

There is no justice in history:

In a few words, this chapter is about discrimination among history. I'm going to introduce some ideas of why Sapiens discriminate, also famous examples of present and past unfairness, and some excuses that people brought to justify themselves.

In previous chapter I have talked about the imagined order which was a pillar of human cooperation in a big scale. Even though, this imagined order was not neutral, nor fair. For example, proclamation of the equality of all men left behind girls and slaves; this order is creating hierarchies. We can conclude that their vision of justice was different than ours, and also that the concept of justice has changed during the years; Even Aristotle, one of the most beloved philosophers, had caste thoughts.

Because culture is so deeply embedded within us, we find it difficult to see today's injustice.

We are shocked by laws prohibiting blacks to live in white neighborhoods, but we may not be sensible to the hierarchy of rich and poor who says that rich people live in separate neighborhoods, study in separate and more prestigious schools, etc...

If you ask a diehard capitalist about the hierarchy of wealth, you are likely to hear that rich have more money because they are more capable and diligent. You may think that is correct choosing where you want to live depending on how much money you have, but it is a proven fact that in most cases rich families were born in rich families and poor in poor. So, it is very difficult to change your conditions. With all these in mind, I found it difficult to say that money is fair.

But not everything about hierarchies is bad, they can be very useful too. For example, they serve the function of setting how to treat with others in advance. An example of hierarchies' relationships is buyer-seller

We all know about the huge problem of black people being discriminated in USA. The problem started when people bought slaves from Africa and they had the necessity of creating a distinction between them and slaves. They used religion and supposed science arguments to justify it. They said that black people were worse because there weren't many black-rich families and there weren't many black scientists. So, they concluded that they were stupider or/and inferiors. The problem is ... they didn't have the same opportunities.

There is one hierarchy that has had supreme importance in all human societies: gender. In many societies women were simply the property of a man. There are theories trying to explain it, but they are not very trustworthy. The most common justification is that men are stronger, so they had more power. However, social power was not set in direct relation to physical strength or stamina. As you can imagine, priest and emperors, in most cases, weren't the brawniest in the city