

a) Equality and difference.

Social class, ethnicity and prejudice affect the power and authority of the Australian Aboriginals in the Australian society in many ways.

The ~~history~~ Australian Aboriginals have been affected by issues of social class ethnicity and prejudice since the beginning of white settlement in Australia.

During the time when white settlement began in Australia, the English brought along with them racial and discriminatory views. This unfortunately affected the native people of Australia. Even all those years ago the Australian Aboriginals had little power and authority over their land even though they were the natives of Australia. This has continued through to today, however there have been some positive changes through ~~reconciliation~~ reconciliation and

Mabo ~~was~~ which has allowed the Aboriginals more power and authority in Australia.

Today the Australian Aboriginals are the most disadvantaged group in Australia. They are disadvantaged in all aspects of health, housing, employment and education.

Being the most disadvantaged group in Australia, social class and prejudice views are found by the non-Aboriginal society. This in turn ~~also~~ affects the power and authority the Aboriginals have in our country. The lower social class an individual has the less power and authority the individual has. A good example of this is the suffering of the Australian Aboriginals. Today these racial views some non-Aboriginal people may have due to the portrayal of the Aboriginals in the media. The media overdramatises images of drunk Aboriginals

leading the Non-Aboriginal community to believe that All Aborigines are Drunks. The White community believes this as we are unravable to the over dramatisation and gossip the media brings us.

The Idea that all Aborigines are drunks is not true, compared with the rest of the community Aborigines do not drink at all, however the small percentage that do tend to be high consumers of ~~the~~ Alcohol.

This is where ethnicity and prejudice affect the power and authority of the Aborigines

Today the prejudice people hold over Aborigines is changing. Reconciliation being an important aspect of 2001 federation is an example of the changing attitudes people in power such as the government must put in place in order to change the nature of equality and difference in

our society.

Social class, ethnicity and prejudice do effect the Australian Aborigines in that they are the most disadvantaged group in Australia. This in turn affects the power and authority the Aborigines possess which is of little in our ~~own~~ country.