

Business Matters

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Adams 310

Previously . . .

White Fragility (Jada and Sophia)

 $\mbox{DEFINITION:}\ discomfort and defensiveness on the part of a white person when confronted by information about racial inequality and injustice.$

strategy of reinforcing white supremacy (sociology of dominance): an outcome of white people's socialization into white supremacy as a means to protect, maintain, and produce white supremacy.

White Fragility as a means of "policing racism"

What role do white allies play in policing racism?

Whites speaking to other whites offer an effective strategy for these concerns being heard.

That may come at the expense of silencing people of color in various situations — context matters (the solution might be providing a space to amplify the voices of people of color).

Previously ...

Allyship is not speaking for people — opening the discussion and facilitating the transition to talk about race.

White Women's Tears — a rhetorical/performative strategy to deflect attention from the serious issues (usually to draw attention to themselves).

Kendall Jenner's Pepsi commerical



Today

Racialization

Racialization over history

Islamophobia and racialization

Racialization and Citizenship

Racialization

DEFINITION: the formation of new racial identity in which ideological boundaries of difference are drawn around a formerly stigmatized group of people.

from Omi and Winant (racial formation) — race is a process, created and shaped over time.

Some groups become racialized, while others do not.

Some groups may find themselves racialized at one period, and decracialized in another.

Racialization

Groups become racialized not because of some inherent characteristic, but because of their position within the racial hierarchy.

Immigrant groups come from nations where race does not mean what it does in the United States, but they find themselves to be thought of in "racial" terms once they enter the country.

Arising out of their "low" status in the social and economic structure of a society.

e.g. Irish Americans in the 1840s

e.g. Eastern Europeans in the early 20th Century

Racialization

Racialization can often occur during intense movements of nativism by the dominant group.

nativism: dominant groups begin to favor policies that favor the interests of those already here.

Racialization

Groups previously designated as people of color may become "whitened" by gains in social and economic status (upward mobility).

"Asian" a racial shorthand that homogenizes peoples from China, Japan, Korea, India, Nepal, Bangledesh, Burma, Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, the Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Asians considered a "model minority" as early as the 19th Century $% \left({{{\mathbf{x}}_{i}}} \right)$

Asians, compared to blacks, were "more obedient and industrious than the negro, works as well without an overseer, and at the same time are more cleanly in their habits."

Revived in the 1960s, post-Civil Rights

Peterson: "By any criterion of citizenship that we choose, the Japanese Americans are better than any group in our society, including native-born whites."

Under what circumstances are Muslims "racialized" today?

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Executive Order 13769

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Executive Order 13769 (a.k.a. Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States; a.k.a. The Muslim Ban)

What do we mean by "legal" or "illegal status"?

Anti-immigrant sentiment and anti-immigrant policies informs racialized perceptions of who can be claimed as citizens and who cannot.

Latinx are often stereotyped as "undocumented" regardless of their legal status, while Black/Asian immigrants are not necessarily stereotyped.