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Identifying Famous People/Groups

Boko Haram in Africa

Boko Haram is a terrorist militant group founded in 2002 by an enigmatic Imam named Mohammed Yusuf (BBC News). The group has a firm, fundamentalist elucidation of the Quran and believes that the founding of Nigeria by British colonialists imposed a Western and un-Islamic system on Muslim lives. In 2009, Boko Haram launched military operations to create an Islamic State (BBC News). This militant group continues to forbid Muslims from getting involved in any social/political activity linked with the Western society. Such activities include getting a secular education or participating in elections.

Huge Evans with Global citizens

Hugh Evans is the co-founder and CEO at Global Citizen and Global Poverty Project (McKinley Jr.). The vision of Global Citizen is to see a world without abject poverty by 2030. The cruel realities of spending a night in a Manila slum motivated Evans to change the status quo of abject poverty. Through Global Citizen, Evans recruits millions of people in the fight against worldwide poverty. Global Citizen organizes extensive global campaigns that have led to 87 policy announcements and commitments such as an estimated \$18.3 billion in cash commitment (McKinley Jr.).

Janet Yellen

Janet Yellen is the head of the Federal Reserve, Washington DC. In 2014, she made history by becoming the first female chair of the Federal Reserve (Forbes.com). Hellen holds a Bachelor of Arts/Science, Brown University and Doctorate from Yale University. For now, she has been making a call to raise congressional control of the Fed whilst pushing to enhance the Fed's oversight of major banks.

Eric Gardner from New York

Eric Garner is a Staten Island man who passed away following a chokehold by cops. The comptroller compensated Garner's family with \$6 million by the city due to the wrongful death claim (BBC News, 2015). This is one of the several cases involving the white cops humiliating black Americans. Eric Gardner case is highlighted in view of revealing racism in the U.S. After the deadly confrontation with cops, Staten Island was caught on a video clip, the attention on the police's chokehold lefts many questions unanswered.

Trayvon Martin

Trayvon Martin was a 17-year-old teenager from Florida, who was seriously shot by George Zimmerman, a neighbourhood watch assistant in Sanford, Florida. This event took place on February 26, 2012 (BBC News, 2015). Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder, but was declared innocent by a jury of six women. George Zimmerman disregarded the instructions from 911 not to approach "the suspicious person". Zimmerman acknowledged shooting Martin, claiming he acted in self-defense.

The Ferguson Commission Report

This report targets St. Louis residents and a deep study of the fundamental issues revealed by the August 9, 2014 happenings between Michael Brown Jr. and Darren Wilson, a

police officer (BBC News, 2015). The Ferguson Commission Report talks about racism and outlines ways toward racial equity. It took almost 10 months of extensive study, many meetings, public hearings, and around 20,000 of working hours for the commissioners plus other volunteers to compile the 198 page report. The report revealed that not all citizens are treated equally and gives recommendation for justice for all, racial equity, opportunity to succeed, and youth considerations. Moreover, the Ferguson Commission Report provides solutions and indictment to complex policies, including economics, housing, criminal justice and education.

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