



Racism, Racial Discrimination and Xenophobia



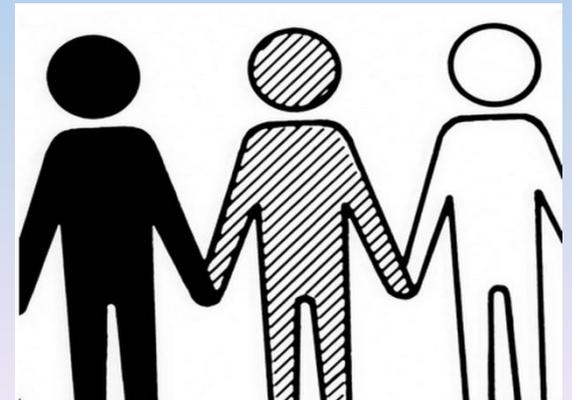
Racism: Definition

The conscious or unconscious belief of that one race is superior to another

Race – social construct

Europe – long history of racism

Biological racism v Cultural racism





Levels of Racism

Racism exists on the

- Interpersonal level
- Societal level
- Institutional level





Consequences of Racism

Disastrous
Mass destructions
Genocide
Oppression
Aggression
Injustice
Servitude





Xenophobia: Definition

Fear of foreigner or foreign countries

The sentiment/understanding based on socially constructed ideas and images



Discrimination: Definition

There is no general term for discrimination

There are particular forms of discrimination such as racial discrimination and religious discrimination

Consequences: Violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms



Discrimination: Definition

Discrimination can be against persons and groups based on race, religion, gender, ethnic origin or sexual orientation



Discrimination: Definition

Direct discrimination: requires the intention to discriminate against persons or groups

Indirect discrimination: the effects of a policy which may seem neutral but which in reality places a person or group in a discriminatory position

Examples?



Positive Discrimination

Purposely favours particular groups such as ethnic groups or disabled persons

The aim is the elimination of structural discrimination

Examples?



Positive Discrimination

What are your views on positive discrimination?



Racial Discrimination

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination:

Any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of **public life**.



Anti-Semitism

Hostility against the Jews as a religious or minority group, often accompanied by social, economic and political discrimination



Romaphobia

Hostility/discrimination against the Roma

Who are the Roma?

They continue to be discriminated/persecuted

Examples?



Islamophobia

Hostility/discrimination against Muslims and Islam

Interrelation between Islam, terrorism and extremism

Islam – 2nd largest religion in Europe

9/11 and IS (Islamic State) – how has this influenced Islamophobia?



Islamophobia

Prohibition of burqa (e.g. in France) - Should the State be allowed to do this?

SAS v France

Sahin v Turkey

Dahlab v Switzerland



Islamophobia

Article 9 ECHR

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, **to manifest his religion or belief**, in worship, teaching, practice and observance.

1. Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs shall be subject only to such **limitations** as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of **public safety**, for the protection **of public order, health or morals**, or for the **protection of the rights and freedoms of others**.



Islamophobia

Ban of Islamic dress in Europe – Islamophobia?

What are your thoughts?

What images do you have of Islam?



Racism and the Internet

Racist hate – social networking sites and websites

78% of respondents of a CoE survey said that they had been victims of online hate speech – LGBTI (70%), Muslims (60%) were at the top of the list

14,000 hate websites, social networking groups, forums etc

Hate speech v Freedom of expression



Racism and the Internet

Article 10, European Convention on Human Rights:

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of expression.

2. The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of **national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others**



Racism and the Internet

Should racist speech/propaganda on the internet or in other forms be permitted?

