

The plan for my research is to increase the discussion and interest around the area of historical education and how it is in an urgent need to diversify and adapt to the student demographic. History classes tend to focus on either a very Eurocentric view of historical events (take for example World War II) or an overly ethnocentric, nationalistic view that lacks the emphasis on foreign cultures or minorities within the country. Throughout the paper, it is my wish that through a diversified history curriculum, the ignorance of other cultures and negative of minorities that have contributed to societies can be reduced.

The reason why I chose this question is because of my interest in history. It has been a driving factor for me to focus my university thesis on a synthesis of product design and history (a VR experience for genetic test kit users that wish to interact with their ancestors) and starting a YouTube channel where I attempt to teach the histories of different countries in an entertaining way. And it is through my experience with a lacking historical education in elementary and secondary education that led me to writing this topic.

In terms of its connection with my work or my academic career, I certainly believe that it will impact my choices in approaching the field of history in the long run. Perhaps whenever I create content focusing on Western nations that have engaged in colonialism, an emphasis should be made on the interactions between the Europeans and other ethnicities, and not merely see them as conquered subjects that should be pitied but being part of the larger history of the colonial nation and how they have played a part in impacting the course of said country.

I think the fields that I will look into are definitely historians and academia, since they have the most experience with tackling the issue of diversity in their field. But with the articles that I have chosen for my references, there are some researchers that have shown that journalists specializing in ethnic minority education play a huge role in providing useful information as well.