Outline of “Judging: The Racism of a Country”

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1. Introduction
   1. America is talked about in other countries as a nation of immigrants.
   2. However, in the past only European immigrants were treated with any kind of rights. Africans, Latinos and even the Irish were treated very poorly by the citizens of the United States.
   3. The racism of the United States led to slavery and segregation of the Africans, and unjust laws and treatment of Africans, Latinos and the Irish.
2. The most common example of the racism of the United States is of African Slavery and the Jim Crow Laws that followed their freedom.
   1. "How is it," asked Samuel Johnson, "that we hear the loudest yelps for liberty among the drivers of Negroes?" The British author was only one of many Europeans who thought it strange that a nation run by slave owners should be so noisily demanding its own freedom.” (Becker, 1999)
   2. Even when the European Immigrants were fighting for their freedom they were enslaving the “lesser” peoples.
   3. “Under Jim Crow, African Americans were relegated to the status of second class citizens. Jim Crow represented the legitimization of anti-black racism. Many Christian ministers and theologians taught that whites were the Chosen people, blacks were cursed to be servants, and God supported racial segregation.” (Pilgrim, 2012)
3. Jim Crow did not just affect Africans, but also citizens of Latino descent as well.
   1. “In communities across the country, property owners signed agreements called restrictive covenants. These contracts barred African Americans and sometimes other groups-including Jews, Asians, and Latinos-from many neighborhoods.” (Smithsonian National Museum of American History)
   2. Jobs, housing and even schools were separated for people of Latino heritage.
4. Most people do not realize that even the Irish were treated poorly by most European descent immigrants.
   1. “Native-born Americans criticized Irish immigrants for their poverty and manners, their supposed laziness and lack of discipline, their public drinking style, their catholic religion, and their capacity for criminality and collective violence. In both words and pictures, critics of the Irish measured character by perceived physical appearance.” (Kinney)
   2. Irish Americans, who are now considered to be “White” by many standards, were treated poorly as immigrants to the point of being second class citizens.
5. Conclusion
   1. Racism in America has been around for many years and has not always affected just one group or another. Many others have been struck by racism that have not been mentioned in this essay.
   2. We need to be aware of the roots of racism so that we do not make the same mistakes they made in the past.

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