



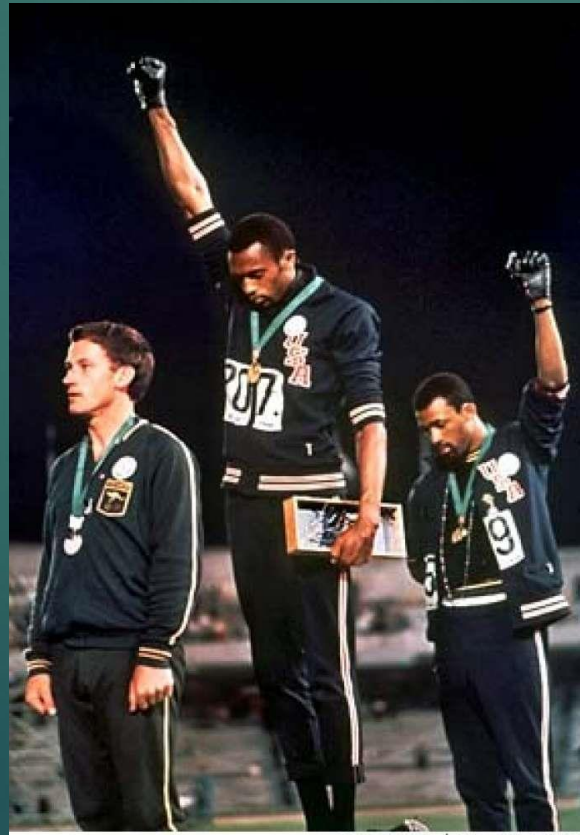
DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY



A STORY FROM MEXICO OLYMPICS

- This Story represents the medal ceremony of 200 meters race held in Mexico.
- Two American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos showed their anger against the racial discrimination and Peter Norman, Australian athlete who wore a human rights badge helped Tommie Smith and John Carlos.

- Tommie Smith and John Carlos wore black gloves and no shoes while receiving gold and bronze medals. It was the important landmark in the civil rights movements in America.
- They wanted to drag the world attention towards racial discrimination.



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CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- The civil rights movement began from 1954 and lasted till 1968.
- The movement Aimed at abolishing legal racial discrimination against African americans led by Martin Luther King Lunior.
- This movement practiced non violent methods of civil disobedience against racially discriminatory laws.

BLACK POWER MOVEMENT

- The Black Power Movement was a militant and anti racist movement which was started in 1966 to end racism in the united states with the help of even violence. It was started in 1966 and lasted till 1975 .

ORIGIN OF SOCIAL DIFFERENCES

- ▶ Social differences are mostly based on accident of birth, at the same time, some of the differences are based on our choices, religion or on economic status.

DIFFERENCES BY BIRTH

- ▶ Some of the social differences are based on accidents of birth. We do not choose to belong to our community, we just happen to be born in a particular community not by choice but by accident.
- ▶ We all experience social differences based on accident of birth in our daily lives, for example male and female, being tall and short, different complexions, or have different physical abilities.

DIFFERENCES BY CHOICE

- ▶ Some of the differences are based on the choices we make. For example, some people choose to follow a particular religion or not to follow any, some choose what to study and what occupation to take up and which game to play.
- ▶ Every social difference does not lead to social division.

OVER LAPPING AND CROSS CUTTING DIFFERENCES



OVER LAPPING DIFFERENCES

- ▶ Overlapping differences are when some social differences overlaps another social differences.
- ▶ Under this people start feeling that they belong to different communities.
- ▶ These create possibilities of deep social divisions.
- ▶ For example, the difference between blacks and whites in USA is a overlapping difference because the blacks tend to be poor and homeless and are discriminated.

CROSS CUTTING DIFFERENCES

- ▶ Cross cutting differences are when a social difference crosscuts another difference
- ▶ Under this the group can share a common interest on one issue but are likely to be on different sides on different issues
- ▶ These are easier to accommodate
- ▶ For example, in Netherlands class and religion tend to cross cut each other as catholics and protestants are about equally likely to be poor and rich.

POLITICS OF SOCIAL DIVISIONS

- ▶ At first sight, it would appear that the combination of politics and social divisions is very dangerous and explosive.
- ▶ Their competition tends to divide any society. If they start competing in terms of some existing social divisions, it can make social divisions into political divisions and lead to conflict, violence or even disintegration of the country.

THREE DETERMINANTS

1. HOW PEOPLE PERCEIVE THEIR IDENTITIES

- ▶ If people see their identities in singular and exclusive terms ,it becomes very difficult to accommodate.
- ▶ As long as people in northern Ireland saw themselves as catholics or protestants their differences were difficult to reconcile.
- ▶ It is easier if people see their as multiple and complementary to the national identity their differences are easy to reconcile.
- ▶ A majority of Belgians now feel that they are as much as Belgian nationalist as they were when they were Dutch, French or German speaking.



1. HOW POLITICAL LEADERS RAISE THE DEMAND OF ANY COMMUNITY

- ▶ If political parties raise the demands of any particular social group, that leads to alienation for the other group.
- ▶ If the demands are in the frame of the constitution and for all groups and communities ,then it wont harm the unity of the nation

1. HOW THE GOVERNMENT REACTS TO THE DEMANDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS

- ▶ If the rulers are willing to share power and accommodate the reasonable demands of minority community ,social divisions become less threatening for the country
- ▶ But if they try to suppress such a demand in the name of national unity, the end will be the opposite

ASSERTION OF SOCIAL DIVERSITY

- ▶ “ Thus the assertion of social diversities in a country need not be Seen as a source of danger.”
- ▶ In a democracy, political expression of social division is very normal and can be very healthy.
- ▶ This allows various disadvantaged and marginal social groups to express their grievances and get the government to attend to these.
- ▶ Expression of various kinds of social divisions in politics often results in their cancelling one another out and thus reducing their intensity. This leads to strengthening of a democracy.

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