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# Introduction

In order to understand the motives and the way of thinking of any group, it is very important to make sure that some sort of understanding is developed with regards to what they stand for and what are their underlying beliefs. At the same time, it is also crucial that some sort of insight is developed with regards to the belief set of these people. Coming towards the white supremacists, these are the group of people who tend to believe that the white people are superior to the other people and races (Glaser et al, 2017). Due to this superiority, they should be dominant over them (Lanzerotti et al, 2018). Coming towards the root of white supremacy, it can be seen that some of the roots of the white supremacy are witnessed in the scientific racism (Glaser et al, 2017). At the same time, the pseudoscientific arguments also play a major part in the propagation of the set of beliefs that are termed as the white supremacy (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). In this paper, it is going to be seen that what are some of the things that tend to motivate white supremacy (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017).

# Basic Interpretation of the Term

Before one goes into the minds of the white supremacists that tend to believe that they are better than other people, it is important to make sure that sort of insight is developed with regards to the mindset that these group of people tend to believe (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). It is a political ideology that perpetuates and maintains the social and political as well as the institutional domination of the other people (Glaser et al, 2017). The idea has been put forth by various people who tend to believe that just due to their skin colour, they have some other underlying superiority over the other ethnic groups and races (Glaser et al, 2017). The extreme side of the white supremacy is that is that they tend to consider other groups and races as the part of their enemy. The critical race theory and the intersectionality also plays an important part when it comes to the fact that how the concept behind the white supremacy is supposed to be understood. Now some context is developed, it is going to be seen what some of the motivations of these set of people are (Glaser et al, 2017).

# Research Question

The basic question that the paper seeks to answer is that what are some of the underlying motivations of the people that are called white supremacists and what are some of the things that tend to make their cause valuable for them (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017).

# Research Methodology

During the course of this research, it is going to be seen what the sense of purpose of these people who is are being termed as the white supremacists (Glaser et al, 2017). The key thing that has to be kept in mind in this regard is that how the research is going to pan out and what is the structure that the research is going to be following (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). As there is hosts of literature that is already available on the given subject, what is going to be done during the course of this research is that the rationale behind the hate is going to be seen in the context of the political theory (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). The political theories are going to give good insight about what are some of the motivations of these people. At the same time, the other thing that is going to be done during the course of the research is that it would be seen that how the how the existing literature has looked at the issue. What is the current research that has happened in this regard (Lanzerotti et al, 2018)? The current and past literature is going to provide a good perspective when it comes to understanding the underlying motivation of these people (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). The secondary data is going to be used during the course of this information and corresponding literature review (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). Now some clarity of purpose is being developed with regards to how the research is going to be proceed, in the next section, the already existing literature with regards to the subject is going to be reviewed (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# Literature Review

In this day and age, most of the people might have assumed that the concepts that are as radical as white supremacy are going to be obsolete due to the fact that here is so much focus on the racial equality and diversity at the workplace (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). It is not the case though as there are large number of people who still tend to believe that the white supremacy is something that still holds relevance and these people tend to practice their belief with full force even today (George & Wilcox, 2016). The recent research has suggested that the point of view and the presence of the white supremacists is becoming louder and louder with the passage of time (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). The presence of the social media has given these groups a new outlet where they can come out and discuss and propagate their hate monger at the broader group of people (Sutton & Wright, 2018). The impact that social media has on their presence can be measured by the fact that how 25,000 of the people have signed their allegiance of how they are going to be making sure that they would take care of the white supremacy (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# Primary Motive Behind the Concept of white supremacy

The main question remains that what are some of the underlying reasons for their hate monger and what are the primary reasons that they tend to have developed strong hostility towards other racial groups (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). It can be seen that the tendency towards the aggression and the dark triad personality traits play an important part when it comes to making sure that people tend to be able to identify with the movement that is as radical as this one (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). Looking father closely at the mental makeup of these people (George & Wilcox, 2016), it can be seen that how the people who are suffering from narcissism are the ones that tend to suffer the most from these ailments at the given point of time. Narcissism as a matter of fact plays an important part when one talks about the set of beliefs that are propagated by these people at the given point of time (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). The other important aspect that plays a role in the sense of hatred towards some of the other nations is that how they have strong sense of belonging towards their racial sensibilities (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# Lack Of Rationality And Logic In White Supremacy

The key thing that has to be noted when one talks about the behaviour aspect of the white supremacists it that there is no underlying theory or perspective that is needed to be kept in mind when one looks at the plight and the issues of the white supremacists (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). There are no strong set of rationales or logic that one might be expected to follow when one is looking at the cases and the plight of the white supremacists (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). Looking at all the other radical belief systems across the world, one thing tend to stay consistent is that how there is drive among people to make sure that they are fighting and advocating for the rights of the white people despite the fact that it is one of the racial groups that is least likely to face any type of racial profiling or abuse at any given point of time (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# Political Grievances

As there is a change in the global policy making and effort is being made to make sure that the more inclusive world is being created, there are many political grievances that one can get to see from the sight of these people (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). One of the key thing that is being talked about by these people is that how they are facing abuse and the policy making that is being carried out these days is such that it is not allowing them to make sure that their rights are being taken care off (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). There is sense of alienation among the white supremacists at the moment despite the fact that globally effort is being made to create a culture that promotes equality among all the people at the given point of time (George & Wilcox, 2016). One area in which there is particular anger that is being exhibited by the white supremacists is that how the affirmative action policies that are being carried out these days (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). The main thing that is needed to be taken care off by the white supremacists is that they need to make sure that they are looking after the affirmative action policies that are witnessed these days (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# Affirmative Action And White Supremacy

There are many underlying arguments that are carried out among the people who tend to practice the ideology of the white supremacy (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). The basic argument is that how the idea of the cultural diversity is something that is bound to rob them of their rightful place (George & Wilcox, 2016). The idea on their part is that as the white supremacy is such a powerful concept, the people who tend to practice must be given higher pedestal as far as the way they are supposed to be treated other people at the given point of time (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). The point of view that is presented in this regard is that how they tend to feel alienated in the current system where equality and the diversity is talked about at a greater level (Sutton & Wright, 2018). When they see that how the people from the other races are getting up and taking up their rightful place, the thinking on the part of the white supremacists is that how they tend to get there (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# White Supremacy And Christian Identity

Christian identity is one of the other things that is quite closely linked with the concept of the white supremacy (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). There are many people that tend to reject the notion that how the white supremacy is supposed to be related with the Christian identity (Sutton & Wright, 2018). The assertion though is made that how there are white supremacists bodies that still tend to feel that how the Christianity as a religion is something that can actually be understood and practices by the white supremacists in a better manner (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). They have this twisted belief that the religion was actually the one that was for the white people and how it is the race of the people that is supposed to make sure that they tend to take the Christian mindset to the other level (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). There are many white supremacists who are having this belief that the other races other than the white are mud races and the religion also tends to seem to talk about the same thing (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). This is not only witnessed among the Christian people, there are some other radical groups that tend to believe the same thing (Sutton & Wright, 2018).

# Emergence Of The White Supremacists In Today’s World

Interestingly, in most parts of the world, the selection of the nationalists has made sure that the concept of the white supremacists and the other such radical concepts are going to be gaining momentum (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). The core idea of the nationalist ideology is that how the nation is supposed to be better than everyone else and how one should be making sure that they must be working towards the right cause. In this regard, the selection of Donald Trump is considered to be an important moment in terms of the re-emergence of the radical mindset of the white supremacists (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). During the course of his election, there were many instances when it was seen that how conscious effort was being made by Trump (Adams & Roscigno, 2015). The interesting thing that has to be kept in mind during the course of the whole process is that how during his election campaign, he himself propagated the concept (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). This emergence at the office goes to show that there are still people who tend to have a belief over this ideology and the idea on their part is that how they can use the presence of Dundalk Trump as a major outlet as far as the way they can propagate their ideology at the moment (Price et al, 2017). Already there are enough signs that seem to show at the moment that effort is needed to be carried out to make sure that the element of control is witnessed in this regard (Adams & Roscigno, 2015).

# Conclusion

In the hindsight, it can be said that the white supremacy is the concept that still has its takers across the world (George & Wilcox, 2016). If one looks at the underlying motivation of the people who tend to practice this belief, the key thing that can be seen here is that how radicalization and nationalism is one of the core reasons behind the apparent increase in the nationalist agenda that one gets to see these days (George & Wilcox, 2016). The other major issue that has to be the religious sensibility that white supremacists have developed these days (George & Wilcox, 2016). The thinking on their part is that how they are working in the manner that they use the religious sentiments and ideologies (George & Wilcox, 2016). The need of the moment is to understand the underlying motivations of the white supremacists and effort has to be made to ensure that the radical sentiments of these people are kept in check (Derman-Sparks & Ramsey, 2017). The nationalist governments that one gets to see these days are likely to use this situation for their advantage (George & Wilcox, 2016).

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