

# International Obstacles To Social Integration

Intolerance in China, Japan, and the USA



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# Furthering Racial and Ethnic Equality

## 1. Justification for research

- Importance of this analysis
- Why should states or individuals be concerned?

## 2. Analysis of Existing literature

- Background & academic analysis of the issue

## 3. Policy Recommendations

- Ideas for general and specific solutions, and complications

# Context

- Project will focus primarily on the aspects concerning racial and ethnic minority groups
- China, Japan, and the United States
- Equalize social standing between said groups
- Focuses on greater justice, equality, education and literacy, material well-being, and democratic freedom and political participation

# Context

- Social integration does not equal forced assimilation
- Creating unity, inclusion and participation at all levels of society within the diversity of personal attributes
- Recognizes differences in various groups

# Justification Structure of Society



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# Crime



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# Ethnic Tensions



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# Corruption





# Globalization



# Case Study: China

- Government seems to be working in opposite direction of social integration
- Political and living situations of ethnic minorities in China are thoroughly abysmal
- Ethnic groups regularly exotocized



- Minority groups exploited for tourism
- Complicated relationship minorities has sparked numerous events of riots and unrest
- Tibet and Xinjiang are unrest hot spots



- Education system used for cultural assimilation
- Han Chinese have protested policies that benefit minority individuals



# Case Study: Japan

- Government working on homogenization since Meiji period
- Discriminatory practices are heavily ingrained in Japanese society
- Ainu are prominently maligned group
- Relatively few identify as Ainu



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Zainichi = ethnic Koreans who can trace their ancestry back to the forced migration of Koreans to Japan during WWII

Zaitokukai regularly release controversial statements referring to Koreans

Racism dismissed as groundless

Workplace discrimination

Lack of citizenship can create issues





# Growing Awareness

- 2004, Japanese government reported creating genetic criminal database to target non-ethnically Japanese individuals
- Societal backlash increasing
- Over 100 local governments in Japan have formally condemned hate speech
- Osaka became the first Japanese city to pass an anti-hate speech ordinance

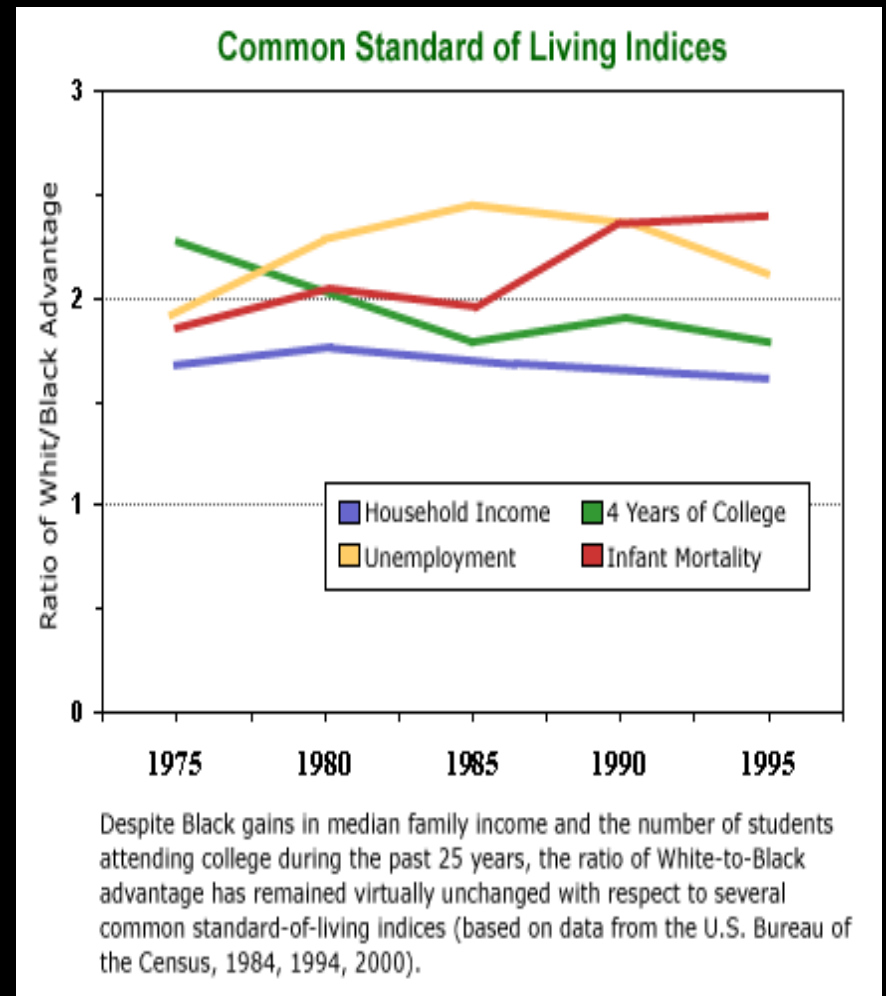


# Case Study: USA

- American government has worked for decades on inclusive policies for minority groups
- Fierce backlash from many vocal segments of the populace
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- Slight majority still supports programs,
- Assertions that programs are obsolete are common



- African Americans, on average: twice unemployment rate and infant mortality rate
- Barely half the proportion of people who attend four years or more of college
- College admissions-related programs particularly hard hit.



- Recent coverage of exacerbation racial and ethnic tensions
- Some of the most recent examples at political rallies
- Political correctness blamed in lieu of discrimination



# General Policy Recommendations

- Affirmative action programs
- Infrastructure development programs
- Cultural sensitivity programs
- Compensatory funds for poorer areas

# General Complications

- Measuring social integration through equations is easily skewable
- City planning systems focus on majority concerns due to limited
- Issues cannot always be solved by removing exclusionary statuses of marginalized groups
- Programs can become financially unsustainable
- Perceived imposition of cultural uniformity
- Fierce backlash over social disintegrative policies
- Globalization creates economically based resentments



# China Recommendations

- State mindset is problematic
- Hong Kong is working on this
- Hiring more ethnic minority citizens into the civil service
- Reconsidering the need for Chinese language requirements for certain jobs,
- Broaden language requirements for jobs that directly service the general populace



# Japan Recommendations

- Community outreach and education against perpetuated stereotypes of minorities
- Continuing push for anti-discrimination laws
- Advances in international law



# USA Recommendations

- Refocus programs to income
- Minimum percentage plans
- Increasing admissions outreach
- Revoke inherently racially biased programs



# Conclusion



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