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_____Racial segregation, the Plan B for peace. The brutal attempts at prosperity and tranquility in this vast world have to divide every nation and being on this planet. One of the key factors in keeping the peace was the separation of people based solely on looks, i.e color of their skin. In the United States of America, there were the Jim Crow Laws, and eerily enough, South Africa followed like a sheep to its shepherd with apartheid. The apartheid Afrikaan meaning, “apartness” stems from the ideology that separated the development of racial groups in South Africa (“Apartheid”). Ideally, it would seem to call for equal elements and freedom of cultural expression. Apartheid laws drove certain ethnic groups out of certain cities to make room for the minority race of that time - Europeans. Now, one of the many swords to slain the peace within the nation was the prevention of interracial marriage and social integration. The government's hands in the puppets of its citizens as having something like a friend of someone of different ethnicity would've gotten suspicion upon oneself and additionally, police notification. Apartheid cruelty and forcibly separated people and punished those who opposed the ruling (Anorak). There is little peace, but within that little flicker of peace, there is love. By such outrageous laws, the government puts the abuse on black South Africans - the citizens - on the back burner, limit a child's dreams and ambitions - some that could benefit the country, and attack the minor minority as interracial marriages are rare and face enough backlash as is. South Africa, the nations call onto how love and peace are not diseases that can be cured with a beating but to be identified as

the pain-reliever for the wound that is bleeding out to the world, no matter the race behind that love.

To begin, black South African citizens are being beaten under the pulse of racism and kill people's most cherished possessions, their loved ones. The Promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act, 1959 - Different racial groups had to live in different areas (Cowell). This left only a small percentage of South Africa being left for black people - comprising the majority population - to form "homelands". Additionally, removed, "black spots" in the majority white population. In District 6, Sophiatown and Lady Selborne were known for said removals to the townships outside of the towns ("Aparthied"). By pulling people out of their homes and into lands that are poor and weakened, demises the population and prolongs your citizen's suffering. Again, proceeded with the Group Areas Act, 1950 as the order of specific groups of people into areas set aside for their racial group. This was an act to divide the country and to weaken the voices of the ruling, to "improve" on the conditions of the country. Apartheid legislation is based on the notion that definable separate groups should be kept apart not to rid traditions that belong to a certain culture. To look onwards onto the population, South Africa's mixed-race population is around 2.8 million and the same size as the dominant Afrikaner group. Numbers do not lie and as blatant as it is, the government proceeds to have only black people carry passes that brand themselves for all to see: mixed-race South Africans do not need to carry passes. Now, to touch on the actions of the even more violent crimes than branding a person, the death of a person, and not in the metaphorical form. With Bren guns in hand and firing one shot right after the next, police officers shot into the crowd of protesters against this policy. Sixty-nine people - including eight women and ten children - died in wanting to end the branding of their brothers and sisters ("A History of"). These people were treated, not as voices of revolution, but as target practices for the

police - the very people designated to protect them. Looking onto this, the National Party's intention was to the main goal was to separate South Africa's white minority from the non-white majority. Additionally, to separate non-whites from each other and to divide the black South Africans along tribal lines to weaken the political power. Not only does the government indulge themselves in the constant assaults amongst their population, but this government designated each black South African as a citizen in grief-stricken lands that would put them way under the poverty line and fed them empty spoons of political rights while filling their body's up with relief of their infestation: From 1961 and 1994, more than 3.5 million people were forcibly displaced from their homes (Anorak). To put it plainly, not only did this very government stuck its head in the sand to numb the voices of the victims - citizens - but targeted the majority of the population. To treat the actual natives of this country as if they were the foreigners of the land, the government killed the people that technically belong on the land. Oddly enough, only less than 50 years ago, the world hunted down a man - branded as a villain in the eyes of many - who organized separation of people based on one aspect and slaughtered the mass of them. One of the biggest demonstrations of power and influence affects everyone, yet it seems only the lesson seems to stick with the world around South Africa. To prioritize the purity of a person based on race above the safety of a more pressing and urgent matter on one race seems too bizarre for a person to comprehend, but it seems you've perfected the art.

Children seem to be scarred under the whips of the government as if they know the way of life just barely out of the womb. The children whipped for multiple crimes are those branded as "colored". Despite their lineage, if a pencil were to remain in their hair, but fall out after a couple of shakes, one was to be brought down and lived a life of oppression (Cowell). Under the apartheid, at birth, all South Africans must be classified by race and from there can be decided

on where to live among people that look like them. Why must one person confirm themselves under the identities that are the easiest to classify? Why must one person live under the brutal label that defines their life? Defenseless children, because of their skin at birth this plays into the main ideas of racial superiority and fear. It seems that if they aren't a part of the wanted majority, they are the minority that is produced for the rest of their lives. The lives of those to be colored is to neither black nor white more privileged than blacks but less privileged than whites living in segregated life drawn from Roots that deny segregation (Cowell). The lazy label of being colored is a way to Clump together minority races they're not of. What do these labels help you do? File people's lives in a simple order? In the pictures and newspaper, one can see that many of those involved in the fighting with the police have been of mixed racial descent. The constant deaths of the will your soldiers to slaughter - child or man - incite special anger as many claims that the law is unable to define the identity so blame must be shared amongst everyone else to typify the people. Due to the lineage, one is brought up and is organized into by the social norms, being of mixed race is hard as the perception of violence, crime, drunkenness, and the easiness of drawing a knife in the community of gangs. Against the government, however, many of mixed race tend to refer to themselves as black they suffer under the apartheid and rally against the apartheid. In the government building, the work of beatings on you citizens, again and again, seems not to linger on the conscience as the government chooses to be careless. In this newfound government, it may seem as perfection, the world can see how the authorities spend more on the education of a mixed child than that of a black child which is far less than the amount spent on a white child. White children - that if it weren't for colonization, would not steal houses of innocents - are being treated like royalty rather than simply children. This government cannot allow themselves to simply allow them to rule these lands and kick and treat the nation like a dog rather than a

being like them. South Africa proceeds to allow invaders to break through the borders, take women, and then proceed to hide those moments of peace between the races. By the lack of backbone, the government hides the moments of relative peace between black and white, and in turn, attempts to paint over the grey hues of the landscape with red.

Prioritization: the order in what is the most important. For the apartheid government, their priority was to Apartheid legislation is based on the notion that definable separate groups should be kept apart not to rid traditions that belong to a certain culture. Under the apartheid, nonwhite South Africans would be forced to live in separate areas from whites and use separate facilities. A series of Land Acts separated 80% of the country's land for the white minority and the "pass laws" required the non-white to carry passes of their races to limit the cross-relations of races (Thompson). All of these actions seem to go against the beliefs of the people that these policies were governed toward. The Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act in South Africa made it a criminal offense for a marriage officer to perform an interracial marriage ceremony. As one can see, the lengths people would go to to find love are tremendous as they would go through the feared families and communities, more importantly, go against the government. Even under the apartheid law, a total of 260 people were convicted under the law in 1976. Out of the entire population of South Africa, not even a thousandth of the population was breaking the law of marrying someone of the opposite race. These acts seem outrageous as it was away, as the apartheid rule would deem it, as a way to protect the weak and poor white women from going as far as to marry a man of color. The thing is, in the years before the act, 0.3% of marriages by Europeans were to people of color and even that number was decreasing. In 1925, it had been at 0.8% but by 1930 it was 0.4% and by 1946, it was 0.2%. This act serves no other purpose other than to intend to be used as a protection of White political and social dominance by preventing

anyone to cross the line between the Europeans White standards of life with South Africa. Compared to the rest of the apartheid, this act was designed to protect the purity of the White race rather than the separation of all races - to protect the treasured minority that is treated better than the majority. Further on, mixed-race marriages were rare in South Africa before 1949 as there were less than 100 per year between 1943-1946. This act, is a pure waste of time, truly a waste of resources as the apartheid government is sending their minions to scour the streets to root out any illicit interracial relations. As said prior, during this time the population of mixed-race children was around 2.8 million. It is said that even the people that it was meant to protect were insulted by such a law as it didn't make sense that a white woman would want to marry a black man. This act is not armor, but it is a dusting sword that sits in an attic of the brain of the citizens, race classification can be easily changed, names can be changed, and by acts of hiding, the rule of anti-interracial marriage and intercourse is useless against the will of the people the apartheid government is claiming not to silence.

The ban against interracial marriages and intercourse is not just outrageous but entirely useless. For the will of the people, whether in their youth or weary from many years, remains a strong pulse under the apartheid regime. For the man who created, though may speak politics, cannot speak of the hearts and passions of the beings that suffer under the government thumb. The regime is not only shaped around the racism that many are fighting against but is the repeated anthem of the leaders that have fallen. Race should not be seen as a look or a person, but as a being that is breathing on this very ground, we all share. It would be much easier to blame the villains of the past for this very present, yet it seems the people in this government cannot look onto the history they have shared with the people they rule. Wars have been fought side-by-side with their fellow man, but they cannot imagine true happiness being shared among

their own. This regime must fail to produce justice for the black men and women fearful for not only their being, but for their feelings; for the children labeled under wrong prejudice they face for their looks, and for the love that's shared between the people who not see race, but their love.

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