They are also misrepresented. People that are "advantaged" or "privileged" judge them and assume things that aren't true.

I think that they should be treated fairly and given the same rights and opportunities as privileged and advantaged people. Their mistreatment has put them at a disadvantage. They need to work significantly harder to achieve the same things that privileged groups work to achieve.

DIANA DEC 02, 2020 04:58AM

Diana Boston, USA

In the US, one of the biggest points of contention is the inequality, inequity, and injustice that marginalized groups of people encounter every day. Despite the US being immensely diverse, there are still groups with fewer rights/who are treated less fairly than others. The way people are treated depends on their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, education, and many, many other things. But some factors weigh heavier than others.

There are undeniably populations that are inherently "advantaged" and "privileged." These people fit the status quo; they have the looks, the money, and the opportunities. Of course, there are outliers, but for the most part, it is commonly argued that white people have the most privilege out of any group in the US. Rarely are they afraid of being discriminated against for the color of their skin. But that cannot be said for other groups.

When I think of extremely marginalized populations in the US, I mainly think of Black people, Muslims, and gay people. The system has been built against these people, and it is still clear today. For example, anti-Muslim attacks were prevalent after 9/11. This made it harder for them to practice their religion, and prompted immense prejudice from Americans. Secondly, Blacks have been struggling to reclaim their lives in the US, as the history of slavery and segregation still plagues our country. Many Americans often disregard the magnitude of the slavery and mistreatment, thus exacerbating the systemic struggles and misunderstanding of the Black community. In regards to the LGBTQ+ community, it was only in recent years that more was done for them. But hate crimes are still there. Discrimination is still there. And the fight for their freedom is still there.

Notice how all of the groups that I had mentioned above have a long history of discrimination in the US. This hatred arrived and never left. Although there have been new laws and accommodations put in place, they do not prevent microaggressions. I don't think that marginalized populations should be settling for microaggressions. We should be treated with the respect and gentleness that the world loves to hand to white people. We deserve the same opportunities. The same freedom. The same respect.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 11:34PM

Vincent Boston, USA

The United States does not have official laws that directly target certain groups. The inequalities are largely interpersonal and become more severe when biased people have a position of power. Inequalities in the USA are largely financial and classist. However, classes largely align with people of different races. I think that all people deserve equal opportunities but that doesn't mean that people should receive the same outcome. Life is significantly easier for rich people as they often can pay their way out of trouble and

All people in the United States can work themselves up but it is

significantly harder for women and people of color. I'm a straight white male so I'm pretty similar to the cultural norm. There are always people who will judge you for who you are but it is very difficult to change their minds.

Culture in the US really enforces gender-specific jobs. Women are taught that caring jobs like teachers and nurses are the best for them while men are taught to take high-paying jobs like surgeons and oil rig workers. This is a problem and leads to women generally having lower-paying jobs. I believe that anyone can work any job if they are able.

KYRA BURKE DEC 01, 2020 10:41PM

Kyra Burke, Boston, USA

As everyone has been saying, the United States does have populations that are disadvantaged. Most of it has to do with the mindset of American people and politicians, and not with actual laws. Most, but not all, as there are still LGBT rights, women's rights, as well as the expenses of people with disabilities. On a cultural level, anything that deviates from the norm is punished in some way or another. The "norm" being a white cisgender heterosexual person whose religion is usually some sect of Christianity. Not all differences are punished harshly, but instead with passive judgement or not receiving preferential treatment. Personally, I'm pretty close to the "norm," but can definitely recall judgements that have been made about me from smaller facets of my identity. Then there's systemic racism, which adds a new level of disadvantage. Overall, it can feel like the entire system is stained with America's violent and oppressive past, meant to make it easiest for white men to rise to the top and control the power.

Intolerance of people of one race to another is a huge problem of humanity! She outrages me. When people will no longer judge a person based on his race — ANONYMOUS

PATTY HUANG DEC 01, 2020 10:19PM

Patty Huang, Boston, USA

In my country, there are definitely populations that have fewer rights and are treated less fairly. These people include Asians, blacks, Latinos, those who are disabled, the LGBTQ, Muslims, the list goes on and on. Many would like to believe that all are treated equal yet it is unfortunately and evidently not true. Populations that are "advantaged" and "privileged" are those who are white, especially male and heterosexual. They are favored by the systems created by the United States, yet many who fit into this category fail to recognize the privilege they possess. They are given more lenient punishments for crimes that are more severe than those committed by black people. In addition, black people are less likely to be offered opportunities which then force them back into the cycle of poverty as it is almost impossible to break with the current state of our country today. Therefore, I think all populations should be given the same amount of opportunities so that no matter what position a person is born into, they have the chance to work their way up with determination and hard work.

There shouldn't be any racial biases that hinder one's path to success.

OLIVIA BURKE DEC 01, 2020 06:59PM

Olivia Burke, Boston, USA

There are certain populations that are certainly treated less fairly/equally than others. This includes black, indigenous, Latino, Asian, etc. individuals as well as women, disabled people, members of the LGBTQ+ community. I could go on, but it basically means everyone but cisgendered heterosexual white males who are definitely more privileged than any other group. Not to invalidate anyone else's experience, but even below them there are clear levels of how disadvantaged one may be in our society. You can see the unfair treatment and its effects in many different instances including how people of color are disproportionately affected by various health crises (including COVID), only have access to poorer education, how women and POC get paid less for the same job as a white male, etc. I think everyone should be given an equal opportunity at success; how people are treated now is ridiculous and needs to change but all of these disadvantages are a product of how the system was built and won't change unless there are radical efforts by society as a whole.

This is Katerina from Belarus. Inequality stimulates competition, forcing to advance and this is absolutely wrong and unfair. What's the difference what color your skin is, dark or light, you have to pay the same for the work. You cannot discriminate against someone because he is of a different race. Women and men should receive the same value for their work! I also think that you need to stop giving ⚡ to work, for example, a woman can also be a welder, you do not need to assign this profession only to a man or else, a man can be a master of nail service, not only women are allowed to cut their nails) — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:12AM

Christopher N, Boston, USA

In my country, there are a lot of populations who are treated less fairly or less equally than others. This applies to populations both ethnically and economically. Minorities in my country are usually associated with Hispanics, Asians, Blacks, Native Americans, and et cetera. These populations are usually treated as less by those in power, who are usually white. Unfair treatments can result in minority communities often being underfunded compared to many majority white communities. They are usually not considered at a disadvantage if they are white when compared to other races. As for economic status, those who are in poverty, especially the homeless, are treated less fairly by a lot of people. For them, there is a big stigma by many in our society towards the homeless. They do not get a lot of government funding so it is very difficult for them to get back on their feet.

White folks usually have advantages compared to the disadvantaged populations. This is because throughout the history of the USA, white people have been the leaders. They controlled

everything and enacted many laws that enabled their people to succeed, whereas those who are minorities were subjected to discrimination that limited their success. It has only been a few decades since the federal government took action to fix those laws so minorities still experience a lot of disadvantage that resulted from centuries of racism.

Personally, in a perfect society, I think all populations, including those who are currently at an advantage or disadvantage, should be treated equally. No one should be treated differently just because they belong to a certain population. If people really want to treat someone differently, then judge based on people's actions.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 03:37AM

Nahna Pc, India, Kerala

In my country also there are people who are denied of their rights and are underprivileged. Most common are Muslims because of their religion, Women, Poor sections of the society etc.

Muslims in India have been increasingly at risk since few years. In many places they are badly treated because they are Muslims. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 was passed by the Parliament of India on 11 December 2019. It amended the Citizenship for illegal migrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhist, Christians etc and arrived in India before the end of December 2014. The law does not grant such eligibility to Muslims from those three countries. Discrimination against women and girls is also seen in many places in India. Women are paid less than men for the same job, women are not given many responsibilities because of their gender. There are many families who consider boys more than girls. The disparity between poor and rich sections of the society are also reflected in many places. Even in Government offices rich people are privileged and get their things done very easily because of their financial status at the same time poor has to suffer a lot. Rich people are getting richer at a much faster pace while the poor are still struggling to earn a minimum wage and access quality education and health services. In my opinion every person should be treated equally everywhere, no one has the right to deny the rights of others. We should allow everyone to enjoy their rights.

Ziane

Boston, MA, USA

In the US, there is legislation that remains that was originally put in place to harm those who were seen as sub-human. Even today, certain groups are STILL disadvantaged because of systemic biases that are seen as "history that doesn't affect the modern age". Some of the challenges that marginalized groups in the US face are: systemic dispossession through the criminal justice system, reduction of property values (which then affects how much funding the public school districts get), banning styles meant for Afro hair textures, and little or misrepresentation in media and government. Unfortunately, I am only scratching the surface with this list. In a world full of inequalities, equity is the only way to repair these intentional damages. We need to recognize this, and give people what their ancestors bled and died for. After all, it is now the only way of thanking them for their sacrifices.

ANONYMOUS NOV 30, 2020 10:35PM

Emmanuelle B Boston, USA

In my country basically all minorities have fewer rights and are treated less equally than others. These minorities include minorities like black, latino, asian, and indigenous people. Also women, disabled people, jewish people, muslim people, etc. White, christian, able bodied, straight people and men are privileged. Indigenous people in the united states are treated very badly, many of them have very low wages, they commit suicide at high rates, they are not given rights to their land which we are all living on. Black people in this country are incarcerated at higher rates, killed by police, and in general have less opportunities. Women get paid less for the same jobs and their right to abortion is constantly being argued. Gay couples were just given the right to marry in all 50 states in 2015. These are just a couple of the minority groups and how they are treated, there is so much more. I'd love to say that i believe everyone should be treated equally, however it is not possible because of the racist/biased systems in place. I also want to point out the fact that equality and equity are two different things. If everyone was treated equally that still wouldn't mean everyone has equitable opportunities.

Groups O-T (sec 03): On human rights and marginalized populations

Are there populations within your countries that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly and/or equally than others? Are there populations that are "advantaged" or "privileged" and populations that are "disadvantaged" or "lack privilege"? How would you describe those populations? How are they treated? How do YOU think they should be treated?

JUDI FREEMAN NOV 25, 2020 09:25PM

ANONYMOUS JAN 24, 2021 08:39PM

Kali I., Boston MA, USA

I think that there are many different populations in the U.S. that are treated less fairly than others. A lot of these, however, are global issues in my mind. Basically, if you aren't a straight, white, neurotypical, cis male, you're going to be treated as less than. I know things aren't always that clear-cut, but it's just how it feels like these days. A person can have everything going "right" for them and then just throw something different into the mix and suddenly they're treated like second-class citizens. It's not as if we can change our genders, or who we love. These are things that are out of our realm of control, yet people are still judged by it. It's very easy to see the large issues going on and being talked about and thinking that that's all there is, but there is so much more. It's always been my belief that people should always be treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve, regardless of anything else whether it be their race, gender, income, sexuality, etc. I feel as though it's basic human decency to do that, but sometimes it feels like it's too much to ask for from some.

JAN 06, 2021 07:51PM

Jan 6, 2021 7:51 PM

Happy New Year 2021. Unfortunately, the caste class treatment of people ... is very bad. In my opinion, in Poland where there is a similar situation, so many people judge others by the amount of money and connections. People should be treated equally in all matters.

ERIN BROWN JAN 06, 2021 06:40PM

Erin Brown, Boston, Massachusetts

There are definitely populations and groups of people that are treated less fairly than others. I would say that the only group of individuals that are advantaged/privileged are White people, specially men. Groups that are disadvantaged in the United States include POC, LGBTQ+, women, and more. They don't receive the

same treatment as White people do, and do not share the same privileges. These groups often face discrimination and are victims of hate crimes. This is completely unjust and terrible. We should all be treated equal no matter our race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc.

ANONYMOUS JAN 06, 2021 03:05PM

Juho Järvelin, Turmijärvi, NYK.

ANONYMOUS JAN 05, 2021 11:46PM

Lucy, Boston MA, USA

There are so many populations in the U.S that are treated less fairly. It is very clear that people with a lighter skin complexion will not be immediately perceived as dangerous. However, if someone is even slightly different, say they have a darker skin complexion, have an accent, don't speak English, wear something different, or are a different gender, it seems to upset other people who have no right to get so involved in other's lives. White people in the U.S have had the privilege of not having the justice system, education system, or social class systems against them. Although everyone struggles and goes through hardships along with minorities, their issues do not come from how others perceive their skin color which is not a factor of who gets to be treated more fairly. Everyone should have accessibility to what they need no matter what their race, ethnicity, sexuality, or gender because their life is valuable.

ANONYMOUS JAN 04, 2021 06:30PM

Cecelia, Boston MA, USA

The US has largely been built by white Protestant men who have held a higher position in society than other groups, while putting down all other groups of people. Historically women, people of color, and religious minorities have been disadvantaged and restricted from positions of power. Still to this day women and people of color are paid less than white men and have less opportunities. Obviously everyone should be treated equally and

we should work to give marginalized people the opportunities that white men have had for the last 200+ years

ANONYMOUS JAN 04, 2021 05:16PM

Leo deLaski, Boston MA, USA

There are numerous populations in the United States that are treated differently, and given an advantage or disadvantage as a result of certain aspects of who they are. One of the most common examples of this is Black people. Black people in the United States face significant obstacles when compared to other more advantaged populations such as white people. There are many groups of people in the United States that are categorized by a select few factors, and some people base their ideas of that entire group of people on those. Another one of these groups is Native American people, who have been denied the right to their land, and punished for expressing themselves and their culture.

However, this is not to say that race is the only factor in determining someone's perceived place in society. There is also an enormous economic disparity between the wealthy and the poor. For example, the top 1 percent of the population has over 30% of the wealth in the country. These people tend to be looked down on by the upper class, and sometimes middle class members. Ideally, I think that everyone should be treated equally regardless of race or economic status. However, I believe that that is not possible with the current state of the country. So I think that people who are in positions with privilege should focus on helping those who are disadvantaged so that we can make progress towards treating people how they deserve to be treated.

ANONYMOUS JAN 03, 2021 04:48PM

Henry Poynter, Boston MA, USA

Contrary to many outsider beliefs, America is not an equal country. The African American community is definitely at a disadvantage in this country. On the other hand, the white community is privileged. An example of this disadvantaged African American community is often shown in this year alone. Deaths like George Floyd sparked a version of "revolution" amongst the citizens of America, with huge protests and looting taking place all throughout the country. Not only did protest and looting occur, it spread much needed awareness about the rights of African Americans and their discrimination. When it comes to the other side, it isn't like white people have more rights or abilities, as everyone has the same rights. But examples like higher paying jobs are shown to most likely go to white people, and that the amount of children who get a good education are white. In short, white people have more opportunity compared to African Americans in this country, something that should not occur.

ANDERSON DAROSA JAN 03, 2021 01:28AM

Anderson Darosa, Boston MA, USA

There is no argument that in America, the black community is definitely at a disadvantage. We see it in the news every day in

America. One of the most notable events recently being the murder of George Floyd. Not only did this spark protest in America but all around the world. Questions popping up about equality and race discrimination were the headlines. It seems like some privileged Americans still treat the black community as people below them. When I say privileged, I mean the white community in the United States. I don't necessarily mean every single white person is a racist, or thinks of themselves as higher than those who aren't their skin tone. Furthermore, it's very hard to think that every time I'm looked at work in a predominantly white neighborhood, as a black male, I'm not being discriminated against, when the president of our country, a white man, will not denounce white supremacy. I understood that when a police officer is conducting a traffic stop, they have themselves to think about, so they have a hand on their gun. The most troubling part about this though is that, when an officer instructs a black person to grab something, say their license, their conscience is telling them to be alert for a weapon, and it's hard to say that's the case when it is a white person being pulled over. Even though there are many white people going through trouble, it's not an argument that white people hold the rank of privileged in America. The one percent, a common term used in the media in the United States, is predominantly white. The phrase "the rich stay rich" is very true, as when a kid is born into a rich family, that wealth and power moves down the bloodline, never having to work for it. Despite all this, I'd just like to say that it seems that I'm biased towards my own race, I think that is true, but I could wish for nothing more than equality between all. The color of your skin, sexual orientation, religion, and many more factors that make you, you, should not be used against you.

ANONYMOUS JAN 02, 2021 10:00PM

Jacob Dietrich, Boston MA, USA

Without a doubt, I can say that the black population in America is disadvantaged. Whether it comes to cyclical poverty, the justice system, or the education system, black people generally seem to get the short end of the stick. When it comes to privilege, I'd say that the white population holds the privilege of not being systemically disadvantaged due to their race. That being said, I do not deny that white people share many common struggles with black people because these issues come from a fundamental issue with capitalism. I think that all people in America, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, 🏳️, class, etc., should be treated equally. This means that they should be able to live decent lives regardless of working status, and all have the equal opportunity to succeed regardless of their background.

ANONYMOUS DEC 10, 2020 12:26PM

Adna Maslo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

The culprit of inequality present today are influences left from the war that occurred at the end of the 20th century in BH. Because of three major dividing forces originating from the time of

Yugoslavia, those who proposed the split or disintegration, today we are left with Bosnia weaker than it ever was. We have three constituent nations, and every citizen is supposed to be marked as one of those or otherwise, he belongs to the category "the rest". If a citizen of BH wishes to not pick just one identity imposed by the early 2000s' politics, he will identify as rest, and in that case, many of his rights in political events are affected. For example, that person is not allowed to be an electoral candidate for a presidential campaign, because we have three presidential positions for three constituent nations. Overall, we created a very complicated system where BH is divided into 1 "Federation", 1 "Republic" and one district. This adds up to the already chaotic atmosphere. All of the aforementioned parts of the land are known for favoring those who are of a religion dominant in that area. Basically, it all comes down to three nations neglecting the idea of identity and mutual respect, which additionally adds problems when discussing the rights of LGBTQ+ groups for example. Every sensitive topic in BH, such as different races, sexualities, religions is impossible to debate because we cannot even agree about whether BH is a country at all. Therefore politicians avoid discussing LGBTQ+ rights, just as women's rights because we barely agree on whether we should be one nation or not. I can just hope that one day we get to agree on one thing - everybody gets to live their life the way they want, as long they are not harming anyone in any way. 😊

ANONYMOUS DEC 10, 2020 06:46AM

Dikshya Pokhara, Nepal

Like in many countries around the globe, in Nepal too some people are advantaged over others. Caste discrimination is certainly one of the major groundwork for it. 'Dalit' community are specially under the hate and disrespect from Nepali society. They are tagged as lower caste and treated badly.

They are fusilladed with bad words from the people. Even government and personnels from different fields aren't providing them with the rights and facilities they deserve.

ANONYMOUS DEC 08, 2020 02:36PM

Hristina K. Skopje, Macedonia

In Macedonia, people from the LGBT community are not accepted as straight people. In my opinion, that is unfair, but it is still right. Why is it unfair? I think that every person in society has the right to do what he/she wants or to love whoever he/she wants. But I don't think it should be given so much importance. I am completely against rainbow flags and gay parades. I think this way of propagating the LGBT community is totally stupid. I know many people think that this is a way for them to be accepted in society, but imagine what the world would be like if straight people made "straight" parades ... It would be a mess, right? Also, most people in Macedonia are white, but there are exceptions that have a darker skin color. These people are considered incompetent beings. Not that this is far from the truth, because many of them are offered jobs that they do not accept to do. I understand that the work offered to them is difficult and may not be paid well, but despite

the fact that these people are provided with free education from an early age, they choose not to finish even primary school. And when later in life they have to work harder to survive, they complain that they are not accepted as equally as other people. I think inequality for these people is right. Because they have the option to go to school and have a better future, but they choose not to go to school, which is a consequence of their difficult, homeless life they live.

ANONYMOUS DEC 07, 2020 08:28PM

Maysam M. Beirut, Lebanon

In Lebanon, there are people on both ends of the spectrum. We have rich people who are able to have a stable life without many losses during the current economic crisis, and at the same time, we have homeless people who are at a great disadvantage and cannot find any food to eat. To begin with, the homeless people in Lebanon are usually treated with a lot of hatred and prejudice and cannot survive through some winters due to the lack of resources and empathy within the community as no one is willing to give up a blanket for them. Furthermore, people of color face a lot of racism and discrimination within the community, and domestic works are lied to and placed at the risk of sexual, physical, and verbal abuse along with other financial risks. Also a variety of the Lebanese citizens are racist (which should not be tolerated at all) and women don't really have rights which is extremely unfair.

I believe that the source of this discrimination, whether it be a government or culture, should be rebuilt and/or dismantled because we all bleed the same in the end.

ANONYMOUS DEC 07, 2020 05:42PM

Jasmin Austria

Women. The Gender-Pay-Gap still exists and some employers still favour male employees. Sure, it's women who get pregnant and it'll always be that way. But that can't be a reason to treat them less fairly than men because that's not something we can change. After all, we need children, especially in Europe where the population as a whole ages.

Then there's tourists. We have something like a love-hate relationship with them. We depend on them, but we "have to" destroy the nature for them, there are a lot of traffic jams and so on. But that's just a local issue and has nothing to do with the law or any rules. Other than that I'm happy to say that I haven't experienced a lot of inequality. Of course there'll always be corrupt people and rich people getting more opportunities, even in Austria, where education is mostly free and we have a good public health system. That's just something we have to keep working on.

ANONYMOUS DEC 06, 2020 06:13PM

Galina D, North Macedonia

in macedonia there are some people that aren't treated equally in my country but they still have the same rights as everyone else. They lack privilege because of the color of their skin. I would describe them as misunderstood people because there are a lot of stereotypes that they are for example: dirty, robbers, dumb and etc. They are treated very poorly but I personally think that they should be treated equally and have the same rights and privilege's as everyone else.

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 05:27PM

Hadee! Shirara, Tyre, Lebanon

Equality is one of the most essential aspects of life and needed in every place in this world. However, there are numerous countries where some people are treated less fairly than others and Lebanon is one of them.

Lebanon has been always distinguished by its embrace to different refugees but not all lebanese people treat them the same way, and among them are the Syrian ones .To illustrate, Syrian students that live in Lebanon can't go to school in the morning like the rest of the students, instead, they wait until the afternoon in order to go and return home at night. Moreover, There is a differential view toward this category, as everyone views them as poor people that are intruders.

Furthermore, foreign domestic workers are disadvantaged here in Lebanon. For example, many people don't allow their housemaid to join them at the dining table which is really unfair. Also, they allow them to work all the day and give them a very short period of time for their comfort. (knowing that not all people treat them on both sides in this way).

From my own vantage point, equality is significant and necessary for an integrated society. Awareness campaigns should work diligently in order to aware people about the importance of equality.

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 05:20PM

Afreen Paleri, Kerala, India

In ancient times India was under caste system. Ancient rulers of India divided Indians into different sectors on the basis of job. Later when British occupied India they divided Indians into different classes on the basis of religion. Even now these discriminations are existing in India. Since the independence, government has implemented many rules and regulations to uplift them such as reservations, scholarships, etc. But in some instances all these efforts become futile. In some locations, inter-caste marriage, entering in worship places are denied for them and in some places it may lead to communal violence. Moreover as like around the world there are discriminations based on money-

power here too. A change is inevitable. Everyone should be treated equally. There should be peace and harmony among everyone. Since Indian constitution focuses on secularism, it is the responsibility of citizens and government to accomplish it. Last but not least gender discrimination is common as a whole. Your comments and feedbacks are well appreciated.

I LOVE MY INDIA 🇮🇳

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 04:00PM

Yes, i am so unhappy to even say that some of the people aren't treated equally in my country "NEPAL". Nepal is a country who strongly puts the opinion on caste discrimination. Some people consider castes like dalit...to be so called lower caste. My heart sank to say that these people are nowhere to close treated in a good or polite way. Rather they aren't even allowed to go in religious places or are seperated from other people. I think we all should be treated equally and with honour so that it could save the humanity.

JENIJA PURI
POKHARA, NEPAL

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 09:20AM

Ulan Xundi Bay, Kazakhstan

There certainly are underprivileged people all over the world, and Kazakhstan is not an exception.

Generally, Kazakhstan is a diverse state, with over 120 different ethnicities living in peace. There is little discrimination between different religions and nationalities.

However, when it comes to inequality, one can surely say that people living in rural places do not have access to many of the services and opportunities a modern citizen should have. For example, children living in villages do not have access to a high-quality education, and as a result, they suffer the most from unemployment. It is worth to mention that almost half (~47%) of Kazakhstan's population lives in such areas, so although underprivileged, this, nevertheless, is a large group.

As technological advances proceed, rural areas fall behind even more. Because Kazakhstan is a vast country with great distances between settlements, severity of the problem is even greater. More and more villagers seek better opportunities in cities and move out from rural places.

Kazakhstan's government is trying to help make the situation a little bit better by providing special opportunities to rural population such as scholarships to students from those places, which give them some advantages during admissions process to universities. Moreover, there are special governmental programs that give farmers debts at low interest rates, allowing them to prosper. However, the problem is still one of the most important ones in Kazakhstan.

HNIN THET DEC 05, 2020 08:03AM

Hnin I het Gaygue, Ayeyarwady, Myanmar

In my opinion, in Myanmar, where I live, I have never seen anyone treated unequally. There are 135 ethnic groups in Myanmar. And we live in harmony and love according to the laws and regulations set by the government. But, as we are still a developing country, of course, there are still areas of education, transportation and other aspects that still need to be developed in some parts of Myanmar. However, we always help each other in time of need. Besides, we treat all ethnic groups with respect, so we don't see much racial differences.

ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 08:10PM

Beatriz Portugal

Portugal is a country that is known for being welcoming and respectful towards all the different communities living here. The majority of the population is white, however because of our past regarding the discoveries around the world, and the colonies we used to have, mainly in Africa, we also have a great number of African people that moved to Portugal during the colonial war.

There is also a considerable number of gipsy families and people that come from Asian countries such as Nepal and Pakistan that similarly to the African descendants, come to Portugal willing for a new opportunity to start their families, have a better job or a better life.

The Portuguese government has been helping these communities by providing them subsidies and houses to make sure they are integrated into society. Also, it is unusual to hear news about anyone who was a victim of racism or oppressed and judged by their ethnicity.

In my opinion, Portugal is a country that tries to abolish any kind of difference between groups of people, so everyone is respected the same way and has the same rights and duties as a Portuguese citizen. However, there are still situations once in a while that shock us because we always think no one will think differently than that, although I believe that if we keep the same mind-set and keep educating people properly, we will continue being an unbiased country.

ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 02:42PM

Hi all

ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 05:20AM

Pranav, Haryana, India

Equality, the very edifice of our constitution, has had a big impact on our society. Indian society was traditionally divided by the varna system which segregated people on the basis of their occupation. A simple division of occupations soon turned into a full fledged attack on individual dignity and societal equality. It became a deep rooted abhorrent problem for years. But with the advent of our constitution in 1950, caste system was systematically dismantled and the affected castes were recognized as SCs and

STs. Untouchability was abolished and made a punishable offence, Right to equality was established as a fundamental right and cultural rights to protect minorities was also provided as a fundamental right. This was followed by reservations in government jobs, educational institutions to uplift them. Compulsory education till the age of 14 was mandated throughout the country. These measures taken to tackle this problem in various aspects has had a drastic impact on the caste system. Education is broadening people's minds and teaching them principles of equality, dignity and respect. And upliftment in economic sphere is helping these people to get recognized for their work and live lives that they deserve. We have covered a lot of ground but yet have more space to improve. The government is initiating various schemes like Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for the Scheduled Castes (SCs), a dedicated website and other corporations and funds to keep them afloat. It is the people of the country who will further help in completely uprooting this obstacle. It will happen and we as the youth play the role of spreading awareness and helping people to change their minds. Unity in diversity is what defines India



LEV : DEC 03, 2020 11:13PM

Lev Boston MA, USA

There are many populations in the US that are treated unfairly and seemingly have less rights within our country. Minorities are disproportionately targeted and often abused by police officers, an issue that has had increased national media attention over the past few months, after the horrific killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Elijah McClain. In nearly every aspect of life here in the US, once you look into it, there is some sort of inequality.

There are certainly populations that are advantaged and privileged here, ranging across all aspects of society. As a white male here in the US, I have a large amount of privilege that influences many parts of my everyday life. The US needs to begin to address the problems, and solve them from their root. These problems and inequalities cannot be solved by simply changing a few things or adjusting something- this requires systemic reform. The US was built on inequality, so for true justice, it must be rebuilt on equality.

Human Subject

Well, in my opinion, in Poland, where I live, there are no such problems as in the USA, because there are not so many nationalities or people with black skin color, But I agree that incurable sick people are thrown into the social mardines. Nevertheless, the elderly care very much. and sick through various social programs and often the subject of man comes first in Poland.

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 07:02AM

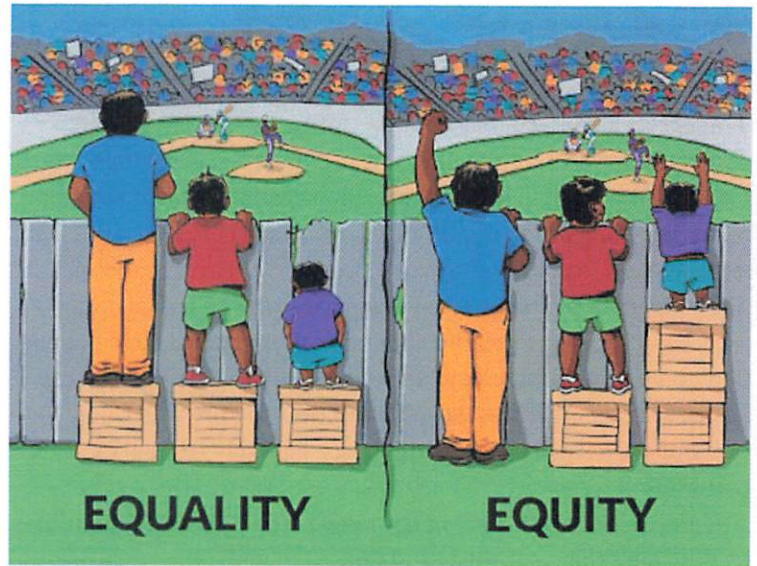
Tanvi Nager, Haryana, India

Mark Twain, a famous anthropologist, writer and philosophical thinker, once called Indian society as the cradle of the human race and the mother of history for its rich cultural heritage and immense diversity. It is noteworthy to mention the Varna system which has intertwined itself with other religious and caste based rituals, India's society has faced the issue of discrimination and oppression by the wealthy and more 'progressed' in terms of caste and to some extent, religion. There are two main issues that emerge fir this discussion, first remedies to the issue of discrimination and second, the meaning of equity and equality in reference to the Indian Society.

India is well known for its diversity-be it religious, linguistic, cultural or even topographic- and it is also well established that every country faces or has faced some form of discrimination. However caste discrimination, is slightly specific to India's history. People belonging to the upper castes would often not participate, mingle or eat with those belonging to the lower classes; even marriages were solemnised between those of the same caste and class too. There were incidents of barbaric physical and psychological torture leading to gross human violations, where people of the supposed lower classes were subjected to physical violence for trying to become a part of main stream society. These incidents had a deep impact on the constitution framers in India that persuaded them for adopting article 17 in the constitution, declaring exercise of untouchability article 17, declaring exercise of untouchability as unconstitutional. This is definitely driven by adoption of human dignity under UDHR. However, through the years, especially after India's independence there have been many provisions to safeguard the rights of the excluded. Those who belonged to the 'untouchable' or 'Dalit' classes- where given special privileges in terms of job opportunities, academics and even social provisions were made for them. An important point to note here is that the constitution makers considered providing for equity instead of equality. This means they wanted to bring everyone to the same platform, by providing special opportunities to some. These reservations or affirmative actions are revised and looked into every 10 years, and by recent amendments to the Indian constitution even the economically underprivileged have been given special rights. Thus, India has made strides in

promoting the 'weaker' sections and making them more and more accepted in the social and political world.

Most Indians are trying to strive to be educated and Government provisions and schemes make it possible to uplift the underprivileged. It is also true that when the Indian constitution was written, around 60 other constitutions were looked at, to provide the best ways of life for the Indian citizens. International regulations and legislation's like the UDHR and the Geneva convention are close to the hearts of those run the nation. India is truly making strides in achieving its dream of being truly secular, democratic and just to one and all. This picture I have attached from the Interaction Institute for social change, sums up my answer.



ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 01:00AM

Valeri Karmanov, Athens, Greece

The topic of human rights in my country is not an issue discussed often, since here we are very tolerant and accepting of other people's nationalities, despite their identity. We have a lot of humanitarian organizations that advocate for all people, minorities and even for a lot of people that come in as refugees and immigrants from other troublesome places of the world. In my experience and view, I think the country certainly is increasingly becoming more and more diverse with people from all over the world. Although the majority of people are Caucasians, I wouldn't say that they are privileged, since every Greek citizen has the same right as any other. In addition, I'd like to say that it is not often that experience or see racism in any shape or form. I believe however that the country is taking in too many refugees that it cannot simply take care of, and as a result some tensions between different communities of people are starting to appear, such as in all the rest of the Europe. To sum it up, I believe that Greece is handling well the Marrero f humans right, as is continuing in doing so.

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 01:46AM

Joanna Li, Boston MA, USA

Although race is on everyone's mind lately, and rightly so, it's also important to other traits that affect someone's level of privilege. Gender, sexuality, ability, religion, and class are all factors to the level of mobility someone has in society.

Women are disadvantaged at home, in the workplace, and in academia, with their work often disregarded or undervalued, resulting in lower pay rates. It is important to note, however, that women in the USA aren't necessarily a targeted population and femicide is not a phenomenon here, so there is a large degree of privilege there compared to women in other parts of the world.

LGBTQ+ people are also a marginalized population and often victims of more outright acts of hatred and violence, especially transgender people, regardless of their sexuality. Additionally, it is more difficult for transgender people to obtain healthcare services and even more so if they are seeking gender-affirming treatment, like hormones or 🏳️‍🌈-reassignment surgery, as insurance often will not cover most of those services. And of course, while queer people in same-🏳️‍🌈 partnerships can legally get married nowadays, in some regions of the USA, priests may refuse to marry them and wedding venues may refuse to take their business. It is also still legal in most states to attend or subject your child to conversion therapy, which is often outright physical and mental torture administered to "cure" LGBTQ+ people of their orientation.

Disabled people are also a marginalized population and, arguably, the least spoken about. Disability can be physical or mental, but being disabled makes navigating many systems in the USA difficult. While disabled people who are mostly or completely unable to work may receive money from the government, it's often a barely livable wage. And if the disabled person chooses to work, even if it is only a very small amount, their benefits are often completely taken away. Not to mention the complete lack of support for those who are neurodivergent (people who have autism, ADHD, Tourettes, OCD, etc.) or have mental illnesses (depression, anxiety disorders, etc.) in the workplace and in academia: mental health issues aren't taken seriously and (speaking from friends' experiences) neurodivergency is often completely overlooked when it comes to tests, public speaking, and other school-related activities, even if the student has an IEP.

Religious beliefs are also subject to marginalization, especially those of Islamic faith. Sikhs and Muslims (especially those who are "visibly" of Islamic faith, e.g. women who wear hijabs, niqabs, or other coverings) are both looked down upon due to the unfortunate stereotype/correlation between terrorism and Muslims. Hate crimes against Muslims are very frequent.

Finally, class is a huge determination of privilege. It goes without saying that, if you have money, you can solve a lot of your problems. Lower-class citizens have less access to good educations, healthy food, clean environments, and a whole host of other important resources that impact your health (mental and physical) and potential to succeed. It makes it worse, then, that lower-class people are looked down upon for things they cannot control. For example, childhood obesity rates are much higher in

low-income populations since it's so much more expensive to access healthy foods.

All this said, however, it's unreasonable to compare all these identities in "degree" of how marginalized they are. Since it's unlikely that the most marginalized people will fall into one category (e.g. Black transgender women are murdered at disproportionate rates compared to other groups of peoples), the intersections of all these identities are important to understand.

To say this is sad or unfortunate is an understatement, and while I wish there was a cure-all to all these groups' inequalities, there is no such thing. I will leave my (extremely long) writing off with some ideals we can all follow to, perhaps, change things a little bit. We should all treat each other with respect regardless of identity (things we cannot change about ourselves), we should listen to people from populations we are not a part of when they say something hurts or impacts them, as we do not know what it is like to live their perspective, and we should (if we are able) financially support marginalized groups. "Put your money where your mouth is", and donate to a grassroots organization, someone's Cashapp/Venmo/etc. so they can afford rent *and* continue to attend college, or someone's GoFundMe to help them escape abusive households or afford a surgery. After all, money does solve many problems.

TL;DR (too long, didn't read): Let's love and emphasize and pay reparations. -Joanna — ANONYMOUS

TL;DR (too long, didn't read): Let's love each other, empathize, and pay reparations! -Joanna — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 11:00PM

Antonia V, Australia

Indigenous Australians are amongst the oldest cultures in the world. They have lived in Australia for over 60,000 years. They were never treated with respect in the past and no matter how many apologies the government will give for the past, they will still never have the same respect as everyone else. Cultural sites are being torn down for highways and mines. They live on average 9 years less than their non indigenous counterparts. They have little access to the same education as non indigenous Australians. They share their concerns and their issues that they have with the government yet, the government will still pick money over the original custodians who took care of the land that we live on. Similarly. They also have experienced the most deaths in police custody. I think they they deserve more representation in government so that they have a voice that the government can hear and understand. I think that all cultural sites should be protected as some have been torn down for foreign companies to mine for coal other minerals. They need to be heard in society because if they are not, we will one day lose their culture entirely.

OLIVIA C 02, 2020 03:28PM

Olivia S., Boston, MA, USA

There are several populations in the United States that are not treated equally. People in the United States are discriminated against for a number of reasons, but one the most prominent is race. Racism is a huge issue in America that dates back to America's benefit from the Atlantic slave trade. Black people have been disadvantaged since the start of this country, and systemic racism disadvantages them to this day. Black people suffer the effects of this systemic racism through lack of adequate healthcare, inferior education, redlining, income inequality, and mass incarceration. These populations are not afforded the same opportunities as the advantaged population, white people. Another marginalized community in the United States is indigenous peoples. When Columbus "discovered" America in 1492, he decimated the populations of the people indigenous to this land. Today, we are living on the stolen land of these indigenous populations. America continues to harm these populations, trying to use more of their already limited land for industry and oil. America needs to treat Black, Indigenous, and People of Color with more respect and human decency.

KADER490002 DEC 02, 2020 02:44PM

Sayad Gazipur, Bangladesh

In Bangladesh we live in peace through maintaining our family bonding. The Bangladesh government offers equal rights for everyone by laws but somewhere I feel disappointed, especially about the ethnic and marginalized women who cannot enjoy them equally.

Women are not financially empowered and do not participate in the decision-making process which puts them in more vulnerable situations in the community. In some of the ethnic communities, women are being deprived of property rights traditionally which has been perpetuating their financial instability and security forever.

In addition, at their workplaces, ethnic women face wage discrimination—a lower amount of wages, fewer benefits and extra working hours. Women also bear the burden of fulfilling household needs, even during the hardship of tackling climatic stresses.

Further, they have become overburdened with household chores as well as income-generating activities.

Women are also being deprived of health care services either by their counterparts or the health service providers due to negligence.

The government can make laws so that females can have the same property rights as males. And social stigmas have to be eliminated.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:23PM

Milka N. Finland

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:22PM

Yukine M, Japan

I have never seen anyone treated unequally. If I'm forced to say, I think it's a non-regular office worker. non-regular employment, wages are often kept low compared to regular employment, and promotion / promotion cannot be expected so much.

It is also likely that you will not receive bonuses, retirement benefits, housing allowances, etc.

Because of fixed-term employment with a fixed employment period, there is a risk that the contract will be terminated when the contract period is reached or the business performance of the company deteriorates.

Therefore, it is difficult to design in the future and it can be said that the stability is low.


PIN YI C DEC 02, 2020 10:59AM

Pin Yi C, Boston MA, USA

There are definitely populations within the US that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly and equally than others. Practically anyone who is not an upper class heterosexual white Christian man is persecuted or marginalized to some degree. African Americans, for example, have to face endless cases of racism and blatant hate simply for having darker skin. Women have trouble breaking into top professional fields, especially those in STEM, and their pay is only 80% of that of men's. Muslims are often baselessly feared and regarded as terrorists. And those who are LGBTQ+ are commonly confronted with heteronormativity and a decision to either be judged for who they are or hide in the closet for the rest of their lives. I think that these populations should be treated fairly and equally, not just in law but in reality as well. For that happen, there needs to be widespread education that can expose and get rid of common stereotypes that percolate in popular culture, as well as more initiatives that "level the playing field," so to speak, in financial and social terms.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 08:39AM

Ugnė J., Alytus, Lithuania

In the 20th century Lithuania was occupied by the Soviet Union. People were being exiled for being different. It incited hatred towards people of color, disabled people. A lot of Lithuania's intellectuals were exiled. That left the county with no creative and educated people. When Lithuania became a free country, not much changed. For many centuries Lithuania was a country of whites. Only when we became a independent country, more people of color emigrated here. Cis straight white men are the most privileged population. They have a better chance at finding a job, be accepted into a university. That's not the case with women, LGBTQ+, people of color. Women face sexism in their workplace, get catcalled, harassed. People of color face racism in their everyday life, face brutality, get stereotyped. LGBTQ+ face homophobia daily. Same  marriage is still illegal in Lithuania. If you're not a cis straight man, you already have a disadvantage. I

think everyone should be treated equally and have the same opportunities. It shouldn't matter whether or not you're white or a person of color, straight or the member of the LGBTQ+ community, rich or poor. We should be kind towards each other and not spread hatred.

Ms. Zhananur from Kazakhstan. My country has the similar historical background as your country. Kazakhstan was also a part of the Soviet Union and our nation had also faced discrimination and political persecution. Even though we gained our independence 30 years ago, we haven't learned to be real independent citizens due to lack of free speech and democracy. — ANONYMOUS

LISA_...ERC_M... EC 02, 2020 07:50AM

In France too, there are groups that are treated unfairly. In think for example of women, but also black people and persons of North African origins. When you are a straight white man, you are more likely to get a job, a house, do better studies,... For example, in our government the majority of persons are white men. I think that there is an evolution these past years to fight against racism but it is not enough. Recently, there were a new polemic because a video where we can see the police hitting a Black men for no reason was posted. This is not the first time that we can see things like that but it is still very shocking ! I think that we really need to reform the police to avoid racist acts. Nowadays, in my opinion racism is taking a new form with the social media. It is easier to make racist comments when nobody know who you are in the real life. Indeed, social media like twitter are the places where I saw a lot of racism.

LISA_LECLERC_MAIL DEC 02, 2020 07:50AM

Lisa L., Toulouse, France

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 04:36AM

Brian N., Boston MA, U.S.

In America there are definitely people that are treated less fairly or less equal to others. And there are definitely people that are more advantaged or more privileged than others here in America. America was built on slavery and racism and although slavery is abolished and you could say we are less racist than the older generation, people of color are still not treated equally and are disadvantaged. It's not just race that people are being discriminated for, people are also discriminated base on there gender, religion, and sexual orientation. I think everyone should be treated fairly and equally and all have the same opportunities that "advantaged" and "privileged" people have.

AN...R... DEC 02, 2020 02:52AM

An..., Boston MA, U.S.A

Within America, there are most definitely populations that have less rights and are treated poorly and lack privilege compared to others. To name a few, women, people of color, most especially Black and Latinx communities and LGBTQ+ are groups that receive the poor treatment in America.

Women, in particular, are subject to the Pink Tax (where feminine products are priced much higher than men's products), aren't paid as much as men, and undergo harassment on a daily basis, such as catcalling.

With people of color, such as Black and Latinx communities, they are disproportionately targeted than any other race in just about every aspect of life, such as police brutality, school to prison pipeline, prejudice in housing, less pay, and day to day racism from strangers like being followed in stores.

LGBTQ+ , more specifically, transgender people are largely treated unfairly as well. In June 2020, the Trump administration removed discrimination protections for transgender patients in hospitals. This essentially means that any doctor may turn away a sick patient due to their identity.

As for group that have privilege, white cisgender men, as Jonah stated, have the most privilege. White men are not turned away or discriminated against on the basis of their race and gender, are therefore hold more privilege compared to the groups I previously mentioned.

I think everyone should be treated with absolute respect. Resources should be allocated to the groups that have been previously disadvantaged in the past and are in need of said resources. On a day to day basis, no one should be harassed because of their gender, identity, sexual orientation, or race.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 03:02AM

Shaun, Boston MA, U.S.A

Almost all races face unfair treatment and it has been no secret that a white man is the one above most of them. People of color and LGBTQ+ have been in the forefront of the news lately. The Black Lives Matter movement brought the institutionalized racism and America's ugly past to the national spotlight. This recent present has only made the issues more prevalent. The white population has proven to be the most privileged in America but times are changing and people are fighting back. Everyone should be given the resources to have equal footing in life. Equal opportunity is important in the improvement of our country. Not only that but a change in attitude is sorely needed.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:54AM

Jonah F., Boston MA, U.S.A.

The cis straight white man towers above any other group when it comes to opportunity in America. Any other group that you fit yourself in for race, 🏳️, gender, and sexual orientation will bring with it disadvantages in America from many different aspects of life. Other groups are more likely to be attacked, be it by our own police force or as a display of hate. They are also on average less wealthy, and communities with lower percents of white men are underfunded and disadvantaged as well.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:21AM

Ben Z., Boston MA, U.S.

There are 100% populations within our country that are treated unfairly. Institutionalized racism is, well, institutionalized, and kind of hard to get out of the system. There is disenfranchisement and systematic imprisonment across the U.S. I think they should be treated like anyone else, and environmental and systematic racism are issues that need to be addressed before we can move forward as a country.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 01:51AM

Albert Y., Boston, MA, U.S

While everybody technically has the same rights by law, many minority groups are treated unequally in practice. Things like racism and sexism still exist within the collective American consciousness, and as a result people have differing degrees of "privilege" depending solely on their race, gender, age, creed, etc. These populations are almost always those in the minority of the population, and many have faced legal discrimination historically. While the Civil Rights Act prevents this kind of legal discrimination, many still hold discriminatory beliefs, and so members of these groups often face violence or unfair treatment. American Society

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 12:06AM

Emily M., Boston, MA, U.S.

There are certainly a lot of populations in America that are treated less fairly or equally than others, and with that, people who are more privileged than others. Throughout American history, it has always been white populations who have been more privileged than other groups of people and treated as the "superior" group, while people of color are treated unfairly. There is a system where people who have more money or have lighter skin benefit more and can "move up" the social ladder, while those who do not share these same things are stuck in a cycle where for generations, they can't move up. Not only are they impacted economically, but they are also impacted socially. With stereotypes and biases, people tend to act a certain way towards different groups of people, and often these ways of thinking impact how they're treated in society as a whole. I think that everybody should be treated the same way because no matter the person's appearance or beliefs, they should never be treated as someone who is inferior to someone else. At the end of the day, we are all humans with the same biological features, and I don't understand how people can believe someone is more superior than the other based mostly on looks.

KATHERINE K. DEC 01, 2020 11:31PM

Katie K., Boston MA, U.S

In America, there has always been a divide between different groups. We are a country built on different cultures, but some people like to think that there is a superior and inferior group or culture. People who believe this make it difficult for others and are

very unexciting or those who don't look exactly like them. I believe that everyone should be treated equal, no matter what they look like, what religion they practice, or what culture they are, and those who discriminate others based on those factors alone need to open their hearts.

IAN DEC 01, 2020 11:00PM

Ian W. Boston, MA, U.S.

America is a very diverse country, but also a very unfair country. For a majority of our history, non whites had their legal rights restricted by laws, or de jure racism. In the last 80 years, a lot of laws have been passed to remove de jure racism, but de facto racism still

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 10:49PM

Andre W., Boston, MA, U.S.

There are DEFINITELY populations that have it worse. Using what Trump is doing right now as an example, he is attempting to build the wall as quickly as he can before the inauguration of our new president, Joe Biden. This wall disproportionately impacts the Hispanic population who 1) already exists here (as it is a figurative *censored* you to them), while also preventing people who do not have appropriate means or the time to wait to come to the US. What I mean by the latter half of that is that most people do not have the time to wait countless years for a flawed and messy immigration system to give them a visa if they have to leave the country immediately, due to things such as protecting themselves and their families. And that is only ONE population. And that is only ONE time period. If we look at Asian Americans, there is so much history behind their suffrage. The most common are the Chinese Exclusion Acts or FDR's executive order 9066 (resulting in Japanese internment camps). Most Japanese people did not get a pardon or an apology for this until the 90s. The NINETIES. And that executive order occurred in the FORTIES. And I am only listing surface things. It has been much worse and much longer for the black community, whose backs helped carry the creation of this nation. White populations are so much more advantaged. Look at the 1870s with social darwinism. People GENUINELY believed caucasian people were superior because of genetics. Even if that has been scientifically disproved today, the idea persists. Even gen z kids understand that white people are privileged, if for other reasons. So yes, some populations are privileged, while others definitely are not, such as the aforementioned ones. Those populations that are not privileged, sadly, are the ones who have honestly worked harder than the privileged ones to only obtain a fractional portion of the things that the privileged have. So yeah, we should treat the underprivileged, the people of color or people of different sexualities or of anything that make them innately less privileged. And to better that, the "playing field" has to be evened out. But that's a long debate for another day.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 10:02PM

Brigid H., Boston, MA, U.S.

In America, there are definitely still groups of people that are treated less fairly or not as equally as others, although it's not as obvious as it used to be. White people have more of an advantage and privilege than other people, but not all white people like to acknowledge that, and are happy to ignore the fact that their success might have been at the cost of someone else's. Going all the way back to the start of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in the 16th century (1500s), when it became common for rich white people to own black slaves. They were treated as inhuman or animals, this didn't improve much even after slavery was abolished in 1865, as they were forced to be separated from white people in everything they did (bathrooms, buses, schools, pools, etc.). The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, 🏳️, and national origin (other groups were added later), however that didn't stop it from happening. One example of this is the incarceration system and police, prisons were created to get free labor out of black people through a loophole in the 13th Amendment and the police racially profile people all the time, and disproportionately kill poc. Also, black people and other POC face racism from their peers daily. I think that people should be treated equally no matter the color of their skin, and we need to take a hard look at systemic issues through prison and police reform, closing the wage gap, classifying white supremacy groups as domestic terrorists, and changing the curriculum of all school to teach the history of oppression of minorities in this country and how it's still present today.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 09:56PM

Lola 🇺🇸, Boston, MA, U.S.

In America there are most definitely populations who are disadvantaged, are treated unfairly, and have fewer rights than others. Contrary to that, there are populations that are extremely privileged and have more natural rights. I'm sure that you all know about slavery up to the late 1700s, which many people think is long and gone. However, because of this unequal distribution of rights and power hundreds of years ago, it created a divide in our society today. A divide that may not be very visible on the surface, but lies

deep beneath the water. America today has systematic racism, sexism, ageism, built into its foundation. Groups that have been oppressed in the past are still limited and disadvantaged. Poor neighborhoods can be seen having high black population percentages, with disadvantages in education and connections, influencing them further down the line, like an endless cycle. Treating someone different because of what they look like is evil, it's cynical, and it's still happening today. I believe that everyone should be treated as equal. They should be given equal opportunities and advantages. Awareness needs to be spread on this topic, and action should be taken to help construct a new system in which all people have equal rights.

AMBER 🇺🇸 DEC 01, 2020 09:21PM

Amber 🇺🇸, Boston, MA U.S.

There are definitely populations within the U.S. that are treated less fairly or equally than others. This is because of systemic racism that black and brown people have faced since slave trade began. Black people still face the effects of it through income inequality, mass incarceration, healthcare, and more. White people have not faced these same disadvantages and have been the oppressor for centuries, therefore, they are the privileged population of the U.S. For example, in a recent study it was shown that the median income of a white family in Boston was \$247K while a black family's was \$8. Lots of questions arise after seeing this statistic, like "What causes this disparity?" And like I said before, it has everything to do with systemic racism that is in the foundation of America. People of color have faced disadvantages for centuries, no matter how big or small they are still present in our society. I think that they should be treated with utmost respect, if not more than equal amounts, as compensation for centuries of oppression. This is easier said than done, so, moving forward I think that we should begin by spreading awareness about these inequalities. Then move to reform of systems that have failed people of color. And after that continue to progress as an acceptable society that uplifts marginalized populations.

Groups U-Z (sec 04): On human rights and marginalized populations

Are there populations within your countries that have fewer rights or are treated less fairly and/or equally than others? Are there populations that are “advantaged” or “privileged” and populations that are “disadvantaged” or “lack privilege”? How would you describe those populations? How are they treated? How do YOU think they should be treated?

JUDI FREEMAN NOV 25, 2020 09:32PM

MICHAEL L JAN 17, 2021 04:19PM

Michael L., Boston, MA, USA

Many different groups are not respected or given fewer rights than others in the United States. White, American, Catholic males are at the top of America's social caste, and there are many different routes you could go down to see who has fewer rights. If you think of gender, women are given less rights, and LGBTQ are given even less. If you think of religion, Muslims are at the bottom, as Americans have this constant fear of them. If you think of race, Asians and Asian Americans are given fewer rights, Hispanics less and Blacks and African Americans are given the least amount of rights.

ANONYMOUS JAN 17, 2021 01:33PM

Arsen B., Karaganda, KZ

I believe there is almost no discrimination based on race or physical features in my country, however many are treated more/less fairly based on the status of their family. I believe its roots lay deep in the foundation of the kazakh mentality to help bretheren and put them first, rather than working with a person not within their ancestral line. Even from the nomad days, kazakhs would differentiate themselves by their clan and favour their clanmates when working on a goal. Today, this is reflected in how people are employed, their career path and their possible future. However, instead of differentiating by clan, today, it's distinguished on a smaller scale by families. Nonetheless, this sort of familial discrimination shapes the future of those small groups of people, either giving them more privilege in life, or less.

GRACE C DEC 08, 2020 11:05PM

Grace C., Boston, US.

There are many groups in the United States that experience rampant discrimination, among them Native Americans, Black people, Asian-Americans and Latinos - essentially everyone who does not have white European ancestry. Many of these groups have faced such harsh racism in the past that their descendants

directly suffer not only from present-day racism, but from other issues such as abject poverty. In particular, Black Americans are often targeted by law enforcement and receive far harsher punishments for the same crimes as white Americans. Further, since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, there has been an increase in hate crimes against people of Asian descent as racists target innocent people. The United States was founded on equality for all, but is still far from living up to that promise due to the racist sentiments held by many, and a lack of effort to dismantle racist systems.

ABBY B DEC 07, 2020 06:51PM

Abby B., WY, USA

Yes, there are populations that are treated less equally than others in the US. There are also populations that are more privileged than others. The difference between how these populations are treated can be seen in many things such as systemic racism or institutional racism, unfair treatment by the police, mass incarceration, and many more. People of color and immigrants in the United States are treated unfairly in the law and show disparities between how those populations are treated in contrast to the white population. The LGBTQ+ community also has to fight for basic rights. White people in the US have privilege, whether that be involving voting, being less affected by the police system, or many other things. I believe that everyone should be treated equally, but the focus must be directed at those who are currently, and have been, experiencing discrimination in their lives.

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 06:32PM

Hawraa k, Lebanon, Tyre

In our country, we have a group of people who are not treated equally. Poverty is one of those salient dilemmas that the population in Lebanon is suffering from. For instance, there is a myriad of people living in poverty, and they are enduring erratic treatment and even discrimination. Additionally, refugees can be a piece of this disadvantaged population who may lack access to stable work conditions, education, and health services. Despite all that, there are privileged populations, for example, rich people

who earn fair debt and great treatment due to their state. Also, those people who have an adequate state at politics are getting whatever they want in their country. Overall, these deprived populations are unfortunate to be found in a place where they can't carry their rights. Hence, the government and all of us should work freely with different organizations to support them and formulate all their rights.

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 03:45PM

ville 🇫🇮, rajamäki, suomi

Sadly there is, for example unemployed people and immigrants. That shows for example through some sorts of racism. The most racist people here are neo-nazis and old people.

Privileged ones are all the other groups that ones which I mentioned earlier.

The immigrants for example come from really different types of world view that here in finland have. Some on them have seen way too much. Most of Finnish people treat them equally, but the racist ones treat them inhumane ways.

Everyone should be treated same no matter where they come from.

ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 03:07PM

Hnin Ei [wala Laka](#), Hara, Myanmar

In our country, we don't have that kind of case. There are about 135 ethnic groups in our country. We all are very united and kind to each other. As we are living on the same land, we are like our relatives. We used to help and understand each other.



ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 02:45PM

I think it's present in different forms, like gender, caste, and such. This ranges from common stereotypes like girls should do household works to chaupadi(girls should stay in a separate untidy cottage during her periods), social hierarchy based on caste system due to so-called upper and lower caste, etc. However, I can say that in present days, the condition is better than before because more aware young generations are working to uproot such culture, by sharing their voices through different platforms. I would say, despite still such prevailing negative social situations, it's moving towards better, safe, collective, inclusive, fair and clean society, in Nepalese Context.

-Kusum [Saraswati](#)
Pokhara, Nepal

ANONYMOUS DEC 07, 2020 04:24PM

Sara N. Beirut, Lebanon

In Lebanon, there are people on both ends of the spectrum. We have rich people who are able to have a stable life without many losses during the current economic crisis, and at the same time, we have homeless people who are at a great disadvantage and cannot find any food to eat. To begin with, the homeless people in Lebanon are usually treated with a lot of hatred and prejudice and cannot survive through some winters due to the lack of resources and empathy within the community as no one is willing to give up a blanket for them. Furthermore, people of color face a lot of racism and discrimination within the community, and domestic works are lied to and placed at the risk of sexual, physical, and verbal abuse along with other financial risks. I believe that the source of this discrimination, whether it be a government or culture, should be rebuilt and/or dismantled because we all bleed the same in the end.

ANONYMOUS DEC 04, 2020 05:22AM

Tapasmi RC, Gurgaon, India

Social inequality is entrenched into Indian society- namely the caste system- a system of social hierarchy prevailing in Hinduism, the religious majority in the country. Its origins may be dated back to 1500 BC to the 'Manusmriti', an authoritative book of Hindu law, but it is argued that caste affiliation was enforced more rigorously under colonial rule.


The caste system dictates every aspect of social life, assigning a specific place to each group under a complex hierarchy fundamental to Indian societal structure. It relegates so-called 'lower' castes to menial occupations while the privileged upper

classes are considered intellectuals. The system bestowed many privileges on the upper castes while sanctioning repression of the lower castes by privileged groups. Even today, many 'Dalits' i.e the so-called 'untouchables' face discrimination in spheres of health care, life expectancy, education attainability, access to drinking water and housing.

Most Indians reside in villages, where caste and class affiliations overlap. Large landholders are overwhelmingly upper caste while landless laborers typically belong to the lowest-ranking castes. However, strides have been made in eradicating caste discrimination.

In 1950, the constitution banned discrimination on the basis of caste and quotas were announced for government jobs and educational institutions for scheduled castes and tribes, the lowest in the caste hierarchy, to aid the traditionally disadvantaged.

The spirit of our nation is fueled by unity among all. The injustices of the past certainly have a long way to go before they are amended entirely, but with progressive policies and inclusive schemes and we are on our way to reform our mindset and rid our society of casteism.

 DEC 03, 2020 09:37PM

Ahlam N. Sale, Morocco

In our country, the more you have money the more you're privileged, in Morocco people are unified by the religion Islam that believes that people are equal and have the same rights regardless of gender, race, skin color, and ethnicity. That's why there's not a lot of racism since everyone cares about money, status, not your identity. Nowadays, the poor people are outnumbering the rich people, which is sad and realistic. Personally, I see that the government are not even trying to make their and our lives better, since they focus more on their profits than the common good. Poor people are voiceless in our society and sadly there's no one to talk for them, that's why there's no improvement.

 JULIA DEC 03, 2020 09:09AM

Julia P. Brzesko, Poland

Unfortunately in Poland here is a lot of populations treated worse than others. People like to judge others. We, as human beings like feeling like we are the best. But in some cases people forget they aren't special at all and treat other people badly. In my country people of colour aren't respected at all. Although they are completely normal, they have got difficulties with finding a new job etc. I am glad my school have a title of School of Dialogue and we can take part in this project. In Poland LGBTQ+ people aren't respected, too. Our government treats them terribly. There are „LGBT free zones" in some towns and I think it is horrible! Why do people judge others based on their sexual orientation or skin

colour? That's unnatural. In my country Christians are in position of privilege and they sometimes think that means they are better than followers of other religions. For example sometimes Muslims are not respected at all. I think that is terrible and definitely should be ended.

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 03:57AM

Azalea T., Boston, Massachusetts, US

The US has a history of treating people unfairly based on race. White people have generally held the most power and wealth since colonial times. One group that has been especially marginalized throughout history is African Americans. Now, although people are supposed to have the right to equal protection under the law, many Black people still face racial inequality in various areas of life: interactions with others, education, applications for jobs and bank loans, voting access, policing, and criminal sentencing are just a few, but they are all intertwined. It is clear that we need to improve the treatment of Black Americans, and that a lot needs to be done.

Another specific disadvantaged group is immigrants, especially undocumented immigrants. The immigration process takes an extremely long time, so many people who cannot stay any longer in their home countries (where safety and poverty are often pressing issues) come here illegally, sometimes with young children. Once they get here, they live in constant fear of being sent back, so they are vulnerable to exploitation. I think the process of immigration should be changed so we stop punishing people for trying to improve their lives and becoming part of this country. There is no need to spend resources on deporting someone who has done nothing wrong except live here and contribute to our society.

Besides race and immigration status, discrimination based on religion (Christians are generally in a position of privilege; this is not supposed to be reinforced by the government but it still is), disability, 🏳️, and sexual orientation are common. I grouped these together because I think they are less specific to our country.

ANONYMOUS DEC 05, 2020 05:51AM

Priyanka Pune, India

India's population is equivalent to 17.7% of the world's population. In a country where the population exceeds almost a billion, there's bound to be a part which is underprivileged. The caste system has been practiced in India for a long time, although many efforts are being taken to eradicate it. In the past, certain castes that were considered as minorities were given provisions in many sectors. We call it the "Reservation System" This system guarantees a certain number of seats for the minorities in the working, education and political sectors. This system secures the lives of the economically and socially backward classes. Unfortunately, certain people from lower castes who can afford good education are stealing the opportunities from the less fortunate.

The problem with the reservation system is that it does not give a higher value to the merit of the student but to his/her background, which means that even if a student from a backward class is not fit for a certain field, he/she will secure a seat in some university because he/she belongs to a lower caste. This hampers the progress of the nation. The most affected will be the medical sector: if a student with a low merit decides to become a doctor, we can't guarantee if they'll be able to treat the patient because they aren't equipped to do that, but they will secure the position because a seat was reserved for them in the university. That compromises the medical sector and the lives of those this person will treat.

In my opinion, the idea of the Reservation system is good because it helps the disadvantaged, but it's being executed in the wrong way. Instead of giving seats based on the person's background, it should be given based on one's merit. In this way, the people who are more deserving and more equipped to run the system will be able to do so without any difficulty.

ANONYMOUS DEC 03, 2020 01:41AM

Samuel [REDACTED], Boston, MA, US

In the US, there are many populations that have fewer rights than other people do. People of color, members of the lgbtq community, disabled people, and many others are often treated as inferior by society. While a lot of discrimination may not be so obvious as before, it is certainly there, and people in these groups are treated far worse than others. The people who are advantaged in the US are white heterosexual people. This group is often wealthier than other groups because it is easier for white people to find good jobs than it is for people of color. Also, they typically vote for politicians who seek to keep these societal balances in place, rather than create a society that allows everyone to succeed, not just those born into privilege.

Another group that is often treated badly is poor people. Some people view them as lazy or foolish, but the truth is that it is incredibly difficult to escape out of poverty in the United States. I personally think that everyone should be treated fairly, but in order for this wish to be true, we need to spend more time educating people about the various inequalities that plague American society, rather than continuing to allow these unjust systems to survive and hurt so many people simply because of who they are, or what family they were born into.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:43PM

Md.Rakibul [REDACTED], Gazipur, Bangladesh

I am very fortunate as I belong to Bangladesh! Communal harmony and it is one of the important features to uphold the Constitution of Bangladesh. Religious harmony has existed in Bengali culture for thousands of years."There are Hindus, Muslims, Bengalis, non-Bengalis in Bengal. They are our brothers. It is our responsibility to protect them so that we are not discredited."Inspired by Bangabandhu's non-communal spirit. The current status of harmony has become stronger because of our prime minister

SNEIKH HASINA.

But I just think of marginalised people like char, haor, coastal, many floating people and slum dwellers in Dhaka city and hilly areas are at risk of famine as they somewhere remain out of the regular activities and enough social awareness campaign during the COVID-19. If domestic help does not have work now, we are afraid of famine. Only Allah knows what will be!

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 02:45PM

Maximilian D., Germany, Pfaffenhofen, Bavaria

There really aren't any marginalized populations here in Germany. Sure there is always some hate by individuals but you can't really change that.

Considering minorities historically there are only a few here (considered National Minorities) in the form of Danes, Sorbians, Gypsies and Frisians. They all have minority rights but sadly their languages are still disappearing, which is maybe something where more work could be done.

Apart from that the biggest group overall are probably Turks, they aren't one of the historical minorities though and thus have the same rights as all citizens and hold no special status. So in short: There is no sort of state sponsored marginalization here.

RAPHAEL [REDACTED] OR DEC 02, 2020 12:27PM

Raphael [REDACTED], Philippines

In the Philippines, the people on or below the poverty line are usually those who have less privilege and are marginalized. Here, the poor are treated less, compared to those who are in power (usually the police and politicians).

For the past few years, with the war on drugs, extrajudicial killing is rampant here in our country, and unfortunately, those who get killed are the poor. I do think that they are treated less since they are 'voiceless' in times like these.

Double standard is also present here in my country. For example, if a public official violates quarantine protocols, he/she does not usually get any sanctions or penalties, however, if the poor violates, he/she gets sanctioned, if worse, imprisoned.

I think racial discrimination is not present here in the PH, but the problem is more on the social disparity between the poor and the rich.

Rich -> privileged
Poor -> less privileged.

I think it's important that each human being should have the same amount of rights and should be treated equally.

JACKSON WEI DEC 02, 2020 09:42AM

Jackson Boston, MA, US

In the US, people have less rights and are treated unfairly because of their ethnicity and identity. African Americans have been treated unfairly since the founding of America. They were forced to work without pay and did not have the opportunities to build wealth. The ancestors of slavery and the victims of racism should be compensated for the suffering they had to endure. Police are stopping ethnic minorities at higher rates just because of their ethnicity. Our justice system is giving African Americans longer sentences for committing the same crime as other people. Immigrants are another disadvantaged group. They are starting a new life in a place they don't know much about. Immigrants have to learn a new language and get used to a different culture. Undocumented immigrants have it worse. They can be taken advantage of by employers because there aren't any opportunities for them. White people have more advantages than everyone else and ethnic minorities are disadvantaged. People who are the majority are treated well and the minority are disregarded and treated as less than. I think everyone should be treated equally however we should focus on improving the lives of people who are disadvantaged.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 08:29AM

Sudenaz Istanbul, Turkey

No racism in Turkey, Turks are very nice actually against other colors. We never judge them or mistreat them. But our problem is immigrants. The state has a privileged treatment of immigrants in order to get used to our country and normal life. However, some Turks were uncomfortable with this privilege. There are groups that act less fairly and are excluded. These are LGBTQ members and women. They have the same rights legally but are treated differently. Especially LGBTQ members. They were killed and ostracized just because of the life they wanted to live. Also, fanatics do not see men and women as equal, some claim that men are superior. Men with straight cis. (Hello, we are in the 21st century.) In my opinion, everyone should live the way they want. Nobody should be judged by the life they live in.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 05:10AM

Greta Boston, MA

The United States has a long standing history of racism, a lot of which is still present in our lives. The prison system disproportionately harms black people and other POC's over white people. For example, people of color are more likely to receive a harsher punishment for a similar crime as compare to a white person. This is shown in the media, where a white man shot two people at a peaceful protest, and was let out on bail with money he got from donations, while a black man was wrongfully put in jail for 44 years until he was let out. The unfair treatment of POC is also shown in the over policing in more black and brown neighborhoods. This also increases the incarceration rate of POC

as compared to white people, as they are being watched over more than white people, leading them to be caught for crimes at a higher rate.

Women and LGBTQ+ also treated less fairly than white men. There is an income gap between men and women, which many fail to acknowledge. Also, women don't have many reproductive rights, and those that they do have are at risk of being taken from them. LGBTQ+ have much fewer rights as compared to others. They can be declined health services, which was a law imposed by Donald Trump, as well as not serve in the military.

XINYAN DEC 02, 2020 03:57AM

Xinyan C, Boston, MA, USA

In the United States, there are many groups of people who are treated unfairly because of their race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, and sexual orientation. Even though everyone should be guaranteed equal rights, the minorities are often disadvantaged. People of color are more likely to be incarcerated or receive harsher sentences for minor crimes compared with their white counterparts. POC have become victims of police brutality and discrimination. Women are paid less than men working the same job. They are also underrepresented in many industries and abortion has been a controversial topic in America. In addition, immigrants are typically disadvantaged due to their language barriers and racist stereotypes directed towards them. These groups of people are generally underrepresented in the media and have been affected by discrimination and violence. The privileged population in the United States are the white affluent people who have access to good education and opportunities promised by their wealth and protected the color of their skin. In my opinion, everyone should be treated equally. But unfortunately, privileged populations such as the white supremacists don't want to give up their power for equality.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 03:27AM

Katie Boston, MA, USA

In the United States, there is a clear disparity between how white people and people of color are treated, the latter being the more disadvantaged population. One example of this disadvantage is how our law enforcement and criminal justice system disproportionately affect black and brown Americans, leading to higher arrest and incarceration rates for those groups of people. One primary cause of this is over policing in black and brown neighborhoods. This is when more police officers patrol certain areas more often, which makes it more likely that they will catch someone committing a crime. This is not because there are necessarily more criminals in that neighborhood, but rather because more people are watching for crime in those neighborhoods. The fact that this type of policing is systematically enforced in communities of color but not white communities in our country proves that certain populations are treated less fairly than others, which I don't think is right. No one chooses what color skin they

nave, so it isn't fair that people should be treated differently for something over which they have no control.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 03:13AM

Douglas , Boston MA, USA

Assuming this is on the topic of race (because of what we're discussing in class) and not LGBTQ+ I don't think it's fair to say that different populations have less rights than others, there are obvious differences in how they are treated but on the topic of rights everyone is objectively equal. Some populations are at a disadvantage however, because of wealth inequality people whose families already have money are at an advantage, (look at something like college admissions) and black families do in general make less money than white families. Generally I like to believe people are treated equally on a day to day basis because I believe 99% of people treat all people the same but the 1 in every 100 are important and set a bad example for the other 99. Also for the question on how I believe people should be treated it's obviously the same but I still believe that almost everyone has the same belief as me.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 03:31AM

Josie B, Boston, MA, USA

In the United States, there are definitely groups of people who are treated less fairly than others, whether that's women, POC, or members of the LGBTQ+ community. For women, it can be unequal pay to their male counterparts or the lack of their right to an abortion. For POC, it's a million different forms of discrimination. Whether it's racist remarks, discrimination in the workplace, or police brutality. For the LGBTQ+ community, it's a difference in certain rights as well as hate speech and violence against them.

The privileged population in the United States are straight cisgender white men. These men tend to be in higher positions of power even when they aren't qualified, they receive higher pay, they don't face discrimination, they have all of their rights, and are just overall treated much better than any other group of people in the US. I think this group of white men shouldn't be treated any better than anyone else in this country due to the simple fact that their race and gender doesn't automatically make them a better person. Our country has a long way to go in securing equal rights for all groups as well as protecting all groups from hate and violence.

WILLA DEC 02, 2020 02:34AM

Willa D., Boston, MA, USA

The USA was built on the exploitation of POC, and white privilege, so it is safe to say that even with strides to change it, the US is full of inequality. This is not only within racial aspects, as sexual preference, religion, and gender are means for discrimination as well. The most advantaged group is white, straight men, and with that, they also hold the most privilege- the system was built to

benefit them. Although virtually everyone under them has some lesser amount of privilege, those who I would think to be most disadvantaged are POC, black people most specifically. Our country was founded on theft, brutality, and racism. With things such as cultural appropriation, wage/income gaps, lack of representation in the media, and racial profiling (along with so much else, I could write a whole essay on just this), it is obvious black people, and POC, in general, are at a huge disadvantage in this country. While on paper, everyone has equal rights, that is not actually the case in everyday life. Black lives, bodies, and freedoms are not upheld and protected even half as much as white ones are. Even aside from POC, LGBTQ+ people, Muslims, Jews, and women are also underprivileged. I believe that we should all be treated with the same level of respect and care and that our country needs serious reform.

PENTAGRAM 3 DEC 02, 2020 02:14AM

Aris T, Finland

No

Here everyone has the same amount of rights

Although those who are born here have a little bit more rights for example they can become a president.

But if we're talking about basic rights then everyone has the same amount of it

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 12:20AM

Gabriela V, Boston MA, USA

In the United States there are definitely people with privilege, and those without. It is clear that the United States was founded on the idea of white supremacy and on the blood of African Americans and other minorities. This systemic inequality can still be seen today because schools are still clearly segregated to an extent. Rich neighborhoods are filled with white people, and the schools in those neighborhoods therefore have a white majority. Those students then reap the benefits of their white privilege as they receive a great education and students in poor neighborhoods receive an inadequate education. Then, white students are more equipped to get into college, and can actually afford that further education, which many people of color cannot. In addition to education inequality there is also the mass incarceration of black people in America. Black people are seen as criminals constantly and even become victims of police brutality. Therefore, in America black people and other people of color have always been considered inferior and lack privilege while white people are born with many privileges. I want people of color to be treated with respect and to be given adequate education, housing, and other things. I focused on people of color but in America generally white men are the ones with the most privilege while minorities such as the LGBTQ+ community, women, and so on lack privilege.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 12:23AM

Katy , Boston, MA, USA

The United States has many populations that are treated less fairly than others, and this has occurred since the beginning of our country when we took over the land from Native Americans and discriminated against them. The majority of people that are discriminated against here are people of color or non whites. This is especially prevalent in cases of the law. Just this year, similar to what my class just talked about today in class, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was killed while being arrested for allegedly using a counterfeit bill. A police officer kneeled on his neck for just under 9 minutes which ended up killing Floyd. That is just one evidence towards discrimination in the USA towards people of color, it created unrest and protests to make the country aware. Everyday people are discriminated against and told to "speak English", America is meant to be a melting pot, our country doesn't have it's own language. Our country needs to do better and realize all humans are human no matter what they look like or what their social class is.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 10:14PM

Maianh [redacted], Boston MA, USA

Here in the United States, there are surely populations that are treated as "less than" compared to their privileged counterparts. Usually it is people of color, or non white populations that are at some sort of disadvantage in this country. In the case of Black Americans, they have faced hundreds of years worth of systemic racism and oppression. In the case of new wave immigrants, they have to deal with things like exploitation of labor, for fear that they may be deported. In the case of indigenous peoples, they must live in a country that rarely acknowledges that they operate on stolen land. That was just to name a few examples. I feel as though, speaking as a minority myself, that those who are not white or even sometimes "white-passing" have to work extra hard to even get on the same playing field or to prove ourselves in this society. These populations should be acknowledged not just for their existence but also for their struggles. The different groups within the marginalized populations should also come together and uplift themselves by sharing experiences can help these groups better understand each other (as I think that there is a lot of dangerous argument about who has had it worse in life). That being said people who do have privilege and power should use it to help uplift these disadvantaged populations even more, such as through educating others.

ANONYMOUS DEC 02, 2020 05:19AM

Xixin [redacted] Boston, Ma

In the United States, minority populations and POC are treated less equally than others and in some aspects, we can say that they do have fewer rights than the average white american. African Americans are more likely to be targeted by the police and are always being watched because regardless of what they might be doing, they seem "suspicious". There had been trends of mass incarceration of African Americans in the history of the United States. Prisons are disproportionately composed of way more black people(specifically black men) than any other race.

immigrants who had just arrived in the United States will have trouble fitting into the land because of the language barrier that exists and the many racist stereotypes that are directed towards them. POC and immigrants lack many opportunities that white people, purely because of their skin color and biases towards them. The privileged and advantaged population in the United States are the white and wealthy people. Their skin color gives them an automatic pass to everything and they have access to better resources and education because of their wealth. I think they should be treated with equality and respect on par with their white peers and everyone needs to recognize the racism in their own actions before we could proceed on and fix the problems and flaws in our system.

ANONYMOUS DEC 01, 2020 08:12PM

Zoë [redacted] Boston, MA, USA

The United States is filled with minority groups who have been discriminated against since coming to America, and are still facing prejudice today. African Americans are systemically oppressed and "lack privilege" by having to live in a country that is still systemically racist with its racial profiling, hate groups, lack of government representation, etc. Indigenous peoples also face high rates of poverty among other problems due to an unsympathetic government that doesn't help them. America also facilitates an anti-immigration mindset, especially cultivated by the policies of President Trump, which leads to stereotyping and discrimination. The LGBTQ+ community has been long trying to stand for equal rights, which are only now slowly being granted. There are countless other specific groups being treated less fairly in America, and there are countless types of privileges. All of us Americans need to understand what our privileges are and use them to better the lives of those disenfranchised.

ESLI [redacted] DEC 01, 2020 04:50PM

Esli R., Boston, MA, USA

There are several different populations in the United States that are treated less fairly or equally than others. As many people have mentioned, people of color have systemic barriers that are put up to prevent them from succeeding. The criminal justice system disproportionately incarcerates people of color, and they are more likely to receive longer sentences than a white person for committing the same crime. Being incarcerated also strips former prisoners of many of their rights. Not only is it difficult to get back on their feet, find a job, and make a living, but if they have been charged with a felony (a more serious crime) they are no longer allowed to vote, no longer allowed to serve on a jury, and they lose other rights as well. While the recent Black Lives Matter protests have brought these issues more attention they still need to be addressed. As Tiffany and Leah also mentioned, immigrants are another group that are not treated fairly in the US, and as Sophie mentioned, so are members of the LGBT+ community. There are a lot of different types of privilege; white privilege, male privilege, heterosexual privilege, middle-upper class privilege, etc. In our society those who are the most "advantaged" are white,

heterosexual, cisgendered, middle-upper class men. There is a lot of work to be done to fix our criminal justice system and the many other issues in our country, but we all must work towards achieving equal opportunities for everyone.

SOPHIA · DEC 01, 2020 02:56PM

Sophia A., Boston, MA, USA

This padlet seems to be very fitting for the work we are doing in class right now. For those who are not in my class, we just finished a project analyzing race/racism in Boston. The biggest take away that I have from class is that racism is prominent in Boston and has been for awhile. This is particularly racism against people of color. People of color have been segregated against here in Boston, and today they are victim to disproportionately high rates of police brutality. Although this has been an issue at the fore front of our society lately (as it should be), we can not forget about the other groups who are facing inequality as well. These groups may include members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and all immigrants. The most privileged population of people in America is that population of white males. They hold the most power here in Boston and the US. Many times members of these populations face injustice in our justice system. This to me is the saddest part because our justice system is supposed to be a safe and fair place. Other times they face inequality in education systems. Education is something that should be distributed fairly among all people. Everybody deserves the same amount of respect and respect is shown when everybody is presented with the same amount of opportunity.

ANONYMOUS · DEC 01, 2020 09:23PM

Colin Boston, MA, USA

There are different populations that are treated less fairly and equally than others. I think people of color are often treated less fairly than others. We've seen incidents where people of color being accused for actions they didn't do. This usually isn't just a case of mistaken identification, but rather a case of racism or stereotyping. A white person is less likely to receive the same sentence as a person of color. A person of color is more likely to receive a longer sentence than a white person. As we saw in the presentations, people of color can be stereotyped often. I think the sentence they receive should be based on their actions and not their race. I think also immigrants are also because they have to create their own new life here, often with nothing from their old countries.

ANONYMOUS · DEC 01, 2020 05:09AM

Tiffany T., Boston, MA, USA

In the US, I would definitely say that minorities are treated less fairly compared to White Americans. I am an Asian-American and from my personal experiences, I feel as though I miss out on a lot

or opportunities because I am not white. The saying "white privilege" needs to be recognized by others that it is a legitimate issue. Immigrants typically have traveled from faraway lands and faced many challenges just to get to the US. The fact that many refugees are being denied access to America saddens me. America was built on the backs of immigrants. The fact that we still discriminate and grant smaller opportunities to different people makes me think that we are going backwards as a country. African Americans are still being discriminated and are systemically oppressed in America. Asian Americans are being called racial slurs because of their connection to their Asian roots. Hispanics and Latinos are being told to go back to where they came from, even if some were born here. This happens constantly and I believe that we need to fix our criminal justice system and to educate others that immigrants do not mean 'stealing jobs' and that we all deserve equal rights. I really hope that one day our country will finally treat people with equality and with the respect they deserve.

LILAH · NOV 30, 2020 10:52PM

Lilah C., Boston, MA, USA

I wouldn't technically say fewer rights but there is 100% a population in America that is treated less fairly and equally than other populations in America. The populations that are privileged and more advantaged than others are white people and the populations that are disadvantaged and lack privilege are people of color. People of color are treated differently through institutional racism, which is a form of racism that is embedded as normal practice within society or an organization. They face problems in America that white people in America do not. I think they should obviously be treated equally and people need to recognize that racism still exists in America.

LEAH · NOV 30, 2020 10:31PM

Leah P., Boston, MA, USA

In the USA, there are several marginalized peoples. New immigrants are very disadvantaged because they must create their own connections in America after arriving with nothing from their old countries. Language and culture barriers can result in many disadvantages in employment and other areas. Yet, people who have been here for generations are also discriminated against based on their race. African Americans are systemically oppressed in America. Majority black schools are underfunded while their communities are constantly monitored by police, resulting in excessive force and arrests, separating families and perpetuating intergenerational trauma. I believe that our corrupt system needs to be fixed to give equal opportunities to all people in America regardless of race and other forms of identification.