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WHO ARE THE UYGHURS?

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The Uyghurs are a Turkish ethnic group native to Xinjiang, they are the second largest predominantly Muslim ethnic group in China. Over 1 million of the Uyghurs have been detained into what the Chinese government have deemed “re-education camps”.

In these “re-education camps” Uyghur people have been subjected to physical, psychological and sexual abuse and many former ‘inmates’ have stated that they were tortured while in the camp. Many governments, including the United States, have

WHO ARE THE UYGHURS AND WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM? INTERNATIONAL NEWS

This month’s sixth form voice exposes the “re-education” Government camps in China designed to detain the Uyghur people.

WHAT IS FEMINISM AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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accused China of genocide and by the reports from people who have suffered through these camps, that is exactly what they have committed.

The Chinese government responded to these accusations by saying that these camps are simply aiming to combat separatism (the separation of one ethnic/religious group from the majority group) and Islamic terrorism. Now the use of separatism as a defence seems to be China admitting that they see the Uyghurs as a threat and the claims of Islamic terrorism seems to be why.

Since February 1997 there have been seven instances of terror attacks in Xinjiang where it has been confirmed that the perpetrators were of the Uyghur community. From these seven attacks the death toll has amounted to 150, which includes the actual perpetrators. Overall, the number of people killed in Xinjiang by Uyghur people amounts to 0.00058% of the region's population. So, for the 150 people that have been killed the Chinese government thinks it is justifiable to detain 1 million Uyghurs? People who have managed to escape these "re-education" camps have reported: torture, forced sterilisation and contraception, attempted brainwashing, forced labour, medical experiments, organised mass rape and sexual torture. Even outside of the camps China performs regular pregnancy checks on hundreds of thousands of minority women and the birth rate of ethnic minorities began to fall in 2015. China is actively seeking to rid the country of ethnic minorities, tell me haven't we seen this before somewhere else? It's all sounding awfully familiar...

China is committing a genocide against the Uyghur community.

Despite the similarities to the war crimes that Russia has already committed, people seem to be burying their heads in the sand when it comes to the mass detention and torture of Uyghurs alongside the figures of people who have been detained there are notable amounts of Uyghurs in positions of power and academia that have 'disappeared'. It could be the nature of the Chinese unitarian government, and it could, heavily, be because of stereotypes that are held against Muslim people. So many people, groups and countries hold prejudice against Muslims and many of them are automatically branded as terrorists.

We aren't seeing even half of the support for the Uyghurs as the support for Ukraine in their struggle against Russia. My question is, why do we pick and choose which issues to campaign for?

The media is failing the Uyghur community.

We have failed them.

What's on at JCSC?

Environmental Club

*Wednesday Lunchtimes in
Room 33*

Running Club

*Tuesdays after school 3:10-
4:15*

Chess Club

*In the Library during
Lunchtimes*

The History of Feminism – What it is and why it should be important to YOU

BY Alex Beal, Neave Walker and Martha

Reynolds

Feminism is the belief that all sexes and genders should be equal, and that no discrimination should occur on basis of the two factors. The system of belief has mainly sprouted from patriarchal societies, where men are the ruling class while women are disallowed or discouraged from ruling or being in power.

An example of this would be most western societies, where women were seen as 'property' to the fathers at the start of their life, then their husbands, and if their husbands were to die, to their sons. Though, this isn't the case for every society, such as the Minangkabau people of Indonesia, a matriarchal society, a society led by women.

Feminism has been a practice for thousands of years, recorded first in the 5th century BCE by the Greek philosopher Plato, who argued that women should be totally political and sexually equal to men, and that they should be in the highest, ruling class. Feminism before the 19th Century is named 'Protofeminism'.

Not only shown by Plato, other Greco-Roman philosophers believed in the equality of sexes. The philosopher Gaius Musonius Rufus argued that if men felt an inclination to study philosophy, then should women not feel the same, and be allowed to do so?

Another documented record of protofeminism was in the 12th century, when Islamic scholar Ibn Arabi stated that women were just as capable of priesthood as men, though men were more favoured to be prophets. There were various other scholars, mystics and philosophers of the Islamic world to argue that women were able to study the religion as well as men could.

During the middle ages, specifically in Europe, women were seen as weaker, both intellectually and physically, by most people. They tied this to the Catholic and Christian theology of Eve's sin of eating the forbidden fruit, which 'weakened' her.

These beliefs stayed the same for the next few centuries, though the voices of women became more heard and education of women advanced, albeit slowly. Feminism still remained mainly primitive within this time.

Feminism transitioned from post-feminism in the late 19th century, the start of the 'First Wave' of feminism being attributed to the Seneca Falls convention in the 1848 held by two of the first feminists. Another event in 1850, the first National Women's Rights convention, a much more popular event, helped gain traction to the feminist cause.

This wave of feminism brought the vote to women (though mostly white women as it remained difficult for those of colour to vote). It also brought more educational rights and equality rights, though full equity still didn't exist.

Second-wave feminism (1960s-1990s) focused on broadening the voting, educational and equality rights. It brought in recognition of domestic violence, marital rape, abortion rights and ensuring birth control was readily available for all women.

The third wave was within the 1990s to the 2010s. This wave was heavily associated with the uprising of riot grrrl punk movement and the televised testimony of Anita Hill against the US Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, accusing him of sexual assault. Within the 1990s, women such as Madeleine Albright (First woman Secretary of State) and Janet Reno (First woman attorney general) rose to positions of prominence within the United States government.

The third wave is associated with asserting women as people who can hold power, and as powerful in general, not to be seen as 'weak'. It further brought forth general equality rights, as well as reproductive rights.

Fourth-Wave feminism is the current wave of feminism, credited to rising in 2012. It focuses on the empowerment of women, the pay gap, equality of opportunity, though not only focuses on women. The wave also focuses on toxic masculinity (an idea of 'manliness' and if a man does not adhere by it, they are not a 'real man'). The wave is ongoing.

With all of this history, why is it important to still be a feminist? Well, despite the fight for rights, mainly over the past 200 years, women's rights and our Human rights as a whole remain attacked. Recently, many states of the US have made strict guidelines against abortion. An example, recent news suggests that the case Roe v. Wade of 1973 may be overturned. This court case, Roe v. Wade, disallowed states to make abortion illegal, only to allow them to add guidelines to the practice.

If the court case of Roe v. Wade is overturned by the courts, this will allow US states to make it so that abortion is illegal in that state. This would be a serious attack on the millions of people who have fought for reproductive rights and abortion rights over the past 70 or so years.

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CONSPIRACY CORNER

By **BETHANY WILSON**

For decades, some people have theorised that there is more to the Princess' death than meets the eye...

The assassination theory...

Once this theory was first presented in the daily 'express' newspaper, metropolitan police launched Operation paget to determine if the theories had any truth. They eventually examined 175 theories. The first theory is that the driver, Henri Paul, was paid by security forces of either France (the place the death took place) or the UK (of which she had divorced one of the princes) to crash the car on purpose. This comes from reports that Paul seemingly had much more money than what was estimated via his salary. During the crash, he also had a significant amount of cash on him at the time of his death. The physical evidence, however, points to recklessness, not malice. The day after the crash, French authorities revealed that Paul's blood-alcohol level was three times the legal limit, implying that drunk driving was the cause of the crash. Theorists argue that Paul's body was swapped out with a drunk person to give the crash some cover. People also point to reports that no one saw Paul 'acting drunk' despite the alcohol in his system.

The second theory is that Diana was killed by the British state because she was supposedly pregnant with her partner, Al-Fayed's, child. This theory is spearheaded by Al-Fayed's father Mohamed, who in 2008, told the British Royal courts of justice why he was convinced of the narrative. Mohamed argued that the royal family would never accept that his son, an Egyptian muslim, possibly being the step-father of the eventual king of England,

and thus plotted to kill Diana and therefore the alleged half-sibling to the princes. Casting doubt on this theory is that Diana was not pregnant. Her postmortem examination and further tests all concluded she was not pregnant.

A third theory surrounding the princesses' death is that her medical care was sabotaged. The theory took root after reports came out stating that Diana was treated at scene by emergency crews before being taken to hospital. Had she been taken before treatment began, theorists argue, perhaps she would have survived. This theory is rooted in differences in French and UK emergency protocols, as the UK prioritises getting injured victims to hospital, French emergency crews are trained to treat people on sight before going to the hospital. This theory would also require a lot of expert doctors and caregivers to break their ethical vows, as well as lie about doing so. Most doctors agree that Diana would have died either way from her injuries.



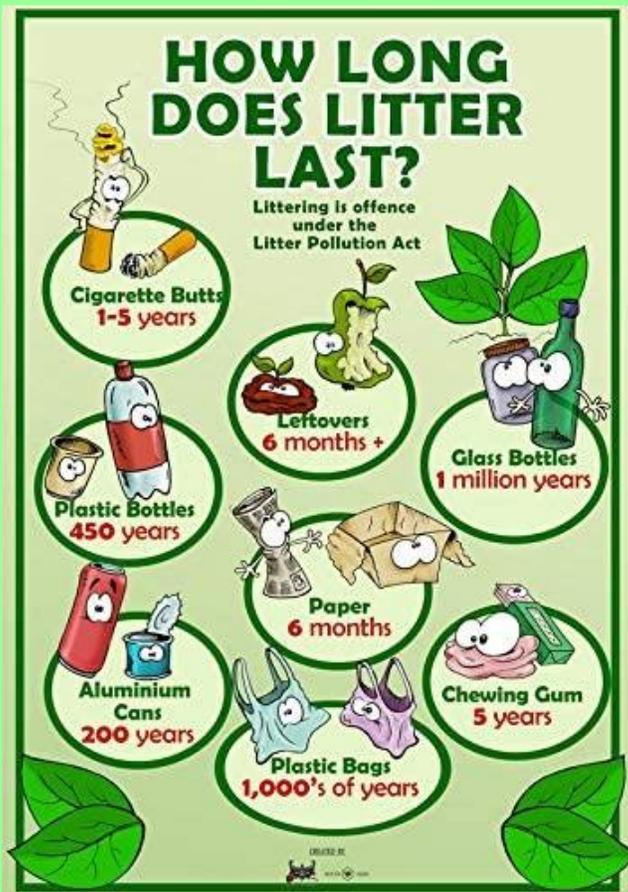
SPOTLIGHT ON: ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Wednesday Lunchtimes in Room 33 (see Mrs Charnley, Miss Chapman or Mr Knight for more info!)

A message from the Environmental Club:

Did you know the following facts about litter?

Please help to keep the school tidy by helping to dispose of litter.



CREATIVE WRITING: Enjoy a monthly installment of original creative writing by Pheonix Morrison

Well, it was a relatively normal scene. Upon closer examination of the boy, you could see a small pocket knife in its small container connected to his belt, or how his several steel rings had a faint tinge of red or even how there was a discarded cape next to him, with blotches of what could only be assumed to be blood. Now, was this boy a murderer? No. Rather an assassin with strong morals. Now, that likely makes no sense, to a human or any mortal really. This young man was the God of Death's son, Satan's nephew. This young man didn't just show up to a mortal plain without a reason; however, he held one purpose in the land of Edron. His sole purpose was to murder those on his singular piece of parchment. This parchment was full of names and several descriptions of different people, young and old or elven or dragon-born even those who were not entirely mortal themselves were on this list. This parchment was quite short though, just short enough to be folded and put into his back-right pocket. The names never appeared to stay the same however, once Azrail had taken the life of someone on that list their name would be crossed out in their blood and then the name just vanished. Soon after, a new name replaces the old name. The list has not appeared to stop yet, and Azrail's father refuses to tell him how much longer he needs to keep doing it. By now though, he was beginning to grow impatient, he just wanted to finish this as soon as possible and go home.

