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Americans Are Not Living Up to Their Core Values.

The percentage of black people being killed by hate crimes are more than the percentage of black people in the United States altogether. Americans are not being treated equally or being served justice. Americans are not living up to most of its core values including equality and respecting others beliefs.

First of all there is an income gap between women and men that serves inequality. An article about the gender wage gap says that women in workplaces are being less than the other gender. “many women on the front lines of the coronavirus outbreak, such as nurses helping treat patients with the coronavirus or store workers keeping groceries and goods stocked, make less than men in the same occupation on average.” It indicates how even if women work as hard as a male coworker they will still be paid less than their male workers due to the gender wage gap. In this same article it says how women are paid thousands of dollars less than men. Gender wage gap has neglected the value of equality in America. Men getting paid more than women for the same job and position is unfair and it serves inequality to all the women who have worked as hard as their male coworkers.



Second is the injustice that is being served by the law enforcement towards the people of color. In two different articles it shows the differences between treatments due to the color of your skin. “Rittenhouse is seen walking toward armored police vehicles. Around his neck Rittenhouse wears the assault rifle he has just used, prosecutors say, to commit two homicides. Not only does Rittenhouse walk past law enforcement officers – he was free to return to his home in Antioch, Illinois, about 15 miles away, where he was later arrested.” and “Blake’s children are in his vehicle. In one angle, officers rear back as Blake stands and begins to walk around the front of the vehicle. Two officers follow him, guns drawn. Bystanders are yelling in distress. Blake opens the driver’s side door. One officer, later identified as Rusten Sheskey, grabs Blake’s shirt. Sheskey then fires seven times, hitting Blake in the back.” These quotes indicate the difference in the treatment they got in each story. In the first quote it talks about how a white young boy was

holding a rifle hung around his neck while walking by the cops after shooting at people and ended up killing two people. He was also able to make it home and was arrested later. While in the second article it talks about a black man who was walking away from the cops trying to get to his vehicle with his three kids inside and was shot from the back multiple times from resisting arrest. This serves injustice in America which is one of the core values of Americans. This shows the unfulfilled core values of America.



The core values of America aren't really fulfilled nowadays. This is significant because many lives in America are being treated differently in a bad way due to either their skin color, sexuality, religion, beliefs, and so much more. This problem should also be heard by our country leaders and they should make an end to the discrimination towards all these different types of people. Us Americans value no discrimination but yet we sometimes don't live up to that or to most of our other values. We need to live up to the core values that us Americans have. Living up to these values might have a big change in America as a good thing. Less people would be discriminated against, killed, excluded, treated with inequality, injustice and so much more that needs to be improved in this country.

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