**Introduction**

 When we talk about marriages, or couples we sometimes just see one type of race with each other. So what happens when different cultures combine with each other and become a couple are not use to seeing? We can all get very judgmental. We start asking questions like; what does he or she see in someone who is not at their same level. Which then makes a lot of people believe it has tothe dorace. Which people will start discriminating? We all think we have to stick to a certain type of of culture. Mixing things up are actually a good thing for different cultures. It will start a diversity trend, where it’ just as normal to see any other couple. Interracial Couples, focus of culture, diversity and acceptance. In today society there are still people who don’t believe in inclusion of different cultures, or in other words undesirable. In the 1960 a law was past for couples to be able to be together, before that it was not possible. It was against the law. As early as 1691, colonial-era United States established anti-miscegenation laws banning blacks and whites from interracial marriage and sex, stemming from the oppression and supposed racial inferiority of African-Americans. Virginia and Maryland were the first to introduce laws prohibiting interracial marriage in 1691 and 1692. In 1991 there was a movie called “Jungle Fever” which was based on the story of black men and a white woman who were seeing each other and all the pros and cons it came with it. Also in 2014, there was a movie which also talked about relations between racial couples which made big controversy around the world. As you continue reading our paper I hope you see the struggles every culture has to go through to be able to share a little of each other with the world.

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Many of the interracial couples face negative reactions from society and they make it hard for them to have a regular relationship. These types of the couple have to deal with the pessimistic reactions from their friends, family,and relations, disapproval from their own race and face the ignorance of society. So, this is a big question that why interracial dating is so controversial in a modern society and why some people do not allow their children to do interracial marriage. People who socialize and date with people of different racial groups they experience a negative reaction from society. Most of the disapproving messages are coming from people of own racial group. The couples who date other than their race encounter criticism and tension from society. Even today, interracial marriage face an extreme level ofdifficulty in some places where the thinking of some people is conservative. The interracial couples face numerous barriers as compared to other couples because they come from same culture or race. There are some external factors which create dissonance and disagreement in the relationships. The differences in culture endure moral, ethical and value foundations which affect the perceptions of society, family and individual lifestyles.

People began being more accepting of interracial couples and marriages 51 years ago. In 1967, the Supreme Court invalidated laws that licensed states to ban interracial marriages in the USA. The plaintiffs, Mildred and Richard Loving, were an interracial couple whose marriage had been reckoned illegitimate under the laws of the state of Virginia. After appealing to the Supreme Court, a unanimous ruling declared anti-miscegenation decrees to be unconstitutional (Small, 2018). This decision made history in ripping to pieces racially based laws. Before this ruling, marriages and interbreeding among persons of different races were prohibited. Previous attempts to dispute interracial marriage bans proved futile. Persons found to have violated this law risked between one and five years in state prison.

 Since this landmark ruling, people’s opinions about marriage among people of different races have shifted. Older adults are more likely to oppose relatives marrying from or into different races. Nonetheless, people today are more open to the idea of interracial couples than ever before. Interracial couples and marriages have increased. As indicated by recent Pew Research Center’s reports, one out of every five newlywed couples in the USA is an interracial couple.

 However, it is unfortunate that 50 years later, interracial couples still face disapproval, discrimination and sometimes hostility from strangers. Despite laws against interracial couples and marriages being banned, reports point out that some couples still get insulted and sometimes harassed when people find out about their mixed marriages. It is sad to know that some people are still uncomfortable with interracial marriages. Conceding to the fact that such predispositions still exist should be the first step towards figuring out and determining what can be done to change such discriminatory conventions. Marriage, however different, is every person’s civic right (Small, 2018). It is fundamental to both human survival and existence.

Interracial relationships are becoming increasingly more common than they once were in the past. According to a 2010 Pew Research Study, interracial relationships rose from 3.3% in the 1980’s to 5.5% in 2010 (*Huffington Post*,2012). Although all relationships have its up’s and down’s, interracial relationships present their own set of challenges usually correlated to culture and race. According to an article titled “*The Pros and Cons of Interracial Marriages*,” the key essential in making an interracial relationship work is having the ability to blend traditions, values,and cultures together without having the other party feeling that their cultural values are more important than the others. Truly fulfilling this task comes with a great deal of compromising (Dr.R.Y. Langham). By placing your cultural values above your significant other, the display of ethnocentrism, can and we lead to the demise of a healthy relationship. If the right amount of love, faith,and respect is shown, there can be a lot of pros in terms of being a part of an interracial relationship.

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One key element in interracial marriages is acceptance. According to an article titled “*The Pros and Cons of Interracial Marriages*,” interracial couples tend to be more understanding, empathetic and tolerant to people of other races and cultures. These traits/behaviors displayed by the parents tend to rub off and the children, allowing them to embrace kids from other cultures and view their differences as an asset (Dr.R.Y. Langham). According to an article titled” Promoting Respect for Cultural Diversity In the Classroom,” most children are more comfortable interacting with people, behaviors, and ideas that are familiar with but react in fear of apprehension when faced with unfamiliarity(Lynch). This allows them to become culturally responsive. This promotes the linguistic relatively approach which enables emotional intelligence and the ability to be open-minded!

Unfortunately, there are cons that come with being involved in an interracial relationship. According to an article titled” *The Pros and Cons of Interracial Marriages,”*interracial couples and biracial children tend to experience high levels of discrimination, depending on where they live. People who do not believe in “race-mixing,” may taunt, criticize, degrade, bully, discriminate against, and/or emotionally/physically harm those in interracial relationships and/or families. It is important to note that although many have accepted interracial relationships and biracial children as a normal part of mainstream society, there are those, who are staunchly against it. These individuals may have grown up in a different era, or they may have had a “bad” experience with someone of another race or culture, regardless, it is important to be alert and cautious around these individuals, if you are in an interracial relationship and/or family. Also, there are some health cons that occur when conceiving a biracial child based on genetics. All races have their own unique diseases and illnesses.  Biracial children face an increased risk of developing diseases that are common in each individual race.  These diseases can be detrimental when merged (Dr.R.Y. Langham)!

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, interracial marriage is a topic that has brought many controversies. Interracial couples were such a surprise in the past but this belief has evolved as time goes on. However, some of them still face a negative reaction from society such as discrimination. Most of those who are against interracial marriages are protective of their cultures and beliefs and are not ready to change what they believe is right. Interracial couples also get a lot of criticism in the society and this increases marital stress. Also, culture differences bring some ethical and moral differences and this can be a reason why some cultures don’t support interracial marriages.

Interracial relationships exist everywhere today. The reactions Interracial couples get from the society show whether their cultures accept it or not. Such couples have played a great part in promoting culture inclusivity since they do not take the cultures as more important than those of others do. Cultural integrations have therefore made interactions easy with people from different races and the emergence of new opportunities to learn and come up with new ideas. No matter how interracial marriages might be criticized in society, interracial couples end up in healthy relationships since they value and show respect to different cultures.

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