

Our youth needs to understand the racist history in this country and this state. It's important to address the historical racism and discriminatory act towards marginalized groups including black/African Americans, Latinos, Hispanics, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans/Indigenous People. There is no doubt that racism still exists in the state of Oregon, so there needs to be a platform where every individual learns historical content and encourage them to talk about it rather than silencing it. Silencing the conversation about racist history in this country perpetuates white supremacy and it does not serve any justice for our BIPOC youths. White students need to see the reality of racism throughout history and how it continues to occur today, so then they can be an ally for their fellow BIPOC peers. White students can reevaluate their bias and beliefs on how they see racism and learn to stand up for their BIPOC peers.