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**Abstract**

Following the currently globalized world as a result of increased technology, there has been the need for nations to integrate and resolve their differences through multi-culturalism. Basically, the currently witnessed acts of racial profiling of certain ethnic groups in various parts of the world have been found to create a lot conflict among nations and regions. Considering the apparent political conflict between Muslim countries and American Government is far much rooted in racial discrimination. Basically, most of the world politics have been revealed to revolve round racialism and therefore, multiculturalism would enhance the achievement of races. Multiculturalism in this respect has been found to be the only solution towards the currently experienced racial discrimination among nations, in which each race has perceived itself as more superior than the others. Political influences have generally been found to impact a lot on the various racial discriminations experienced in various parts of the world. Basically, through multiculturalism, people have been made to able to understand each other better from one corner of the world to another, since there have been a cohesiveness in communication among the people. Generally, the effects of multi-culturalism in the society are quite remarkable since it has enhanced world's nationalism.

## **Introduction**

Multi-culturalism is a body that studies on all aspects of human behavior through focusing on cultural differences among the people from various parts of the world. Basically, multi-culturalism investigates on what is perceived as acceptable and un-acceptable behavioral characteristics among the people. Considering the various racial discriminations among nations experienced today, there have been wide disparities in behavioral terms among nations. Politics among nations have been different in which such differences has resulted into profiling of certain ethnic groups by various countries; exposing racism openly. In this case, countries need to uphold multiculturalism which would ultimately solve their various conflicts; as common behaviors would be established (Lugones, 2001).

Considering various historical phenomena and trend of events, racism started very long-time ago, where people and governments perceived certain ethnic groups as inferior, making them to profile them in a way. On top of considering on normal lives at social institutions and homes among other, multi-cultural psychology also focuses on what is usually considered as being 'normal' and 'abnormal'. It is important to note that, each sub-group in the society has its specific behaviors and norms; in which in broad terms, various behaviors of these sub-groups are studied generally under multi-cultural psychology (Hall, 2010).

## **Research Question**

Is multiculturalism part of the solution or part of the problem of persisting racialism?

### **Significance of the Research**

Following the currently experienced global interactions among nations and governments, the need to form a universal system of interactionism has been necessitated. Considering different historical events which resulted into deaths of various individuals as a result of racisms, it has come a very critical moment when governments should come together to form universal laws and policies. Following the apparent globalization which has enhanced intercalation of cultures and societal norms, it has become very important to social systems to encompass cultural integration; which would further foster peace and coherence among nations (Segall et al., 1999).

As revealed by Koertge (2000), various forms of racisms experienced in the past like UK and US as a result of behavioral alienations or perception of certain races as inferior has been found to impact a lot on international peace. Prevalently, certain conflicts among nations and states have been far much rooted in the racism, where certain races which have been previously mistreated by others have been found to react towards revenge for mistreatments they have had been receiving. In this respect therefore, the involvement of their revenge mission springs in the earlier racial profiling by other races. On this basis therefore, there arises the need for governments and nations to come together and resolve their initial conflicts through a universal system of cultural values and norms. By so doing, international peace would be upheld, as multiculturalism would act to alleviate racisms and make people more united.

### Literature review

Considering the various political races among various nations in various times of history, the act of racial discrimination among nations has been found to impact a lot among various political aetiologies among nations. More often, many of political racisms were experienced through forced labors and labor captives. More specifically, historic events in various countries have been found to reveal a lot of racism among the nations. This was a s a result of perceptions of certain races as inferior and others as superior (Koertge, 2000).

Basically, the Whites in various historical events have been found to be having a certain degree of superiority while the Blacks being inferior. More importantly, such Whites could not imagine having equal rights to the Blacks, resulting into their profiling of Blacks in various ways. It is important to note that, liberalism and functionalism was not regarded in cases where Whites and Blacks shared certain environment. More specifically, the whites accorded themselves with higher rank than the blacks resulting into them discriminating them in various ways. On this basis, the backlash of whites against Blacks in various parts of the world was more promoted by various race-related policies which resulted into unfair treatment of the Whites b Blacks (Guttman, 1999).

Considering various colonization policies in various countries, the Blacks were terribly treated by the Whites. More advanced racisms including apartheid were observed in various colonial eras, in which the main races mistreated were the Blacks. For instance, the apartheid in South African can be described as one of the works kind of racisms in the world which resulted into dying of many people. More so, the Greenwich movement in Europe resulted into political assassination of various potential Blacks who seemed to threaten the White Governance. In this

case structural organization of the governments and various public organizations have been found to greatly move along racial basis (Segall et al., 1999).

Worse enough, various political parties have been found to greatly involve them selves in practicing racism, within the country. For instance, the Democrats have been found to distance themselves from the Republicans, since there have been interferences of the outcome equality. Considering the fact that, the democrats have been associating themselves with all the races within US, there have risen a certain form of conflict between the Republicans and Democrats in the past few years; whose main source of alienation was found to be entirely political. In this regard, multiculturalism which is the ultimate challenge facing public organizations and governments ought to be considered (Bahdi, 2010).

More so, there have been frequent conflicts between Muslims and Native Americans, resulting from racial basis. Considering the currently eminent terrorism attacks on US airports by the Muslim groups like the Taliban and the Al Qaeda, it has necessitated the strategizing on how to curb terrorism by first aiming on the Muslims. On this consideration, the US first realized the urge to deal with Muslims first, in order to cub the act of terrorism as alleged to be mainly carried out by Muslims. Various arguments have been put forward on whether the profiling of Muslims in US airports is justified or not. Generally, each side seems to have the same weight though when perceived on various dimensions, the issue still remains an eminent one (Faye 2010).

As it has been revealed, very few Muslims out the Millions of World wide Muslims have been associated with terrorism. As Faye (2010) argues, not all Muslims have been associated with terrorism as there are thousands of Muslims have never thought of engaging themselves in

terrorism acts. More specifically, the focus on Muslims alone should not be the only solution towards achievement of sustainable security in using United States' planes. Further, all passengers (not Muslims alone) who travel in or out of United States should be screened thoroughly against any weapon possession. More specifically, all passengers by US planes should be critically interviewed and inspected regardless of being a Muslim or not. By so doing, there would be much security among the US planes and the respective airports (Sasson, 2002).

As a result of high vulnerability of US airports to terrorism, public calls have been made to eliminate Muslims from the US territory by restricting their movement in or out of the country. This profiling of Muslims in US airports has been perceived as mere racial discrimination of the Muslims by the Whites. Basically, the act of having, Muslims alone be profiled in US airports arouses the intervention of United Nations, since the US has been observed to sideline all Muslims, while only very few Muslims are involved in terrorism. This strategy of Americans sidelining Muslims has been analyzed to arouse a lot of conflict among the nations (Lugones, 2001).

It is important to note that, multi-culturalism has been significant in the way world's previously diverse knowledges have been integrated into a common form of knowledge. In this regard, people have been made to be able to understand each other better from one corner of the world to another, since there have been a cohesiveness in communication among the people. Generally, the effects of multi-cultural psychology in the society are quite remarkable since it has enhanced world's internationalism. In this case, multiculturalism among nations seems as the main strategy to reduce racism among nations (Segall et al., 1999).

### **A case study to expound on racial profiling of Muslims by Americans**

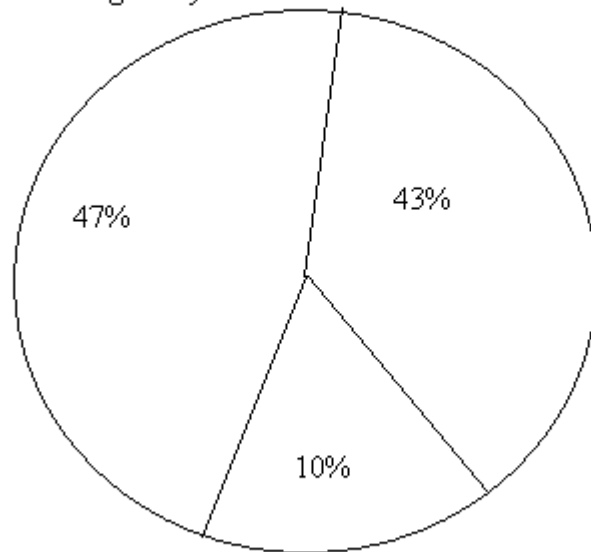
A case study on the profiling of Muslims in US airports was conducted through interviews and administering of questionnaires to both Muslims (who live in US) and the Americans. In this case, the interviews were conducted on in-person basis, where some of the Muslims living in US were interviewed on their stand for the profiling of Muslim travelers in US airports. Basically, most of the Muslims seemed to evade from the whole issue as they seemed not to like the whole issue at all. The interview results were recorded on paper scripts and also in audio tapes. This was meant to enhance efficiency and accuracy of the data being collected (Koertge, 2000).

As it was revealed in the case study, very few Muslims were for the idea of profiling Muslim travelers in US airports. On the other hand, many Native Americans seemed to support the issue on the basis of past trends of terrorism in US airplanes. As shown in the following table, the number of Muslims who were against the issue was far much less than the American who were for the profiling of Muslims in the US airports. It was obvious that, racialism was strongly upheld by Native Americans towards Muslims. More specifically, very large number of Native Americans were having negative attitude towards all Muslims, even though the terrorism acts only involved very few Muslims.

Race	No. of people supporting the profiling of Muslims in US Airports	No. of people against the profiling of Muslims in US Airports
Native Americans	451	91
Muslim-Americans	72	547

Further, the respondents were asked to give reasons for their stand; in which the following data was collected and presented in the pie-chart below.

Key: 47% - Profiling of Muslims would interfere with international peace  
 43% - Profiling of Muslims would Assure people safety air Travels  
 10% - Nothing to say



As it has been revealed, the profiling of Muslims in American airports has proved to be a challenging and contagious issue as has aroused the various alienations witnessed between America and the Muslim countries. As it has been revealed, the profiling of Muslims in US airports has been proved to be encouraging terrorism rather than terminating it. This was brought into focus after the 9/11 attack and the bomb-shoe where many Muslims vowed to revenge if

such acts of profiling them in airports continued. In such a case, the situation has been quite unmanageable since the act of profiling Muslims would rather arouse controversy between America and the Muslim countries.

### **Rationale for Multi-Culturalism as a Solution for Racialism**

As it has been revealed, the role of multi-culturalism in the society remains quite remarkable in the way the world's various systems can be brought together into a common understanding. More so, the world's varied knowledges have been brought together through integration of cultures resulting into international consciousness among the people. Basically, multiculturalism has contributed a lot towards globalization and modernization through devising of common systems among the people in the society and therefore can reduce the level of racism among nations. Further, there have been efficient communications among the people of the world through the integration of knowledges and understanding other cultures better (Cornell & Murphy, 2002).

In addition, multiculturalism helps to improve communication among governments and the people. Considering that each culture has its values which determine its behaviors and perceptions, through multi-culturalism, it would be easier for individuals to understand each other despite coming from diverse cultural backgrounds. It is important to note that, through multi-cultural psychology, concepts are developed through redefining what is 'normal' and what is 'abnormal'. More specifically, communication among individuals would be enhanced through a common knowledge, resulting into coherence and harmony among the people in the society (Jeffrey, 2001).

Multiculturalism is significant in international politics in the way it has enhanced international cohesiveness and harmony across the world through globalizations. It should be

noted that, it only through understands the world cultural groups that international understanding would be established. In this regard, multi-cultural psychology has to a great extent enhanced globalizations since all sub-cultural groups across the world have been integrated into common systems of communication among others through globalization and modernization. It should be importantly noted that, through multi-cultural psychology, the world's cultures and behaviors have been integrated and incarnated into a common system of knowledge as a result of globalization (Hall, 2010).

In this case therefore, the profiling of Muslims in the United States' airports has been observed to yield no reliable result against terrorism. In converse to the intended goals, the strategy has proved to be counter-productive in the way the trend of events since the initiation of the continuous and lengthy interviews for Muslim travelers in US airports. This calls for Muslim countries and the United States to come together and resolve their conflicts through multi-culturalism. The US government should respect the rights of Muslims and work towards bringing the two races together through cultural integration. This would greatly help in resolving various kinds racialism experienced among the Muslims and the Americans (Hewitt, 2005).

### **Conclusion**

As it has been revealed, Multi-culturalism has various roles in the society. Considering the adverse effects of racialism among nations, the act of integrating races through multiculturalism can be described as the ultimate part of the solution towards the persistent racialism among nations. More specifically, world politics can only be useful and influential to create harmony among nations through multi-culturalism. Being concerned with the way cultures interrelate and intercalate in terms of behaviors, multi-culturalism has the potential to enhance

co-existence among the various cultural groups in the society. More specifically, multi-culturalism facilitates the understanding of the society in terms of its diverse cultures in order to suggest ways and means for co-existence. Considering the fact that, each culture has its unique behavior characteristics different from the others, there arises the urge and need to come up with various strategies which would enhance the integration of these diverse cultures in pursuit of co-existence. By so doing, multi-cultural psychology enhances globalization since individuals from all parts of the world would be made to intercalate and co-exist.

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