

Dorothy West's Views on Social Stratification of African Americans in the United States of America

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Abstract

The research of journals, works of Dorothy West and other authors, letters, narratives, and inventories reveal some interesting facts about social stratification of African Americans in the United States of America. Presence of Africans in the United States for a long period, almost for more than three centuries caused them to have different odd experiences, ups and downs in their real life. They are stratified according to their race, class and economic status and Dorothy West critically expressed her views on their stay in the United States. She is being a prolific writer remembered for her sharp observations of economic, social, class and racial issues within and outside of African American community. She was active in the Harlem renaissance movement as a teenager and was the last surviving member of the period and was a perfect partner in writing with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis wife of former president of United States of America John F. Kennedy. Dorothy West highlighted inter racial marriages, biological relationships among the black and the white, social and economic growth of African Americans. There is a talk about civil rights movement, abolitionists, and institution of the church and how the church helped the black to have close association with the white.

Key words: *social, stratification, class, economic, abolitionists, biological relationship, the church*

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