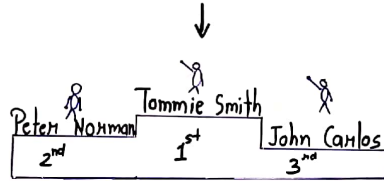


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A Story from Mexico Olympics

- 200 meter race, 1968 Mexico olympics.



- Tommie Smith and John Carlos → U.S athletes
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Won gold and bronze.

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African-Americans

✧ Civil rights movement in the United States.

✧ Black power

* Was it right or wrong?? 😞??

✧ What they did?

→ During medal ceremony → They were standing with clenched fists upraised and heads bowed.

→ They received their medal wearing black socks and no shoes → Representing Black poverty.

→ Peter Norman → Wore human rights badge → Showing support

✧ Actions taken against them?

→ International Olympic Association held both the athletes guilty of violating the Olympic spirit.

→ Their medals were taken back.

→ Norman was not included in Australian team for the next Olympic.

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Origins of Social differences

• Differences, Similarities, divisions are Connected with each other.

∴ Social differences originates due to following reasons:

(i). Based on accident of birth

→ Differences originates just because one is born [accidentally] in a particular Caste, Community and religion.

→ Example: Difference between male and female.

(ii). Based on our choices.

→ Differences originates due to the choices we make may be different from others.

Example: Some people believe in god Some are atheists.

Social differences

• Divides similar people

→ Ex: People from same religion are divided because they belong to different Caste.

• unites different people

→ Ex: Norman [Australian] was supporting Smith and Carlos [African-American] because of Humanity and Sportmanship

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Overlapping and Cross-cutting differences

☼ Overlapping differences

- → When one type of Social difference overlaps another type of difference.
- ex: Blacks and Whites in U.S
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They tend to be poor and discriminated against.
- ex: Dalits in India.
- It creates possibility of social division and tension.

☼ Cross-cutting differences

- → When existing social difference is being crossed by another type of similarity.
- ex: In Netherlands, class and religion tend to cross-cut each other, means society is divided between Catholics and Protestants, but both are about equally likely to be rich and poor.
- It is easier to accommodate.

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Politics of Social divisions

∴ Does this divisions affect politics? What does politics do to these Social divisions?

→ It Can Make social divisions into political divisions. It lead to Conflict, Violence and disintegration.

∴ Range of outcomes

→ In Northern Ireland → [53% Protestants], [44% Roman Catholics]

↓ ↓
Wanted to remain with UK ← Unionist (X) Nationalist parties → Wanted = Northern Ireland ⊕ Republic of Ireland

∴ fight ∴

→ Another example is

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Yugoslavia → political Competition over differences led to the disinteg Independent states.

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Three Determinants:

Three factors/Determinants which determines that the differences would lead to division or not.

(i). How people perceive their identities

→ Singular (exclusive) or Multiple (Inclusive).

Ex: Northern Ireland and Belgium.

→ Singular or exclusive identities leads to division.

(ii). It depends on how political leaders raise the demands of any community.

→ Demand raised within the Constitutional framework [accommodative]

→ Outside the Constitutional framework leads to problems.

Ex: Demand for 'only Sinhala' at the Cost of Tamils.

(iii). How govt reacts to demands of different groups.

→ Govt. Should accommodate the reasonable demands of Minorities.

→ Forces and resistance should be the last option.

→ Ex: Sri Lanka v/s Belgium.

→ All differences would not lead to division. 😊?? Why??

• It depends on these factors. Positive attitude towards diversity and willingness to accommodate.