

Affirmative Action

In 2003, the US Supreme Court ruled that American Universities could consider racial background as a factor when they decided whom to admit.

As a result, it was more difficult for white American students to obtain places at these universities than applicants from minority backgrounds.

Is this discrimination?

Is it justified?

What effect will it have?

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Before 2000, no two people of the same sex were allowed to enter a legally recognised relationship.

In 2004, the UK Parliament introduced the “Civil Partnership Act 2004” allowing same-sex couples to enter into Civil Partnerships. These give people all the same rights as marriage, but CANNOT be called marriage.

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In 2014 the Scottish Parliament passed the “Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Scotland) Act 2014)”, legalising same-sex marriage.

What effect does have?

Racial Profiling

In an effort to reduce crime across the UK, the police have a duty to do all they can to prevent crime and protect the public.

Recent statistics have shown that across the UK, almost 11% of the Prison population are Black. Black Britons make up just under 3% of the population as a whole.

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Class War?

In Scotland, The Scottish Government pays the fees of all students who wish to attend university, whether from rich or poor backgrounds.

The number of grants (which do not need to be paid back) available for students has reduced dramatically. While children from richer families can rely on their parents, children from poor backgrounds have to get loans to pay for accommodation, food and books if they move away from home.

Is this discrimination?

If so, is it justified?

What effect will it have?

All-Women Shortlists

**Out of the 650 MPs, only 148 (22%) are women.
This compares to 52% of the UK population.**

**In an attempt to improve female
representation, political parties have agreed to
introduce ‘All-Women Shortlists’ – meaning
that in some places, only women can stand for
Parliament.**

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