**Social Issues Affecting the African American**

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According to past literature, the well-known African American group is composed of about 13.4 percent of the overall American population. Hence, the minority group faces quite some social challenges due to racism that affects them in various sectors of life like acquiring good housing, equal education, or any other social amenities. The community faces health-related issues that are normally critical for every citizen (Dover et al., 2020). Talking health is the center of everything as poor health of the citizens means poor performance in daily work performance. Therefore, fair and equitable distribution of resources especially health care coverage has been made possible under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

However, problems still face the African American group due to various inequalities among the American population. Moreover, since health care coverage is not equal for all citizens, health costs become higher, especially for the minority group living in the USA since they have to utilize their own pockets to pay for health services. Thus, it is attributed to lower income rates for the African American group compared to other races residing in the country (Dover et al., 2020). Nevertheless, the group faces economic disparities, especially during job offers or usually gets hired but is lowly paid and is not considered in the many wealth-generating opportunities.

This led to lower rates of health coverage for minority citizens due to a lack of enough job security titles. Logically, health care coverage becomes limited for minority groups as compared to white Americans. Besides, though some African American citizens have graduated from colleges and universities, they still face lower income pay from employers (Dover et al., 2020). Past studies revealed that whites are paid higher and more easily employed than African Americans. Generally, African Americans face unequal healthcare access leading to poor quality in terms of health services in major healthcare facilities of the citizens due to racial discrimination.

Hence, African Americans are subjected to higher rates of illness since they cannot get access to quality healthcare services. Further, there is a lack of enough media presentation of the African American group that in most cases leads to some kind of bias and systemic problems such as segregation and historic slavery. Historic slavery played a major role in becoming among the contributing factors that led to racism (Kullar et al., 2020). Thus, it had a major impact since most African American communities came into existence due to earlier slavery trade. Hence, these systemic challenges continue to escalate making the African American communities inferior to the other communities residing in America.

Moreover, the minority group found in America in most cases experience educational inequalities compared to other races. Hence, they lack quality education since they always get low funding for their educational facilities, unlike the white-dominant places where a lot of funds are channeled to their learning institutions (Kullar et al., 2020). In other words, there is little progress in terms of education in the African American-dominated communities where the white American communities are given priority relating to educational funding. Similarly, they experience lower course placements than the other races, and also leads to low graduation rates.

In addition, there is continuous political representational inequality among the African American group thus has become a major concern since their political issues cannot be represented fairly. However, it is due to fewer voting rights among the minority groups, unlike the other races that have more voting rights leading to fair political representation than the minority group. Essentially, the distribution of resources favors the most politically represented groups in the country leaving out the minority group with less resource allocation (Kullar et al., 2020). Hence, reveals the extent of challenges African Americans face to get equitable allocation and coverage, especially the health covers.

**Policies**

Various aspects need to be addressed to help curb the continuous rise of social issues affecting African American communities. Hence, various sectors at all levels where change becomes inevitable to help accommodate every citizen on board. Similarly, it calls for reforms in every sector whether in public institutions or in the private institutions that always act in the best interests of all communities regardless of diverse races (Reyes, 2020). Besides, the country is home to quite many races and thus needs to constantly improve the quality of services rendered to the present citizens of America.

Activists should always engage all sectors in a continuous dialogue to enhance a more comprehensive and equitable resource allocation among the country's citizens. For instance, engaging in programs that train and create awareness of the history relating to the importance of all races in the country. Hence, enhances collaboration among the citizens and tries to limit any form of racial discrimination among the Americans (Reyes, 2020). Most importantly, the country needs to incorporate changes in policies to ensure fair distribution of employment opportunities for all citizens with reasonable payments. Olisies enacted should also advocate for equal housing provisions, voting rights, and equal political representation.

Further, the county should strategically unite all the residing communities to foster fair collaborations among the present communities, activists, and the ruling government to implement policies that look after the interests of all citizens. Besides, cultural education enhances the importance of diverse communities that contribute to the general productivity of any given country relating to work performance (Reyes, 2020). Different communities have different skills and competence in particular fields thus becoming essential in enhancing a country’s economic performance. Therefore, vital trainings need to be conducted in various sectors to ensure other American populations understand the importance of the minority group.

Ethically, there should be enacted policies that help address these social issues affecting the African American group. For example, such policies help take legal action against citizens who try to favor another race over the other and also those who show some kind of discrimination. Legal actions should be enforced especially in the employment sector, housing sector, and more on the health sector due to its critical aspect of life among all the citizens (Umaña‐Taylor & Hill, 2020). Activists should continuously advocate for collaborative decision-making to ensure all citizens' views are heard and implemented to foster trust among the American communities.

Nevertheless, the American government needs to enact laws that allow law enforcers to take action against any form of bias among American citizens in any sector of the government. The government should also ensure fair distribution of resources especially equal school funding where the area is predominantly African American. Hence, this enhances ethical considerations of wealth among American citizens who are made of various races. Therefore, law enforcers need to ensure ethical standards are met by every citizen whether at workplaces, shopping places, recreational areas, or healthcare facilities (Umaña‐Taylor & Hill, 2020). Communication channels should be clear for all citizens to understand the recommended ethical practices.

In addition, all stakeholders need to be transparent and show accountability to avoid any conflicts and misunderstandings among the various communities living in America. Thus, helps build the trust and loyalty of the country’s citizens due to fair and equitable sources allocation, educational funding, and fair health care coverage for all residents in the country. Moreover, the minority group needs to be actively encouraged to engage in higher wealth-generating activities that enhance fairness within the country (Umaña‐Taylor & Hill, 2020). This leads to higher rates of employment among every citizen living in America. Therefore, will help reduce these social issues that have affected African Americans.

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