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1 INTRODUCTION IN 1776, THOMAS JEFFERSON QUOTED THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. This is considered as one of the most significant phrases in the American revolutionary (Mendible, 2016). **2 HE UTILIZED THIS PHRASE DURING THE U.S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH HE PENNED IN 1776.** Thereafter, this quote has been highly used by substantial figures in America politics and social life. **3 THE QUOTE ORIGINATED WHEN THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS CHOSE A COMMITTEE OF FIVE TO WRITE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.** The five chose Thomas Jefferson to write the declaration. As a result, he drafted the quote. The quote was meant to mean freedom for all humanity regardless of gender, color, race and religion. On the other hand, American

exceptionalism is translated as the notion that American history is totally different from other nations. The emergence of this terminology is dated from American Revolution. Political scientist Seymour Lipset labeled it as the first new nation. Later, he developed the American ideology “Americanism” which was based on liberty, egalitarianism, individualism, republicanism, democracy and Laissez-faire economics. **4 THIS IDEA IS THE AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM.** Also, Abraham Lincoln stated that the US has an exclusive mission to ensure that the Americans have the duty to ensure the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth. This paper will seek to resolve the apparent conflict between the concept of Thomas Jefferson and American exceptionalism.

Content analysis The two concepts are contrasting. This is because Jefferson sentiments aimed at liberating the Americans from the colonialist. He acknowledged that every member of the society ought to be treated fairly with equal opportunity. Nevertheless, this has not been achieved in the US. For example, the total net worth of Americans whites’ families is overwhelmingly higher compared to the blacks’ families’ net worth. Only 1 percent of black-Americans are worth above \$1.4 million. At the same time, 9% of the whites are worth such amount. Again, only 9% of the blacks who are worth over \$360,000 compared to 28% of the white families worth that amount. The huge gap in the net worth between Americans families and the black families depict the level of inequality in the American society. The main causes of this the inequality is lack of equal opportunities due to race (Eko, 2013).

In addition, Jefferson’s sentiments have not achieved its manifest function. This is because if all men are to be treated equal the difference margin of the whites’ family above \$1.4 million should have a small difference or should be at par. This depicts the inequality in country. On the other hand, the American exceptionalism should not be embraced. This is because the concept does not integrate the values of all men are created equal (Mendible, 2016,). The American exceptionalism disregard other nations, tribes, races and countries as it depict America and Americans as superior than other. Additionally, this concept encourages the spread of vices such as racial

segregation, and the unequal opportunity to other. In other words, no country or race that is inferior. It's worth noting that prolonged encouraging such vices can results to a civil war. As a result, we should accept and implement Thomas Jefferson words (Eko, 2013).

2 CONCLUSION THOMAS UTILIZED THIS PHRASE DURING THE U.S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH HE PENNED IN 1776.

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