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1. What is the POA?

This article is about all aspects of inequality. It addresses how inequality is everywhere, from relationships to the work force. Inequality can be defined differently from person to person based on personal experiences with inequality. Many people see inequality differently based off what they believe causes it and how unfair it may be. By explaining that inequality is different from status to status, we can see that every person experiences different versions of inequality. Many people seek the comfort of others who share the same inequality in things since they share a common characteristic. For example, someone of wealthy standing in society will most likely talk to someone of the same financial and social standing; about how the feel excluded or feel left out of something because that person can relate to them. The article explains that our ideas about inequality derive from our own ability to understand it and what it means.

2. How did they do it?

The article uses a lot of detail to explain the idea of inequality. By providing examples and questions, the reader can fully understand the idea about inequality. For instance, the author specifically uses the example about the comparison of inequality between the poor and wealthy. In addition, the example of how children are born into wealth or poverty also shapes their life. Meaning, that because they were born into wealth they will have a more likely chance of success when compared to someone who was born into poverty and will most likely struggle. In addition, towards the beginning of the article it draws a connection to recorded history and today, so that the reader understands that this concept is not anything new but has only changed. All these examples help the reader fully understand the idea of inequality and allows them to make connections to their own life.

3. What did they find?

The biggest finding was that inequality is still something that society struggles with and for many reasons. We all define inequality different from person to person, status to status, and idea to idea. There are so many factors that go into inequality like race, gender, sex, wealth, religion, etc. In addition, the idea of "is inequality necessary" was brought up, but ultimately was found that there must be a reward system and motivation. However, with this being said there was also finding that this idea left out the idea of unequal rewards. This shows that inequality is still prevalent and matters. We still react to the unequal rewards and consequences.

4. So what?

First, this just shows that inequality is difficult to define. One can define it one way, but someone else can say it is something completely different. The common theme in the definitions is that one group or person is treated differently based off a characteristic that is different across the opposing group. This idea of inequality is everywhere and still challenging everyday things. For instance, people still don't get the same opportunities based on gender and race. Women do not get paid the same, and the unemployment rate is lower for African Americans. We as a society still need to understand inequality and equality to fix the problem of it.

5. What questions do I have about this article?

There are so many ways people view society, so do you think that many people do not even realize that they are being discriminatory or unfair? Many people are given different life choices based on what they are born into, so they are given different opportunities. However, for example, it is said that everyone is given a free public education up to a certain grade, but many still get different opportunities in these schools. Inequality is everywhere, it is not just an idea of skin color or gender. Inequality is in everything, like schools' systems. Will we ever live in a world of full equality? I say probably not because of the power struggle and need for a system of hierarchy so people feel like they have someone to go to. Also, I say no because people can not drop their morals and ideals of being above certain people.