

What is Racism and Discrimination?

Today, the word racism is thrown around all the time by not only members of racial minority groups but by whites, too. Use of the term "racism" has become so popular.

Racism has two meanings

- ✚ "The belief that race accounts for differences in human character or ability and that a particular race is superior to others."

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How did it all begin?

- ✚ Secondly, racism is, "Discrimination or prejudice based on race."

Racism has always been in issue in the world

- ✚ The Holocaust
- ✚ Segregation
- ✚ Chinese Exclusion Act

There is no certain date when discrimination began, racism has always existed, but during the 19th century discrimination toward African Americans was a big deal in the world because of slave trade between Africa and the United States.

- ✚ Slavery started after several states passed a law that gave American's the right to own slaves, which defined the African American's as property not human beings.

- ✚ "White" people began to believe they were inferior to "black" people because of their color and race.

Although segregation between African Americans and Americas lasted awhile, the segregation did not bring as many deaths as the holocaust.

- ✚ The holocaust was the persecution and murders of about six

million Jews by the Nazi in Germany.

We are now in the 20th century and racism still exists. Today's society still believes their inferior than other races, discrimination between each race gets stronger and stronger.

Racism is an issue that has been passed from generation to generation. Racism is not as high as it was couple of centuries ago, but it still exists because of all the stereotypes our society has created.