

Article review on racial inequality between whites and african american

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Racial inequality in America exists since the making of America. The situation has been significantly changed in the last few decades and many African Americans have developed remarkably and achieved a lot in different fields of life, but it has not been completely abolished from the American society yet. African Americans still face the incidents of racial inequalities however they have sacrificed many of their lives fighting from such inequalities and still fighting to get their appropriate position in the society. Thomas Shapiro in his book "The hidden cost of being African American" has highlighted the issue and touched several aspects of the same. Thomas Shapiro is a sociologist and professor of Law and Social Policy and the Director of the Institute on Assets and Social Policy. He has evidently portrayed the racial inequality scenario and before writing this book. He researched on thousands of families, interviewed them and then presented his book which is well acclaimed among all sections of the society. Thomas Shapiro has described the hidden factors that cause the racial discrimination to African Americans. He has described that there is at least ten fold gaps between the whites and blacks in regard of income and capital. He has mentioned how the African Americans suffer in their daily life just because of being blacks. They can not easily purchase the houses because banks have different policies for whites and blacks. African Americans can not send their children in good schools as they can not afford the school fee. Shapiro says that the white people have family properties and they can afford anything they want but the African Americans do not have any family property also and they have to struggle for every need of their life.

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