INTOLERANCE

What is intolerance?

Intolerance is a characteristic of several people nowadays due to the fast pace of life and the circumstances do not allow us neither the time nor the luxury to be patient. When intolerance is mentioned in daily life most people think about racism. Of course this is some kind of intolerance but there are more things in life that many people do not tolerate. Some people are not able to accept that people can have a different skin color, religion and beliefs. Other people may not like graffiti as they think that it is vandalizing. People also might do not tolerate symbols, videos, photos, objects etc.

We are going to focus mostly on the following:

Ethnic Discrimination, Injustice & Pressure to fit in.

A) ETHNIC INTOLERANCE.

Ethnic intolerance can refer to the following:

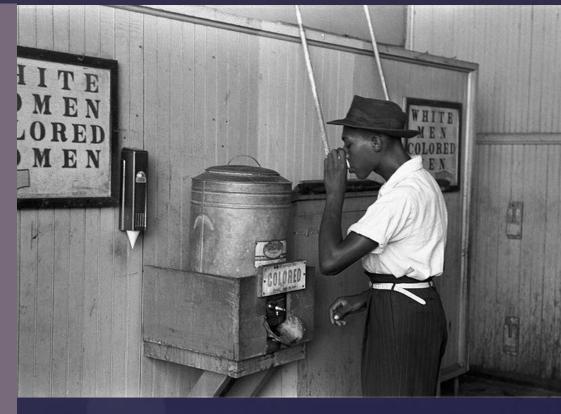
ethnic hatred
ethnic conflict
discrimination
racism
ethnic nationalism

Let's talk about racial discrimination..

- 1) The belief that all members of each race possess characteristics or abilities specific to that race, esp. so as to distinguish it as...
- 2) Prejudice or discrimination directed against someone of a different race based on such a belief.

Racial discrimination, in law, is any act that treats people of other races in a different manner. Many countries have specific laws forbidding this practice, although others have few laws addressing this issue. Many countries set up protected classes, like race, color, national origin, gender, religion, or sexual orientation, and it may be illegal to treat someone differently based on which class the person belongs to.

In the US, many laws forbid racial discrimination, and a number of these are directly derived from Title VII in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. The first of these acts states that employers cannot refuse to hire qualified employees based on race or skin color, and they can't do other things like harass them, refuse promotions, or pay them at lower rates because of their race. The 1991 Civil Rights Act defines some ways that people who have experienced this discrimination can sue.



A man drinking from "Colored Men Only" fountain in the Southern United States because of the Jim Crow laws.

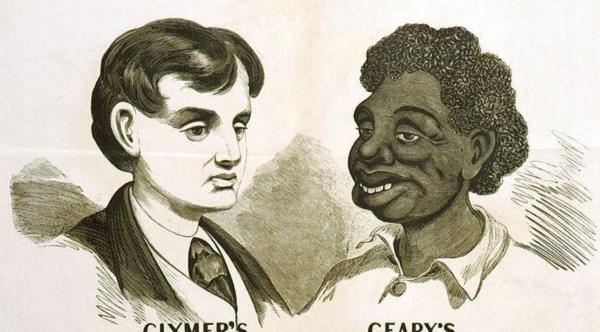
1) Racial discrimination.

THE TWO PLATFORMS

Every RADICAL in Congress VOTED for NEGRO SUFFRAGE. Every RADICAL in the Pennsylvania Senate VOTED for NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

STEVENS, FORNEY & CAMERON are for NEGRO SUFFRAGE; they are all Candidates for the UNITED STATES SENATE. NO RADICAL NEWSPAPER OPPOSES NEGRO SUFFRAGE."

Said in a Speech at Harrisburg, 11th of August, 1866..." THERE CAN BE NO POSSIBLE OBJECTION TO NEGRO SUFFRAGE."

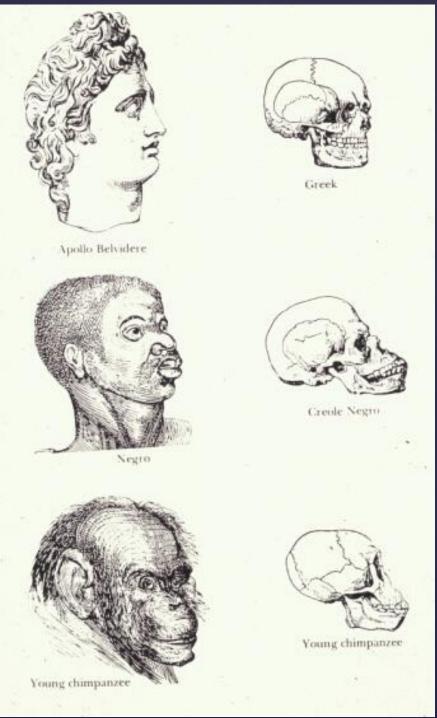


CLYMER'S
Platform is for the White Man.

GEARY'S
Platform is for the Negro.

READ THE PLATFORMS

CONGRESS says, THE NEGRO MUST BE ALLOWED TO VOTE, OR THE STATES BE PUNISHED.



Drawings from Josiah C. Nott and George Gliddon's Indigenous races of the earth (1857), which suggested black people ranked between white people and chimpanzees in terms of intelligence.

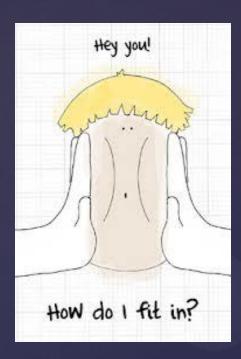


Separate "white" and "colored" entrances to a cafe in North Carolina, 1940



B) Injustice

When it comes to intolerance, one could possibly have a million thoughts to share. If someone look around they will find places, people, situations or actions that cause them annoyance and make it almost not possible for them to tolerate. The luck of justice is one of the main sources of intolerance nowadays. Many people hate when others are being unfair to their fellow citizens in various cases within a day. For example in a school society, if a student violates a rule and a teacher punishes another student who was not responsible for that violation, many of the other students may not tolerate the situation if the think the teacher has been unfair.



C) Pressure to fit in (such as peer pressure for teens)

Every person has his own personality. Some people try to tell strangers facts about their personalities by the way they dress, the way they act around other, the music they listen to and much more. The sad truth is that society has made many people that want to stand out with their beliefs and style to fit in. Every time someone is trying to wear or listen to something they truly like automatically people start criticizing. Most people can't stand the pressure and the criticism they take for doing what their heart tells them and eventually give in and become one of the rest. People should be able be who they want to be without fearing the crowd of people who look identically the same.

Thank you for your attention.

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