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## **U2 Annotated Bibliography**

Introduction:

Why are we still fighting against discrimination in the United States even in the 21st century? The reason why I got interested to go more deeply into the question is seeing people treated unfairly. Not only that, what got me interested is also that we have been fighting for so long in the United States over discrimination but still there's an ongoing problem with that. As an immigrant grown-up lady in the United States, I had to go through a lot. I was discriminated against a lot for my religion, background, my race, and many more. Starting from school to college to work a lot of questions were raised on me. In this annotated bibliography I will be talking about what discrimination is, what causes it to happen, and how badly it affects giving details and facts.

In this research, I will be discussing and giving you a better clear vision of how discrimination has separated us from our own people. It is funny fact that we have been fighting over discrimination since the Civil War and still now it kept going. We all have more or less ideas about the Civil war but since we talking about discrimination it is better to start from the earlier history. During the civil war, black people had to face a lot of problems based on their color another word is racial prejudice. A lot of influential individuals have spoken against it including the famous Martin Luthar King. However, this is a type of issue that you have to speak

up against to make drastic changes. A lot of change has been made about this issue. But for our future generation to be themselves and not be discriminated against for who they are, it is important that they know how to stop that from happening.

Therefore, I will be coming up with facts and details about how as a normal individuals what we can do to stop discrimination from happening. How and what we can do will be shown throughout this annotated bibliography. There will be resources that will represent why from childhood it's so important to tell your kids that everyone is the same and should be treated equally.

Citation 1:

Wan, William, and Sarah Kaplan. "Why Are People Still Racist? What Science Says about America's Race Problem." *Washington Post*, 14 Aug. 2017, [www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/08/14/why-are-people-still-racist-what-science-says-about-americas-race-problem](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/08/14/why-are-people-still-racist-what-science-says-about-americas-race-problem).

Summary:

This article called why are people still racist, talks about the different facts about why discrimination still exists. Racism is a very big thing. It's not something so ordinary that it keeps coming and going. There can be many different things that affect people to discriminate against others such as, teaching children from the very beginning the differences between people, believing in different stereotypes, not being treated equally, looking down on based on their religion, race, and many more. What people see from us or what we teach people causes it to happen. As mentioned in the article, it says even a kid going to school for the first time trying to

find out who's cool and who's not is what lets people find differences between each other.

Environment causes people to be racist. Not only that, it mentioned in the article that, even in tv series the body gestures of white and black people and their way of communication was enough to show people the bias between white and black people. In the article, it talks about not only that black people get offended, but white people also think they are being discriminated against a lot and white lives matter. In 2015 the guy called Dylann Roof killed nine people at a historic African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. The justification he gave for killing innocent people was he wanted to take some action for his race. The article also talks about how racism is being revealed by political leaders, for example, former President Donald Trump.

Reflection:

I agree with the article completely. Nowadays with every little thing, people think they are being treated unfairly. Discrimination is a type of thing the more we talk about it the more it gets complicated. I also believe the leaders should be open-minded and motivated, not someone who's sending hatred messages. It's interesting to see how people from other countries come to America for a better future, but they do not know how much people are being discriminated against here.

Quotation- "Instead, he thinks, more virulent forms of racism are being "unleashed" — particularly by President Trump".

Majorities of American citizens have seen how Donald Trump was badly influential for a lot of people. His racism issues have created a lot of division in the United States. It's very

important that people who have the power to create change should make some change happen because it does affect and encourage others to do the same.

Citation 2- *Let's Get to the Root of Racial Injustice - Youtube.*

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s>**

Summary:

This video talks about how black people are three times more likely to get shot than whites. In this video, Megan talks about the situation his brother faced where the police did not feel the importance of listening to his brother. It's funny how the police didn't listen to her brother for once and instead started hitting him. It also talks about the problem with discrimination or racism is not that because of few people there are discrimination instead its the majority who are very much discriminated.

Reflection:

I completely agree with all the facts that Megan talked about. In America, especially black people are being judged very easily. Innocent people are being killed very easily. So many people have fought for black people's lives against discrimination. However, there's still discrimination that exists and people being judged for their color. More of it is like another way to call out black people by criminality. It's very common in America to serve black people as a threat and not citizens.

Quotation: “So why does the killing of unarmed blacks continue to happen?I think it continues to happen because we have the wrong diagnosis at the wrong cure (2016)”.

What she means by this in the video is that we always think the problem for racial injustice is always education which is not true. It's not always about what we teach someone about discrimination and equality. People are more affected by what they see so what we preach is very important that it affects positively.

Citation 3: Milano, Brett. "In New Poll, African-Americans Say They Are Still Treated Unfairly." *Harvard Gazette*, Harvard Gazette, 19 July 2019,

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2017/10/in-new-poll-african-americans-say-they-are-still-treated-unfairly/>

Summary:

The article by Harvard researchers discusses that African Americans are still being treated unfairly. It talks about starting from mocking black people to discriminating against them everything has badly affected black people's lives. African Americans were treated unfairly with their paystubs, applying for jobs, and seeking help from police. They were also neglected by several public services such as regular medical care, urgent help from police, etc. It's very crucial to see black people did not have an advantage over any of it.

Reflection:

I totally agree with the points that the text has shown. If I put myself in African American shoes I wouldn't be able to survive. It's very hard to read what they went through and if we imagine them being dealing with all that tortures it was very unfair. Every citizen has their own right to live in the United States. Based on color we can not judge people. Just because someone

is white doesn't mean the person is good. We also have to remember the good work African American has done for America. When something bad happens it doesn't necessarily have to do with one side, everything happens with two sides being included so we should stop blaming black people for everything. Color doesn't define a person, what defines them is their character.

Quotation:

“In the poll, co-sponsored by National Public Radio (NPR) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 57 percent of African-Americans said they were discriminated against in terms of equal pay, and 56 percent said they faced racism when applying for jobs. Fifty percent said they had experienced discrimination when interacting with police, and 45 percent while they were trying to rent or buy housing”.

What this quote means is that African Americans were cut off from everything. Not letting them do what they want, not giving black people the same advantage is showing them the class they belong to which is totally not acceptable.

To conclude, throughout this whole research I found out that there were so many things that were unknown about discrimination. For example, what cause it to happen, how black people suffered through it, and many more. What surprised me about researching discrimination is that it's something that keeps growing. The differences among people will not go if we do not accept others' cultures, traditions, and backgrounds. What I learned is that when something wrong happening we should speak up. Like when I was in school and people would discriminate against me based on who I am, I should have talked against them, which would inspire so many others to speak up too. I believe my research about discrimination should give a message to

teenagers. To make some change happen teenage time is the best time to do so. For me, I believe that's the age people get discriminated against a lot because especially immigrants have to go through a lot. To see something happen better, it's necessary to take action and make it happen.