

## **Why is it important that laws protect minority groups and women?**

Having laws that prevent discrimination based on race is very important because even today there are a very large amount of racist people that need to be stopped through legal actions. However, this does not mean that they are also efficient in wiping away racism. There are plenty of reasons why people are racist these being from what they've been taught growing by their parents to just being straight up ignorant of the fact that no matter what the colour of your skin is you're still human at the end of the day. We can clearly see the inefficiency of laws that prevent discrimination based on race when The Race Relation Act of 1968 hasn't protected Stephen Lawrence from being murdered in 1993 and something was only done about 7 years later when The Race Relations Amendment Act was passed. But if you think it ends there, well it does not. In 2019 there have been recorded a total of 16,037 number of racist incidents. This simply shows that as long as someone's perspective on things that are extremely far from being anywhere near ok doesn't change a law won't either. Therefore whilst we highly need laws to protect discrimination based on race that isn't enough as the criminal will still be racist in prison and other ways of dealing with this should be implemented to stop people from being racist in the first place.

Another issue that has been faced during history is the right to have a voice as a woman. For a very long-time women have been seen as obedient objects that must only take care of the house and children. But is that how it should be? Absolutely not! In 1970 as a result of a strike that took place in 1968 attended by women so they can be payed as much as the men the Equal Pay Act was passed meaning that women should now be payed the same amount as their male co-workers. Unfortunately, once again we face the issue of inefficiency. Even nowadays women still can get payed less in comparison to the men. Therefore, we absolutely need laws that prevent unfair treatment towards women.

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