



GROUP 1

RACE AND ETHNICITY

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Questions:

1. How has immigration and the greater racial of ethnic diversity contribute to both positive and negative changes in United States -**Destiny T**
2. Will the “Trump immigration plan” result on keeping minorities from surpassing the current majority numbers in the United States’ future census? -**Delby A**
3. Why do you think that the US is thinking about not allowing groups of people traveling together into the US? Do you believe that it is based on previous racial or related to a group of people with the same race, culture, or religion? -**Alan P**
4. Should the United States open its borders to immigrants to improve its economy? -**Peter C**
5. How can immigrants contribute to an improved racial and ethnic relation? **Adel C**
6. What is the difference between prejudice and discrimination? How have they both affected our communities? Is discrimination and prejudice something we still face today? -**Alexess P**
7. How are the following affected by an increase in minority population? **Delby A**
 - a) Diversity increase
 - b) Changes in population
 - c) Education and achievements
 - d) The structure of families and household
 - e) Working lives
 - f) Income, wealth, and poverty
 - g) Political participation

The United States of America, which was once known as a place of opportunity and freedom, has long changed its belief system. Immigrants would come from all over the world seeking out refuge from tyrants, religious oppression, or just a means of putting food on the table for their families. They were welcomed with open arms to America and promised “the American Dream.” This concept was created and waved in front of the heads of millions of foreigners who would be exploited by large companies, like a carrot on a race horse. While some were able to eventually achieve it in the past, as time went on it became more and more impossible, especially for minorities. If we fast forward to today, we’ve become a society that no longer welcomes non-white minorities in this country, and the American dream is but a fairy tale that is told to children so that they are programmed to believe that if they work hard, they will be rewarded.

Today in society we’ve reached a point fueled by hate and racism and very limited access to wealth which leads to power. Wealth is something that has been passed down through generation, and most immigrants do not have the ability to accumulate it, but instead make the sacrifices so that their children would some day be able to. The issue is that the children stay status quo as the government begins to cut funds for these families in favor of the already well off, which are mostly white men. As the population patterns continue to show proof that someday minorities will make up most of the population, the issue is whether they will have enough political power or influence to make the necessary changes, and are they willing to cooperate to achieve a better future?

One of the biggest obstacles that minorities face are other races and ethnic groups that differ from theirs. We see the clash of cultures bring a shock because of the differences in norms. An example of this would be a Muslim family moving into a Hispanic Christian neighborhood. They might find themselves looked down upon since they do not speak the language or

understand the cultures that are important to everyone else. This might cause them to push back from society instead of them willing to contribute to the neighborhood.

While prejudices and discrimination are two different things they tie in very closely to each other. To be prejudice is to have a preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience. It is a bias view of a person, group of people, race, religion, brand, place and many other things. Discrimination on the other hand is the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex. Both can end in harm or injury that results or may result from some action or judgment.

According to GoodTherapy.org, “Discrimination, or actions or behaviors taken against individuals because of prejudiced beliefs, can create feelings of shame, anger, and sadness in victims. Prejudice and discrimination may have far-reaching effects.... Prejudice infects an entire society, but making change begins with changing individual minds and lives.” With that said we have faced racism, red credit lining, wage gaps, altered perceptions, minimized experiences, gas lighting, sexism and torture at the hands of discrimination and prejudice people.

In my opinion, this is still something we face today. Especially the African American and minority communities. The NAACP did a study that shows African Americans are incarcerated at more than 5 times the rate of whites. The imprisonment rate for African American women is twice that of white women. Nationwide, African American children represent 32% of children who are arrested, 42% of children who are detained, and 52% of children whose cases are judicially waived to criminal court. Though African Americans and Hispanics make up approximately 32% of the US population, they comprised 56% of all incarcerated people in 2015. If African Americans and Hispanics were incarcerated at the same rates as whites, prison

and jail populations would decline by almost 40%. If this isn't a form of unjust and bias opinions than what is?

All this ties into race and ethnicity because that's where we see the most discrimination and prejudices. We, the African American community endured years and years of slavery and oppression due to these factors. To this day, governance still look at us differently. We are still treated unequally, unfairly and less than that to the white man. The government likes to act like they have it all figured out, like they're protecting us, but they're not. We are on our own.

If the United States opens its borders to immigrants, the impact on our economy can be positive. Having a group of people that did not pay taxes previously will benefit us for the better to help fund our public schools and other state-run programs. With no immigration and an aging country, it will stagnate our economy. Immigration raises G.D.P. and stimulates business development by increasing the supply of workers and entrepreneurs. With a country like the United States where the country is always growing people that a willing to work for lower wages is a part of our society. With the demand of workers for manual labor the citizens that are born in The United States don't find manual labor jobs appealing and refuse to do it. Immigration increases total employment by getting workers in skill gaps and it also reduces the number of hiring shortages that at times jobs that require physical labor. Countries like Japan who have little to know immigration will see a massive decrease in their economy and that should serve a warning to us. Having people immigrate to The United States increase the demand of goods and services throughout the country. New immigrants raise consumption of goods and raises business revenues. In a study in 2017 native born workers in The United States earned 4 percent higher wages than immigrants. Immigrants complement native born workers. They drive economic growth. They are important to maintaining our global competitiveness with other

counties. Instead of pushing out immigrants we need to find a clear path in which it can be beneficial for both parties involved.

Recently, there has been a great dispute about the authorization of immigrant's caravans into the U.S. This dilemma has let me to conclude that the U.S is considering not allowing these immigrants because of the amount of money the U.S will have to consider paying for people that are not even legal in the country. Since these immigrants not only are bringing themselves, but their families make it an even a bigger problem. The U.S is already huge on its population of immigrants, the more people added to our population the more money the U.S must give off, leaving themselves even more in debt. I strongly believe that this is based on ethnic relations with migrant communities because for the past year the U.S has dealt with immigrants in a way that not only benefits the immigrants but also somehow will benefit the U.S. In the U.S immigrants are open to unique opportunities that every other country lack. For example, immigrants are entitled to a free education, protection, well fare, jobs, and even the right to become legal. These unique opportunities have triggered people to flee from their country to the U.S to have a better life, but the amount of people trying to enter the U.S is a tremendous amount that can potentially put the U.S economy at stake.

Immigrants have contributed to the improvement of racial and ethnic relations in the United States over the course of many years. In the future, the United States will have a majority population with people of all different kinds of cultural backgrounds.

Immigrants have provided a substantial amount of diversity in which has built present day America. The differential cultural backgrounds in these population subgroups complement each other in both, productive and innovative ways. The multiplicity of all these different immigrant(s) subgroups creates a versatile environment that can create a cultural acceptance

amongst one another and a feeling of belonging. With different immigrant groups migrating all over the world and becoming citizens, a lot have voiced their opinions for social and economic equality as the rest of the country. Immigrants of all cultural backgrounds have fought for equal rights and fought against discrimination. The voices of these immigrants have helped change public perception into acknowledging the implicit racial bias and discrimination that they face every day. There have also been research/surveys indicating an increase of American opinions shifting toward and acknowledging that changes need to be made for more cultural acceptance. The help of immigrants voicing their opinions and standing up for what they believe in has helped create the improvement of racial and ethnic relations because if more voices are heard and people are standing up together, changes will happen.

The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country is the only way to define what Immigration is. Immigration is always a confrontational conversation; many people have different views of how they contribute in a positive and not negative way. In my opinion they help balance out the United States. Let's start with one positive contribution of Immigration and diversifies in local economies. Immigrants bring new perspectives, experiences, and ideas to their local communities. With this added modification, there is more strength to be found within the society. Immigrants start businesses, earn an honest income, and support others on the local level, which are not so common from the average native American. This creates an increase in local production, which creates more profits, which further helps the economy by allowing more job opportunity. Strong economies that are based on immigrant perspectives tend to find the most success. Unfortunately, many people who stand strong against immigration believe that Immigration can create wage disparities. When immigrants come from the developing world to the developed world, they may be willing to take employment opportunities for a much lower

wage than a local non-immigrant. If there are enough people to work for lower wages, it can create a wage disparity in the local population that can affect job growth. Less income means fewer supportive employment opportunities because less cash is being spent, other also worry that the money made here is usually to other countries to support over sea families.

In conclusion, the fate of the United States of America lies in peril unless we do something about it. Maybe more minorities should be appointed into political offices. By adding a more diverse population to the senate, laws could be passed that will benefit more than just the power elites. One might hope for an end toward the series of unfortunate chains of events which presented itself at the wake of the 2016 presidential election. To bring positive changes in the future, and someday restore the American dream, minorities need to be made aware of all the issues and use their voices to make inspire change.

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