



Education needs to be the cause of tolerance

This summer, president **Donald Trump** planned a rally on June 19 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and immediately faced backlash due to the date and location.

It was June 19, 1865 when slaves were fully emancipated in America. The day was later known as the national holiday, Juneteenth.

It was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1921 when white citizens destroyed what was called the Black Wall Street, a self-sufficient and once thriving business district created by African Americans — the death toll was estimated as high as 300.

Americans were shocked by this information, as many have never heard of Juneteenth and the event named the Tulsa Race Massacre. This brought attention to how the U.S. educational system tends to dismiss the racial oppression minorities in America have faced and how dangerous it can be.

When we overlook racism in the U.S. we are not only miseducated but we can't progress as a country.

Though former president **Abraham Lincoln** issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, it wasn't until two years later that slavery was abolished in all 50 states.

Though *Brown v. Board of Education*, a Supreme Court ruling that racial segregation in public schools is uncon-

stitutional, was established in 1954, a federal judge ordered a Mississippi school district to desegregate its schools in 2016.

When we are taught that one moment ended slavery, segregation, or even racism as a whole, we believe racial issues no longer exist in America.

CBS stated more than 2,000 reported anti-Asian hate incidents in reference to China and COVID-19 have occurred between March and June.

After the hate-filled El Paso shooting, author of "The Injustice Never Leaves You: Anti-Mexican Violence in Texas" **Monica Muñoz Martinez** noted violence against Hispanic people is motivated by the continuous rhetoric that anyone who looks Mexican doesn't belong in America, often used by politicians and local Anglo residents.

The Washington Post recorded that while Black people make up only 13 percent of the U.S. population, they constitute 36 percent of unarmed people shot and killed by the police.

Racism still fully exists in America, and the more we ignore this, the less we advance as a country. Understanding our nation's history will help solve current issues today.

According to a 2015 national poll, 41 percent of Americans believe the Civil War's primary cause was not due

to slavery. This is ultimately because we gloss over slavery in America, treating it like a small mistake in history rather than what it was — the brutality and well-aware exploitation of African Americans.

This ignorance stems from textbooks, nationwide curriculum and the idea of 'America's perfection' ingrained in our society.

Not only should the education system better focus on the racial injustices America has committed, but they should also teach students about cultural diversity, starting at a young age. When exposing children to races, cultures and traditions other than their own, it normalizes those differences and allows them to grow as more open-minded individuals.

It is by 7 years old that a child's morals begin to fully form. We cannot raise the next generation to be tolerant of the blatant racism in America.

We cannot raise the country's next historians, police officers, teachers and lawmakers to hold the same bigotry we allow today.

Raising awareness about varying backgrounds as well as the prejudice and racism that has been deeply rooted in American culture will enable us as a country to diminish the racial disparities that still exist in our world today.

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