

Education is Key
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Though many African Americans still face segregation and discrimination we have come a long way since the civil rights movement. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended discrimination based on race or sex. This was when African Americans and women were allotted the same rights as White males. This Act opened doors for African Americans and gave them access to education that would help them succeed in life.

Giving African Americans the right to a quality education created opportunities to take part in social, political, and economic issues in our world. Barack Obama attended Harvard University a very prestigious college. With the education he gained he was able to go on to be the first African American president, and serve two terms. This was an amazing accomplishment for all African Americans and education played a huge role in it.

Not only did education help African Americans to act on world issues and discussion but it also changed the way they were viewed in comparison to Whites. Before slavery was abolished many slaves were afraid to rebel and act out simply because of their lack of knowledge and education. They viewed the whites as superior, powerful, rich, intelligent men. This is why many slave owners forbid giving slaves and education. They feared giving them education would give them knowledge and knowledge is power.

Even though the Civil Rights Act was meant to stop discrimination many African Americans still face racism today. However they are able to use their knowledge to protest and fight for what they believe in; for example #Blacklivesmatter. This movement has taken the attention of social media users worldwide and has been able to shine a light on the racism that still exists and remind people that African Americans are not superior or inferior, but equal to other races.

In conclusion Education helped African Americans to overcome obstacles, gain power, and become influential leaders in the world today. Though not everyone agrees with African Americans being equal without having the right to education America would not be the diverse country it is today.