

Racial and Ethnic Representation in American Politics

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Feedback:

This is definitely a start. But you have some work to do on your clarity, focus, citations, and content. Please review my embedded comments. You lost points for clarity and focus. Let me know if you have questions after you review my

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*- You are making a lot of claims without any reference. You have to back up your argument.*

### I. Introduction

The election of <sup>typo</sup> Barrack Obama to the helm of the most powerful seat in all of the Americas is without a doubt an event that is not only significant to the American people, but also changes how the world views the united states of America, simply due to the traditional position <sup>Capital</sup> race and ethnicity continue to occupy in both American's political and social systems. <sup>No n</sup> Therefore, *- What is y point here Difficult follow.* it has become difficult to determine whether this is something that only happened once, or does it signify a more fundamental change in the way politics in America perceived race and ethnicity (Omi, & Winant, 2014).

It is, therefore, evident that the role of race and ethnicity in shaping American politics cannot be ignored. Race and ethnicity have been the basis upon which a number of social problems are anchored. This means race and ethnicity form the key structures not only to the political system but also to how America views cultures, social systems, and economic activities. The purpose of this paper is thus to investigate the specific representation of race and ethnicity, and the role played shaping and developing American politics. *- Good*

### II. Description of the specific problem and how it relates to race, class, gender and/or sexuality

In order to fully understand the representation of race and ethnicity in American politics, we have to first and foremost look at where we are coming from. In the year 2008, America was *Can you really m. this clai* united and there was no discrimination based on race or ethnicity. *Pretty unrealis. to assum that. It there, just not blatant.* Voting was done rationally as the traditional way of doing things was done away with and people were focused on building and

restoring the great American heritage. Policies and development agendas dominated politics and there were a positive vibe and a general feeling of hope. Things have however changed; consequently, we have to understand why American politics moved away or was transformed from politics of class to what we are witnessing at the moment which is the politics of race and ethnicity.

*Depending on the perspective right? Some people were angry about Obama being elected. So feared a racist would kill him.*

*Are you sure about this? According to whom? Classism is still very much part of American politics in every aspects.*

The future representation of race and ethnicity in American politics will depend not just on the changes taking place within the African-American community, but also on the general relations between the African-Americans and other races and ethnic groups. There is a need to change the perception that material success is directly related to politics. Political behavior is difficult to predict, the choices made by regarding their political orientation will be a key element in determining how race and ethnicity are manifested in American politics.

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Women are underrepresented in American politics compared to men, but this is gradually changing as people begin to accommodate the female gender and what they have to offer. In terms of gender representation as it related to racial and ethnic characteristics, black women have a long way to go in order to close the gap as compared to the position the white women have been able to occupy. There is a need to have policies and guidelines in place that will encourage more women to venture into American politics regardless of their racial or ethnic appearance.

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### III. Cause of the Problem

There is no widely discussed topic in American politics than racial and ethnic representation. As indicated earlier, the recent history on race and ethnicity is highlighted by the election of President Barrack Obama into office, while the heartbreaking low points are

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represented by incidences such as the shooting done by white supremacists targeting people of different races and ethnicities aiming to start race wars.

With that said, it is evident that there are big problems relating to race and ethnicity within the American political arena. The causes of these problems include (Van Djik, 2015), *This should need like a laundry list. Put in paragraph*

a. *OK, but how does this spill over into political representation* The fact that compared to 20 years ago, more Americans are seeing race and ethnicity as a big problem. Approximately 66% of all blacks, 64% of Hispanics and 43% of white people believe race and ethnicity is a big problem.

b. Racial and ethnic problems are also due to the fact that white America enjoys a largely segregated life. It does not matter where they are, but either at home, socializing or even at work, white Americans have confirmed that they spend most of their time around people of the same race and ethnicity. *Again, how does this connect back to your topic?*

c. Unfair treatment of Black and Hispanic Americans. Discrimination at work, in healthcare and in dealing with police continues to negatively affect race and ethnicity. *- Connection to topic*

d. The fact that the majority number of people incarcerated in America is made up of African-Americans has further fueled racial and ethnic conflicts in American politics. *- Connection topic?*

## IV. Consequences of the Problem

The impact of racial and ethnic conflict in American politics does not stop at the individual level; it has a wider effect on the community as a whole. The consequences of conflict damage the personal identity of the person with a feeling of alienation and exclusion causing further instability. On the person, this kind of discrimination leads to both poor physical and *Lacks clarity*

mental well-being, affect their productivity negatively and also reduce their life expectancy significantly (Shwartz, 2017).

*Is this paper about the consequences of the lack of racial and ethnic representation in the political arena or on racial discrimination? You have strayed.*

**Racial discrimination** has meant people have been sidelined from participating in economic and social development proceedings. This has led to social exclusion and other disadvantages for the people over generations. It is also important to note that racial and ethnic has played a big role in harboring mistrust between people, inciting hatred and it basically stops community development in its tracks (Shwartz, 2017). It is therefore evident that this conflict has extremely negative impacts on the physiological and psychological welfare of a person and the community in which they dwell.

**V. A review of policies/interventions that have been attempted or proposed to solve the problem.**

Over time, there have been a number of policies and interventions put in place to try and

solve the problem of race and ethnicity in American politics. Some of the strategies include (Selden, 2015);

*But does this really apply to representation in politics? No, it is not been applied there.*

- a. **Affirmative action.** This is a strategy aimed at addressing problems concerning racial and ethnic representation in American politics by giving special consideration to the minorities and women, especially in employment and education, in order to compensate for both lacks of opportunity and discrimination to the larger communities they represent.

- b. **Other important programs and policies** include the political class adopting national policies which involve federal job training for the minority, increasing the aid received

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by the working but poor, having in place well-funded early child programs to take care of the children born in such minority communities, building better schools and health services for the minority.

- c. Additional policies and programs range from efforts that reduce residential segregation in America to laws that forbid any type of racial and ethnic discrimination and efforts to address the problem of teenage pregnancy among the minority racial and ethnic groups in America.

## VI. An evaluation of how well the policies/interventions have addressed the problem.

It is important to recognize the fact that the political class also recognized the need for change in terms of racial and ethnic representation hence the continuous policies and programs.

The main objective is to achieve social justice and create a community where every member has equal rights to all the available resources.

*But you are focused on political representation. How have these policies impacted that?*

So far, the policies continue to affect the problem positively. Although there have been incidences indicating otherwise, America is more united and everybody seems to be fully

focused on achieving equality (Goldberg, 2016). Voting is no longer based on color but on the policies, the candidates have to offer. In terms of education, health, and even general

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*four off topic again* → representation, America is moving forward. The freedom of speech, association, to own property and associate is equal to all. The justice system is organized in such a way that offenders are treated the same way despite their racial or ethnic representation. Generally, the role played by the programs and policies has been helpful in uniting the people. They have put their traditional differences aside and opted to work together as brothers and sisters in creating a society that will be friendlier to the future generations compared to the past.

## **VII. Conclusion**

It can be summed up that, racial and ethnic conflict poisons the atmosphere that is necessary for the smooth running of society (Goldberg, 2016). The effects of the racial and ethnic conflict go beyond the political fields venturing into other relevant facets of society. It is, therefore, very important that we create awareness and make rules and regulations that will encourage people to get along easily and look beyond the obvious differences that exist between them. Efforts must be continuously made to ensure the fundamental values that are crucial for society to operate are adhered to by advocating for equity. The judicial services worldwide have to work together as they represent the authority and order which provide the legal safeguards that will prevent conflict of any nature.

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