EXAMINING THE LEVEL OF DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN LOCAL AND FOREIGN UNDERGRADUATES IN MALAYSIA PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

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ABSTRACT

For the past five decades, many humanitarian have been fighting the un-social treatment of an individual or group of people by another just because they differ in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, colour, age, religion and nationality, for instance the likes of Martin Luther King Jr and Nelson Mandela. One would say it’s a shame that even though today discrimination is not as fierce as then we find ourselves still fighting. Discrimination can be a taunting factor in one’s upbringing and it can harm one to develop on true grounds of his/her being. It might hinder a person from developing communication skills and might interrupt the learning process. This research was designed as a quantitative research paper which aims to determine the level of discrimination among local and foreign students in Malaysia Private University. Four different levels of discrimination which are antilocution, avoidance, direct discrimination and physical assault were used to determine the level of discrimination among local and foreign students. 200 participants (100 Locals and 100 Foreigners) were engaged through purposive sampling method. A self-report questionnaire was used as the tool to gather participants’ information and it contained 25 items and used five Likert scale. All the four research questions were answered, according to the four levels of discrimination which showed that discrimination does exist between local and foreign students. This research gives the society knowledge and awareness about discrimination, hence assisting the society to live in a better world.

Key words: discrimination, level, local and foreign students, antilocution, avoidance, direct discrimination, physical assault.