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## RACIAL FORMATION

**racial formation:** race is a social convention that various political forces — progressive and reactionary — try to interpret to their own advantage.

Race becomes a central feature of who we are.

racial ideology — a **system** of racial meanings and stereotypes are a permanent feature of US culture.

Race emerges as a form of inequality through past political struggles establishing and contesting white dominance.

Race is treated as immutable — something rooted in “nature.”

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