

Fairness and Equality: Social Treasures

Fairness and equality are things that a lot of people strive for. They are difficult to attain but slowly we are getting there. Currently, people strive to fight against racism and equal income opportunity. Racism is a discrimination based on someones race, people are treated better or worse simply because of there skin color. There is also more accidental racism such as structural racism. In India there is a lot of dissiscrimination based on income.

A little over fifty years ago, even though slavery had ended, there was still a lot of racism. You would not be allowed to buy certain properties or eat in certain restaurants simply because of the color of your skin. Because of this we ended up with things like the Troost wall. The Troost wall is a street in Kansas City where the west side is very high class and the east side has bars on windows and barbed wire. Although, this has changed in the past years. This split was made because of the school district boundaries. Different events similar to the Troost wall were happening all over since white people would fear that they could not get loans when black people moved in. White people would proceed to move away, known as White Flight, then the quality of the neighborhoods would drop because all the white people left.

In India there are people called “untouchables”. These people are called untouchables because they have a low income compared to middle class citizens in India. There is a lot of discrimination based on class, to such a point where an elevated walkway was built above the slums so that middle class and up civilians can avoid the slums and people labeled as untouchable.

It is not all bad news though, a lot of progress has been made in the removal of biases and creation of fairness. But, we are still a long way off. Explicit racial bias has been falling and somehow the U.S.A. is the least biased white-majority country in the world, based on implicit association test scores.