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Racism and discrimination are powerful factors which lead to a hatred and conflict among a group of people based on characteristics and abilities (Shah, 2010). Racism first started before the Middle Ages. Racism first began with Jews during 13th century, and European’s racism on black people is in the period of the Renaissance (Fredrickson, 2003).

Racism is one of the biggest national problem. It makes people use their hatred to fight each other, use violence, and also lead to conflict, war, and even an economic problem. 45 percent of black children are now live in poverty (Hacker, n.d.). In 2015 July, an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs’ research poll reported that there are 47 percent of whites said that police treat black people roughly than to white. Also, 81 percent of blacks felt in the same way (Haines, 2016). These show clearly an inequality that has occurred. From 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Jim Crow came up with a solution of stopping racism by instituted laws, “equal playing field”. It supported the quality of life for every race to be equal. However, this solution failed because people thought that blacks are the one who chose to ignore opportunities they gave to them (McCarthy, n.d.). In 2001, UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance came up with a resolution to call psychologists to research about racism. Then, let them make a speech against it (American Psychological Association, 2001).

Russia has an area of 17,075,200 square kilometers and about 150 million population which contain many different ethnic groups or a multiethnic societies. Russia is the fifth largest population country in the world after China, India, the United States and Indonesia. The main population is Russians (81.5 percent). Russia has lots of important and valuable natural resources such as oil, coal, natural gas, minerals and diamonds (The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, n.d.). There is only 8 percent of land be used. The capital city of Russia is Moscow. Main religion is Orthodox Christian and some Muslim.

Russia is facing a big problem about a racism. We support anti-racism by have a policy to work with international human rights organizations to deal with it (The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, n.d.). This is because Russian against black people. Even it has accepted African students to study in Russia’s university, there are only a few black people in Russia. More than half of 200 Africans in Moscow had suffered from physical attacks (Greene, 2010). Reddit Ioffe, one of an African student said that “There’s quite a bit of violence against people considered to be black, which includes, in the Russian mind, people from Central Asia and the Caucasus.” (Moore, 2014). Most of the African said that they need to avoid using Moscow metro and other crowded places (BBC. 2009). The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination of UN said that “It was gravely concerned about the alarming increase in the incidence and severity of racially motivated violence, especially by young people belonging to extremist groups”(Clothier, 2008)**.** Russian who dates a black person, marriages and half African-Russian child are also unacceptable in the country. Those who have done will be kicked off from the society. Now there are about 40,000 to 70,000 Russians of full or mixed-African nationality (O'Flynn, 2009). Moreover, Russian also against openly gay men. Smertin, an ambassador of Russia said that “Racism in Russia is like fashion, it comes from abroad, from different countries,” (Mewis, 2015). Russian Federation, Grigory Lukhyanysev said that “The glorification of Nazism and neo-Nazism was unacceptable. Humanity had paid too high a price to calmly watch the same evil raise its head again, he said, noting that city streets in the centre of Europe were witnessing Nazi marches.” (United Nations, 2014).

Moscow is now be chosen as a city for 2018 world cup (Morgan, 2015). Black people are now targeted by Russian fans more than the previous competition. There are more than 10 cases about using abuse with them, including players. One of the striker said that he faced it in almost every game in Russia. (Ellingworth, Harris, 2015) Yuri A. Boychenko, the chief of the anti-discrimination section of the UN Office of the High Commission for Human Rights said that “Too often, officials in Russia only see the problem from their point of view. They do not stand inside the shoes of the victim and see it from his point of view.” He believed that Russian is not clearly understand of what racism means (Theguardian, 2015).

To solve a racism problem, based on Jim Crow, to institute the law is not a good choice (McCarthy, n.d.). To abruptly change thing makes no one satisfies. According to Smertin, racism is like a fashion (Mewis, 2015). This problem can be solved by give children a proper education, and tell them what the right thing to do is. To teach the children to view the fact and accept it is one of the way to create a new anti-racism society in the future. If they know since they were young, they can easily memorize the idea. According to Elizabeth Bonawitz, the Computational Cognitive Developer’s research, children can easily change their belief. She said that “In the course of development, children change their casual beliefs over and over, often moving from a less to more accurate picture of the world” (Bonawitz, n.d.). According to Yuri A. Boychenko, Russian is only see the world through its view (Theguardian, 2015). If we teach the student to care of others and think of others view. They will understand black’s problem. First, we need to hire a teacher who feel the same way with us. Then, we will give them a knowledge about it. Finally, they will be able to show the children how people in the world live, show how they are different, and show that all of them are equal as a human. For the feasibility, this is the most possible way because human’s mind is hard to change. However, children can learn or change their mind all the time. There is a possible problem when a children trust their family and follow the idea of racism. In that case, we will try to teach them that they should use their own mind. Racism is not a fashion to follow. For the global effect, to give this kind of education to the children, we may need to find lots of cases for study. Also to make sure that the plan will work in psychological way. We may require lots of researches and helps from others countries which have an example of a racism. This cost lots of fund. Moreover, it may cause an economic problem if we spend a money on this plan too much instead of dealing with other problem. Not only for hire a quality teacher, but also need to educate them. We required all the facts about the situation, so we can teach them clearly. In my opinion, this solution is the best way because it is to fix the problem before it starts. Lastly, we want to improve the school system. We want it to have at least one psychologist per school, so the psychologist can give advice to the children about the racism problem, create a future without racism.

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