

How is Systematic Racism Upheld Within the American Educational System?

Introduction

In America, education is a very important factor in economic status. The higher the education, the more income a person could potentially make. With this understanding, it is safe to note that it is important to receive a good K-12 education that helps prepare adolescents for college, in which college can provide them the opportunity to become financially successful. Unfortunately, not every individual is able to receive a good quality education that helps prepare them for college which can be linked back to the structural racism that is the cornerstone of America. According to the data and studies found, there is lots of evidence supporting the idea that the education system in America has many racial inequalities and inequities integrated within it.

For example, recent analyses of data collected for school finance cases in Alabama, New Jersey, New York, Louisiana, and Texas have revealed that schools serving more students of color had significantly fewer resources than schools serving mostly white students on every measurable criterion, from qualified teachers to curriculum offerings (Darling-Hammond, 2016). This information helps to demonstrate that many minority dominant schools are not receiving the same opportunities as their white peers. This can cause inequity for those minorities when trying to achieve higher education due to the fact that they will most likely be behind their white peers because they may have received less resources and college preparation from their school.

Another example involves the expensiveness of higher education

