**Racism and the Bomb**

Atomic and nuclear bombs are very powerful weapons. They use nuclear reactions to generate the explosive energy. During World War II, scientists came up with their first ever nuclear weapon technology. The United States have twice used the atomic bombs against Japan- in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end World War II. In 1938, the first nuclear bomb was invented in a laboratory in Berlin, Germany by a nuclear physicist. This was after Otto Hahn, Firtz Strassman and Lise Meitner discovered the nuclear fission. The code name used in the development of the atomic bomb was Manhattan project.

Robert Oppenheimer is regarded as the father of the atomic bomb. As he launched the first successful bomb detonation at a remote desert in New Mexico. Otton Hahn was a German nationality hence it was easy for him to travel to other countries to enhance his language skills as well as invest in his career. On the other hand, Lise Meitner one of physicists involved in the discovery of nuclear fission an Australian- Swedish nationality. She faced much discrimination while in Germany and actually ended up getting fired while working at Wilhelm Institute because she was a Jewish. Research has shown that there so many individuals that are facing discrimination due to their religious background.

**What is racism?**

Racism is the discrimination by an individual, institution or society against another person on the basis of ethnic or racial group. Racism was first experienced in the early 20th century but the notion that a particular group of individuals is more superior than the other has been in existence for a long period of time. For instance, in the 15th century individuals from Africa were seen to be lower than any other race hence the Europeans used them as slaves. Also the Egyptians used the Jewish people as slaves to build their famous pyramids were the individuals were tasked with hard manual labor with no pay. The worst racist event in the world was experienced in Germany, Europe where millions of Jews were slaughtered under the command of Hitler.

Discriminating a certain ethnic group can cause numerous social and political conflicts. For instance, there are some individuals who are paid less than their colleagues due to their nationality. There are even assigned high risk jobs that other individuals are unwilling to undertake. This scenario mostly affects immigrants who travel to the United States in search of a better life. They are assigned high risk or unpleasant jobs that the citizens of the country are unwilling to do but at the end of the day they receive less pay. Due to racism most individuals have been damaged either emotionally or physically. Self-hate has been the order of the day for racism victims while others even contemplate committing suicide. In the society, all individuals have the right to equal treatment hence governments from different countries should come up with solutions of curbing racism.

**What is antisemitism?**

Antisemitism is the discrimination against Jewish individuals.

**What is Anti-Italianism?**

Anti-Italianism is a situation where individuals have a negative attitude towards the Italian people or showing hostility towards Italian culture. Anti-Italianism was mostly experienced in the United States between 1900-1930. This was after Italians from South Italy moved to the United States due to the social, political, and economic divisions that existed between the South individuals and the North, where the Italians citizens from the North were always regarded as superior in all areas (Connell 200). The economy in the Southern part of Italy relied on agriculture, but volcano eruptions and severe earthquakes destroyed the only cultivatable land that was left.

Struggling every day to put a meal on the table as well as pay taxes, the Italians from the South decided to live Italy and seek hope in the United States of America. Upon arrival, they were shocked as the life they encountered was totally different with what they had in mind. They lived in crowded housings that an ordinary American family would regard as intolerable (Connell 250). They took unskilled jobs in construction sites and public developments where the working conditions were not favorable for them. As they had to work extra hours to get a decent pay.

Enrico Fermi is on the physicist who experienced discrimination due to his Italian culture while in the United States. He was born in Italy Rome and after his studies he wanted to do more research in the United States. He was denied access to some of the universities as he tried to do his research and also most Americans did not believe in his ability to solve math and physics problems. The fact that he was not able to do the much research he needed, he lacked enough knowledge on the invention of the atomic bomb. Hence, he was on the first team that invented the bomb.

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