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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we will discuss on how racism affects the United States Foreign Policy and how it affects the development of a country. The words racism has always been a huge obstacle for the people of color. It also has recently become an issue that is being against by the whole world in which indicates how serious racism is across the globe. Furthermore, in this paper it will highlighted on the suffers of people of color in Africa in economic and political sector. To add on, we will also include on how the change has been done recently due to the latest strategy which was signed by Donald Trump. At the end of the paper it will also point out the importance of Africa towards United States (U.S) .

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Foreign policy is defined as the goals that a state's officials seek to attain abroad, the values that give rise to those objectives, and the means or instruments used to pursue them. ("Defining Foreign Policy | American Government," 2016). In other words, it simply means the country or states game plan on defending their national and international interest by using both violent and non-violent way. Foreign Policy can be seen when the United States past president James Monroe did the Monroe Doctrine policy in which meant it opposed the European Colonialism in an independent states. Somehow, foreign policy can also be used as resolution to not take part in the international organization such as the isolation policies done by North Korea. For United States (U.S) Foreign Policy, there are four main goals in every decision making of foreign policy which is to defend its country including the citizens, second is the conservation of ingress to the markets as well as the key resources.

Next, the conservation of equilibrium of force in the world. Last but not least is the preservation on the self-government and human rights. For the first goal, the defends or protection here means the safeguard of the citizens weather they are in the country or another country. For the protection of the United States, it include the economic boycott. Iran has experienced the economic boycott by other countries where their product are forbidden in the country that join the boycott and their country will also refused to import their product into Iran. The cause of this is Iran was developing its nuclear energy program. The second goal is to secure U.S access to the resources like oil, coal, natural gas and more. The resources also includes the country substructure works and weapons system. Other than that, is the entry to the international marketplace, which is focus on the Americans preferences like the cheese, and others.

The third main goal mentioned the equilibrium of force, which means that all the countries must have almost the same balance for their military power which accentuate that no countries military force can overpower other countries. The fourth goals is focus on the peace of the U.S citizen and the other part of the world generally. U.S has been seen to give supports by participating to lots of international organizations such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In the context of United

States, Africa is counted as the most important country. Owing to the fact that, majority of the dominant company in the country as well as the Fortune 500 sets Africa as their ultimate investment choice. Moreover, it also leads to the surge base of revenue in various metropolis.

According to Alabama Commerce Secretary Greg Canfield who guide the build out to Tanzania and South Africa, he praised the country as the most powerful powerhouse in the continent in which keep on growing along with the emerging market. Through this, it shows how the U.S benefits a lot from the Africa, economically, culturally and politically. However, as much as they focus on the economic benefit, the U.S should also spends the same amount of attention on the U.S foreign policy towards Africa by continuing to convey the reciprocal advantages. Under the disguise of ‘benevolent forsake’ the Americans have joined their forces along racist and oppression in Africa for the sake of safeguarding the privilege of minority people by utilizing the wealth and position to safeguard minority rights and privileges.

The political regimes are racially exclusive impose exploitation. This also threatens to be a repetition of the Vietnam War. In this paper, we will discuss on the how the writing of U.S foreign policies towards Africa give a tremendous effect towards the African people.

2.0 COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The battles against the apartheid exploitation, have been the country’s innermost concern. The bizarre occasion of persecution in Africa shall be highlighted. Furthermore, the vanquishing took part even in the gross income, the human’s rights, religion and more. Through this, they have frankly degrading the citizen’s life including diminishing their hope to find new lights in other place somewhere. For the main part, Southern Africa receive the worst treatment which is the lack of devotion towards the equality in the opportunities fundamental, including the equity philosophy. It is very crucial for the U.S government to acknowledge the suffers that has been experienced by the people of color in Africa as well as the significant hideous

conditions happening there. The divergence of life conditions in Southern Africa for both white and black people is shown in the (Table 1).

Willard R. Johnson, et. al.

Table 1.	SOUTH AFRICA	
	White (European)	Black (African)
Population		
in millions	4	15
percentage of	19	70
Income		
per capita (1968)	\$3,144	\$117
percentage of all income ¹	74	20
Average wage in Mining	\$4,740	\$285
Tax:		
Ages subject	21-60	18-65
Income exempt	\$840	none
Education expenditure		
per capita ²	\$280-350	\$21
Infant mortality per		
1,000 births ³	24.1	100-250
Doctors / per population ⁴	1 / 455	1 / 100,000
Percentage of land		
reserved	87 pct.	13 pct.
Source unless otherwise noted: Africa Research Group, Race to Power: The Struggle for Southern Africa , Cambridge, Mass., 1971.		
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(Table 1)

We can see that the income per capita for the white people was remarkably higher than the black people. The difference in the income was in a complete unfair ratio, thus further proves the inequality that the black people receive was not just a baseless rumor. It was indeed a serious matter that should be taken an immediate action. The amount of income not only display the inequality treatment that they receive but also unveil the hardship life's they need to bear with the small-scale pay. According to President Julius Nyerere of the United Republic Tanzania, the current situation in the country has exceeded its own deathbed. The white people in the country was full-equipped with investments, loans, military, governmental, education, credit and

diplomatic aid from both Europe and America government. In addition, both the countries also actively involved in the bombing, shooting including gate keeping the citizens from their own sources from the land.

Not only that, the violence treatment continue with the white people exploiting the black people labor as to defend the interests of the white people who occupied the area. This openly racist and abusive system that originated in Southern Africa leaves a deep scar and effect on those who affected. The black community that lives in America especially, can't just act indifferent towards the suffering occurred in Africa. In addition, we should also avoid from disregarding the fact that increased interest in the involvement of public and private agencies in these liberation will only give the oppressors an advantage.

3.0 COLLUSION IN RACIAL DOMINANCE

There has been an extensive scepticism in the approach of Americans regarding the racism confrontation. The Americans must make their stance clear on the political and economic rights for people of color in Africa. Moreover, the American leaders have openly opposed the idea of inequality and racism that is occurring which as stated in the U.S objectives in Africa by the Nixon Doctrine. The first one is peace which is to preserve Africa from the colossal rivalries and power while also respecting state sovereignty and promoting the safety of African boundaries. The second one is economic development as to oblige the African infrastructural, agricultural and health issue. The development also focus on the evolution of human resources by the expansion of the education. Last but not least is justice.

The objectives aim to aid the Southern Africa in seeking the justice in both racial and politic field. However, the change that have been the hot topic for all year around didn't really come smoothly and as quickly as we expected it to be. The keystone of the U.S Africa policy states that it declines to brace the salvation nor the countries of O.A.U . It also give a justification by invalidating the act of violence. However, the current situation in Africa is in complete opposite from what the statement said, the act of violence in Africa is already being labeled as a normal occurrence. Number has shows that about 33 out of 100 baby that was born in a year can't even managed to live after the age of one year. The nightmare doesn't stop there, when it also reported a daily 2500 arrest for both women and men that breached the Pass Law and also the existence of the cruel system of forced labour, where it separates the husband and wife from each other.

Moreover, the police brutality system has also witnessed lots of political detainees death. For the main part, the ferocity system also did a cruel depletion on people of colors. To add on, the U. S policy was originally plan on the stability of which would only focus on the white people interest and not the black people of Southern Africa. The early part of paragraph mentioned on how the U.S refuse violence and racial issue on black community, however their action did not display the action of their words. In the voting records, the U.S have bluntly incorporate with the sides that decline freedom. Also, the U.S had repeatedly to vote in opposition of the U.N resolution of 'Activities of Foreign Economic and Other Interest'. The opposition to this resolution will further delay the independence of countries under the colonial supremacy. The U.S also refused to categorize apartheid as a "crime against humanity". They further the disagreement by casting their first ever veto on the

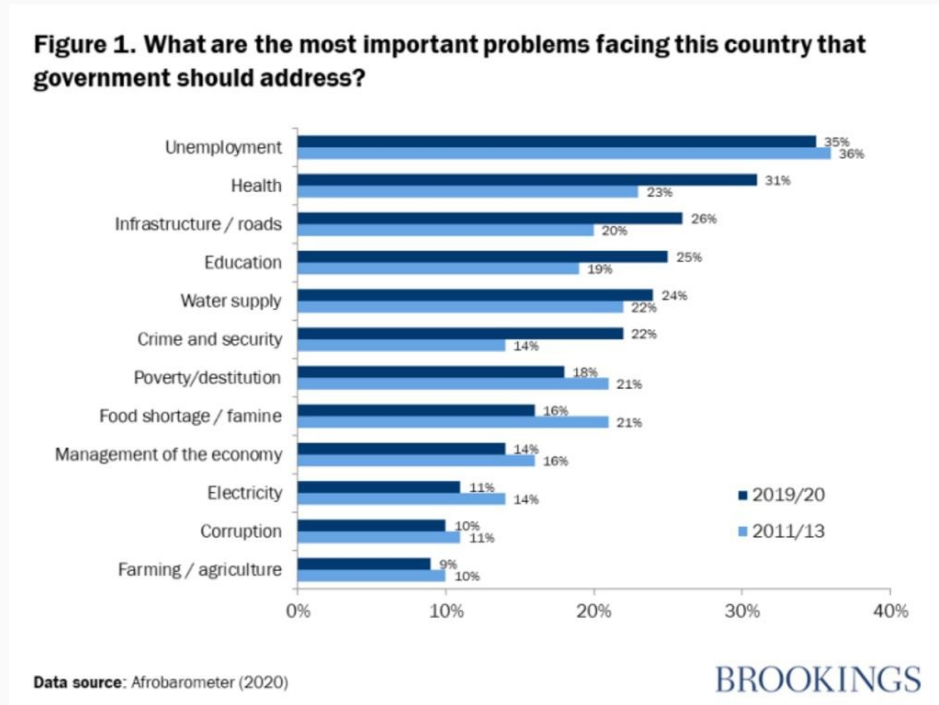
Security Council. The action was done as to criticize the Great Britain's measure on handling the conditions in Southern Rhodesia. This actions leads to the refraining of propagation on the apartheid issue due to the limitation of U.N budget scheme.

4.0 U.S FOREIGN' POLICY THROUGH AFRICAN LENS

In 2018, Donald Trump administration had announced their Africa Strategy. Even with the high end planning being announced, there is no action taken yet into turning the planning a reality. Due to the delay, China and Russia had race their place in Africa as to fill the void in the policy by slowly disrupting the U.S interest. Indeed, being attentive towards the African citizens necessity is not a typical priority in the formulation of US foreign policy. Nonetheless, if the US is serious about countering China's \$10 billion soft power initiative and competing with other global players, it must pay close attention to African preferences and policy priorities. To add on, majority of the African citizen are yearning for the U.S to focus their investment towards education and health infrastructure.

Unfortunately, the Africans' opinions do not always align with U.S. policy priorities, most notably regarding the attachment of economic or political condition to development assistance and national control over development spending. Furthermore, due to China's increased unconditional spending and attention to the region, as well as emphasis on Africa 's stated priorities such as improved infrastructure, China and partners with similar strategies have succeed on gaining influence on the ground so quickly.

In the late of 2019 and 2020, a survey has been done to disclose on what African think their government should put their priority on.



(Figure 1)

Based on figure 1, we can see that large amount of people voted for the unemployment, health and infrastructure. For the health section, the U.S Foreign Aid had successfully contribute in almost 3.5 billion dollars as to address the existing health concern due to HIV and AIDS. Correspondingly, after the special aid for the health section, the African wish that the U.S could also contribute the same energy as in health into other sector as well such as infrastructure, education and more. Through this, it can obviously lead to more job vacancy in which at once could help in increasing the buying power among the citizens and at the end will surge the economic growth of the country.

For political matter, a data collected by Afrobarometer indicates that most people of Africa prefers the government to be govern in a democratic way in which the voice of citizen is required and important in the government. Indeed, Africans prefer responsible governance to “getting things done,” in which implying that democratic governance is prized by ordinary citizens across the continent, despite the expenses. As a result, even if it irritates current authoritarian governments, a values-driven foreign policy that strengthens democratic principles and accountable governance is likely to gain public support throughout Africa. In contrast, the U.S need to acknowledge the risk of incorporating with dictators even though they claim to provide an efficient government.

5.0 IMPORTANCE OF AFRICA TO UNITED STATES (U.S)

Among all the 7 continents across the globe, Africa is considered as the second most largest continent. Along with that, it was also the second most progressive growing population in the world right behind Asia. Majority of the population in Africa is occupied by young people in which means that vast amount of people in Africa are comfortable with the technology. Furthermore, they will represent a sizable consumer and labour market. With the Africa’s Strategy by President Donald Trump, vast amount of development can be seen especially in health sector. Through this, the health and well-being of the young people in Africa is guaranteed to be at it optimum condition.

However, if Africa fails to develop economically, there is a large percentage that the young people will be recruited illegally by the extremist and terrorist

organizations. The extensive amount of youth power in the country will end up being misused and become a huge loss for Africa. The establishment of the BUILD-Act is conceivably the most important piece of global development legislation. Through this it will affiliate the investment of U.S in a more extensive scale of international infrastructure and other projects into the new US International Development Finance Corporation, bringing the total amount of money available to \$60 billion. Consequently, this will lead to an encouragement of development of the U.S private sector as well as granting the African government a finer access to a requited alliances that promote growth and development without jeopardizing national sovereignty, as certain Chinese loans have.

6.0 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, until today, the racism not only affect people of color in Africa individually but also politically. Africa is a developing country with lots of potential in it. With the right assist from the U.S and other alliances, Africa will be one of the most developmental country in no time. However, there will always be challenges ahead. Through the Africa Strategy in 2018, majority of the condition has changed compare to the early days. The support should be going for Africa and their citizens for it to economically and politically progressed. The suppression of the African people should end along with the attitude of white supremacist. As this will only contributes as a setback to major operation of the country. Both U.S and Africa shall be working together hand in hand and together grow to achieve the dreams of the Africans.

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