WHY IS RACE / RACISM A CHALLENGE IN THE US?

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WHY IS RACE/ RACISM A CHALLENGE?

- Racism: the marginalization and/ or oppression of people of color based on a socially constructed racial hierarchy that privileges white people. (Racism, 2020)

- Race: refers to the categories into which society places individuals on basis of physical characteristics. (Racism, 2020)

- In today's society, there are many act of race and racism, which singles out certain ethnic groups making them feel targeted.
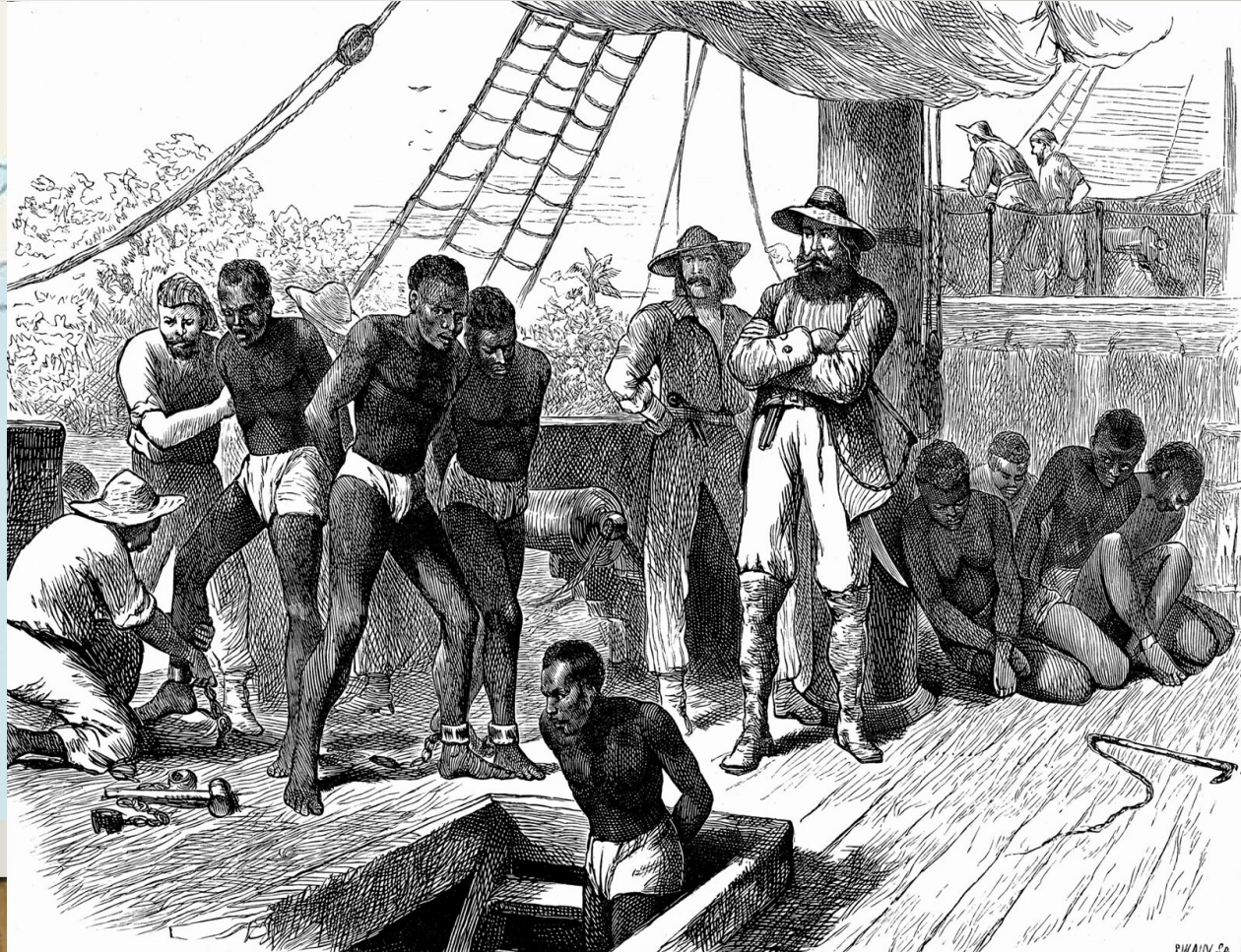
TRANS- ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

- During the slave trade they " transported between 10 million and 12 million enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas from the 16th to the 19th century" (Lewis, 2005).

- In the Americas the cultivated sugar and coffee, which was exported to Europe.

TRANS- ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

EFFECTS OF TRANS- ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

- Africa was destroyed due to slave raids and other destruction that foreigners caused when arriving in Africa.

- "Economic incentives for warlords and tribes to engage in the slave trade promoted an atmosphere of lawlessness and violence" (Lewis, 2005).

- The population in Africa decreased while many feared being captive.

- Africans and the black community are still judged by having ancestors as slaves.

HOW DOES THE TRANS- ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE CONTRIBUTE TO RACISM?

- The stereotype of Africans given by the English, French, Spanish and other groups.

- "Long's vitriolic denouncements of Africans as irredeemably inferior and perhaps not even human" (Olusoga, 2015).

- " Long asserted that Africa was so barbaric and chaotic that Africans were better off as slaves, since slavery saved them from there worse fates…" (Olusoga, 2015)
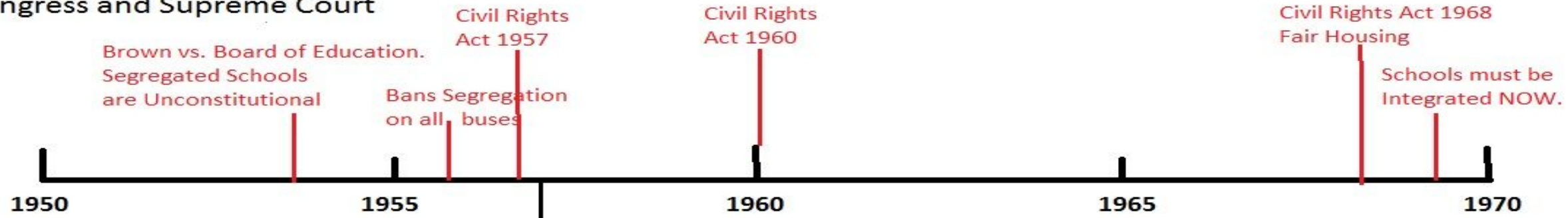
HOW DOES RACISM AFFECT TODAY'S SOCIETY?

- Racial profiling/ stereotypes

- Media perspective

- "Families of certain colour or racial group living in poverty and poor conditions unable to rise out of their disadvantage state through prejudice employer which keeps them in low-paid positions" (Racism and its Effect on Society).
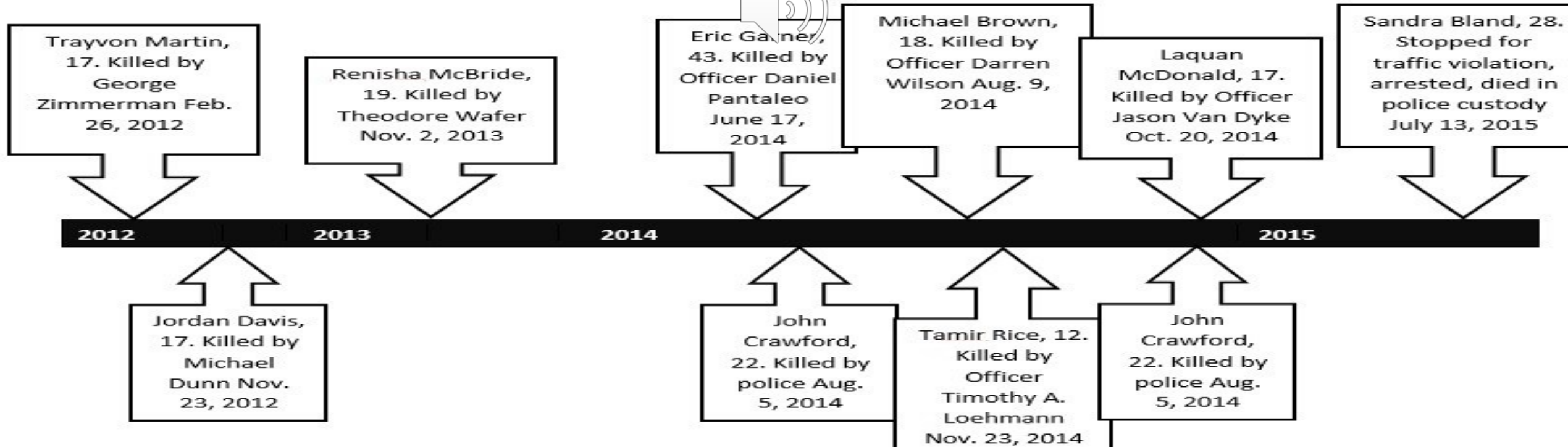
US Congress and Supreme Court

Brown vs. Board of Education. Segregated Schools are Unconstitutional

Bans Segregation on all buses

Civil Rights Act 1957

Civil Rights Act 1960

Civil Rights Act 1968 Fair Housing

Schools must be Integrated NOW.

1950   1955   1960   1965   1970

Presidents

Sends Natioinal Guard to Force Little Rock AL HS to admit 9 black students. The governor had been at door refusing to allow them to enter.

Trayvon Martin, 17. Killed by George Zimmerman Feb. 26, 2012

Renisha McBride, 19. Killed by Theodore Wafer Nov. 2, 2013

Eric Garner, 43. Killed by Officer Daniel Pantaleo June 17, 2014

Michael Brown, 18. Killed by Officer Darren Wilson Aug. 9, 2014

Laquan McDonald, 17. Killed by Officer Jason Van Dyke Oct. 20, 2014

Sandra Bland, 28. Stopped for traffic violation, arrested, died in police custody July 13, 2015

2012   2013   2014   2015

Jordan Davis, 17. Killed by Michael Dunn Nov. 23, 2012

John Crawford, 22. Killed by police Aug. 5, 2014

Tamir Rice, 12. Killed by Officer Timothy A. Loehmann Nov. 23, 2014

John Crawford, 22. Killed by police Aug. 5, 2014

IN WHAT WAYS WERE THIS PROBLEM SOLVED?

- 13th, 14th and 15th Amendment

- Brown v. Board of Education

- Emancipation Proclamation

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

WERE THE POLICIES THAT WERE PUT INTO PLACE ENOUGH?

- In a message for Human Rights Day in 2017, UN Secretary-General *António Guterres, said:* "While human rights abuses did not end when the Universal Declaration was adopted, the Declaration has helped countless people to gain greater freedom and security. It has helped to prevent violations, obtain justice for wrongs, and strengthen national and international human rights laws and safeguards."

- The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendment were not completely recognized until the Brown v. Board of Education court case.

WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- Media needs stop grouping races as one thing.

- African American/ black community need to rise up above the stereotype.

- Every community should be more understanding

WILL SOCIETY BE ABLE TO CHANGE?

- Government enforcement

- Understanding/ educating of specific groups and cultures

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