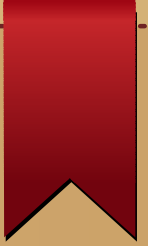


Chapter Eight – Race & Ethnicity

November 21, 2016



What do we know about race & ethnicity?

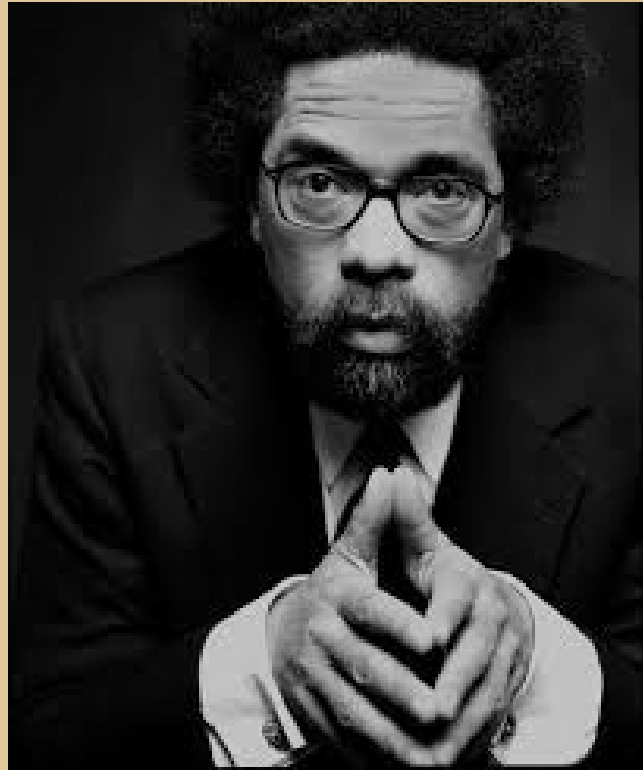


- Race is . . .

- Race isn't . . .



Social Construct vs. Social Fact



Cornel West

“Categories are constructed. Scars and bruises are felt with human bodies, some of which end up in coffins.

Death is not a construct.”

Things correlated with race

- Class
- Wealth & Income
- Employment opportunities
- Housing
- Criminal justice
 - Traffic stops → death penalty
 - WI: highest rate of black male incarceration

Things correlated with race

- **Health outcomes**

- High blood pressure
- Quality of healthcare
 - Cancer, heart disease, HIV, measures of mental health
- Medical interventions, including limb amputation
- Psychological distress
- “compromised immunity”
 - History of physical disease
 - Frequency of common cold

This is why race and stratified power matter!

Ethnicity

Symbolic Ethnicity

when is it convenient to be claim ethnicity?

Situational Ethnicity

white ethnics! Optional ethnicity

Middle of March? Oh Yeah!!



Big Irish Election? Meh.

Optional Ethnicity



What do the theories say?

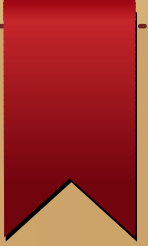
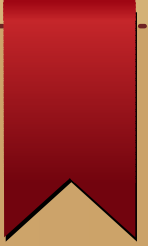


Table 8.1 Theory in Everyday Life

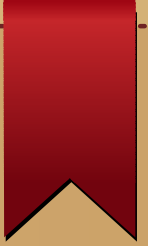
Perspective	Approach to Race and Ethnicity	Case Study: Racial Inequality
Structural Functionalism	Racial and ethnic differences are a necessary part of society. Even racial inequality has functions that help maintain social order.	The functions of racial inequality and conflict for society could include the creation of social cohesion within both the dominant and minority groups.
Conflict Theory	Racial and ethnic differences create intergroup conflict; minority and majority groups have different interests and may find themselves at odds as they attempt to secure and protect their interests.	Some members of majority groups (whites and men in particular) object to affirmative action programs that assist underrepresented groups. This can create conflict among racial groups in society.
Symbolic Interactionism	Race and ethnicity are part of our identity as displayed through our presentation of self.	Some individuals (white ethnics and light-skinned nonwhites in particular) have the option to conceal their race or ethnicity in situations where it might be advantageous to do so. This may allow them as individuals to escape the effects of racial inequality but does not erase it from society at large.



Insider / Outsider Activity



Break!



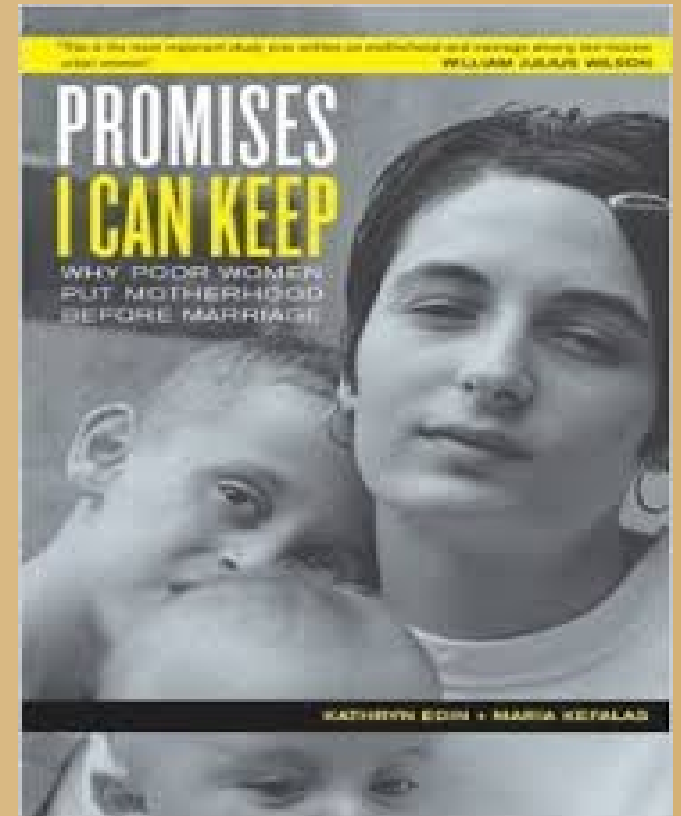
Miscegenation / Race-Mixing

- Why was this targeted or fixated upon in the antebellum South and under Jim Crow?
- Loving v. Virginia (1967)
- Outlawed under Apartheid in South Africa, too!
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRXuCY7tRgk>

Disparities

See pg. 230

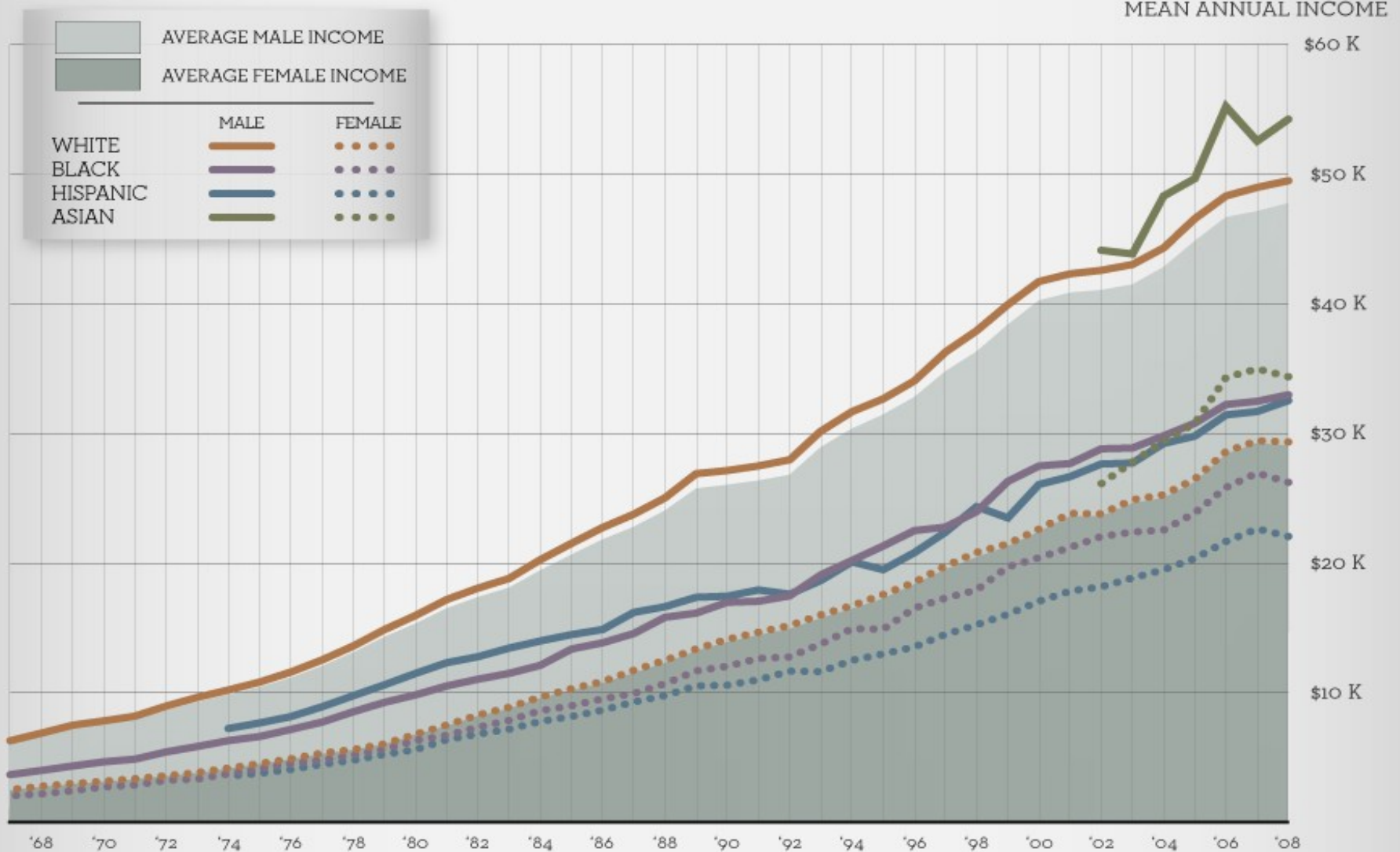
- Health
- Income
- Education
- Values? No.



THE US INCOME GAP

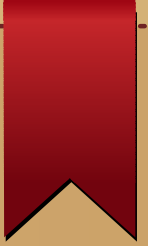


A LOOK AT THE EVOLUTION OF MEAN INCOME BY GENDER AND RACE IN THE UNITED STATES OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS REVEALS SOME INTERESTING INSIGHTS INTO THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE.



*DATA FOR HISPANICS BEGINS IN 1974. // DATA FOR ASIANS BEGINS IN 2002. // SOURCE: UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU.

Why the disparities matter



- Surviving Year One
- <http://www.pbs.org/video/2365368368/>



Assimilation vs. Pluralism



Does this work?



Racial vs. Cultural
Assimilation

What affects assimilation?

1. Manner of Entrance
2. Timing of Entrance
3. Demographic Factors
4. Cultural Similarity
5. Visibility

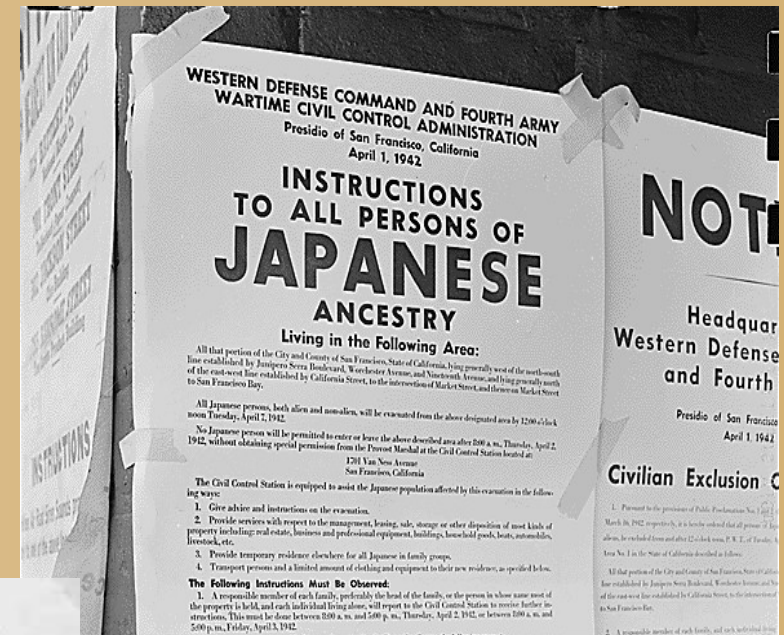
Challenges to Pluralism



Multiculturalism and Preserving One's Culture is Huge
Protective effects, too

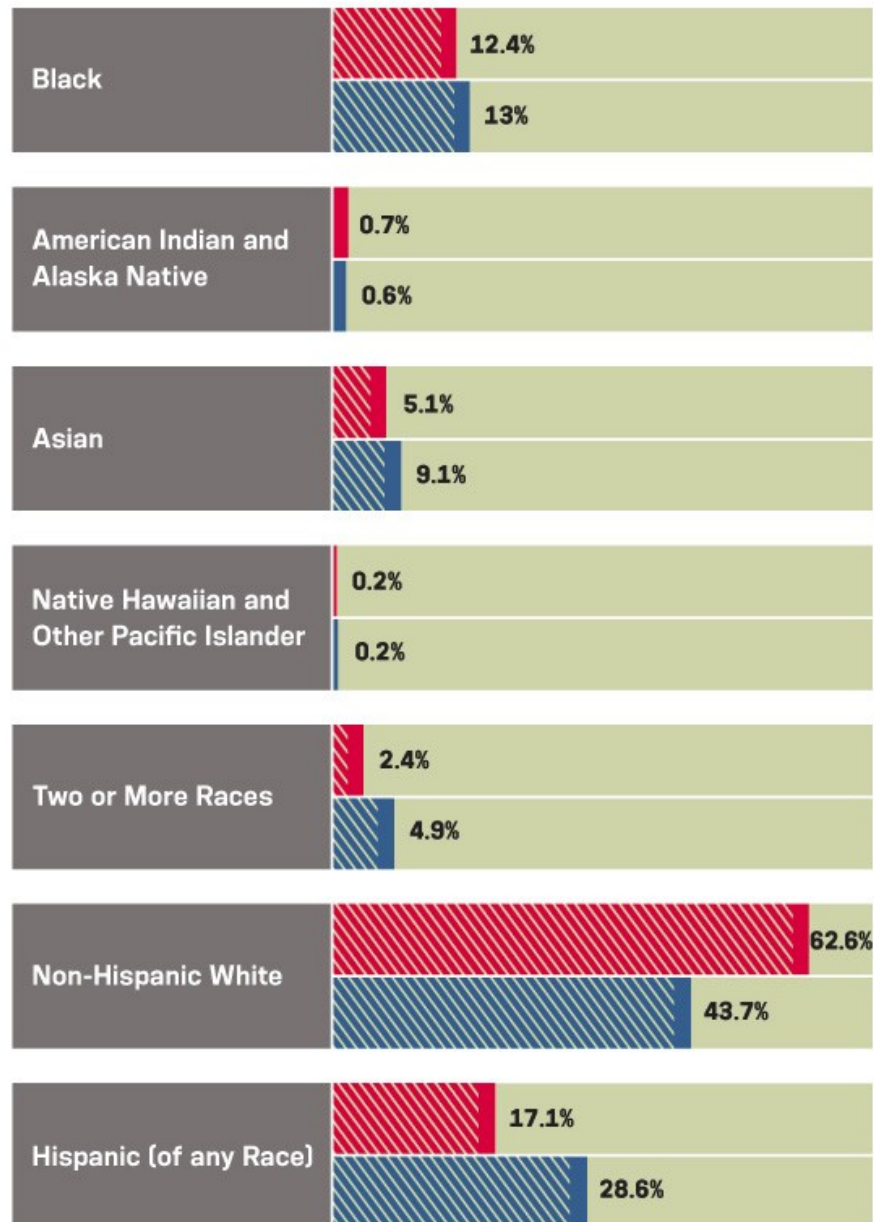
Genocide and Population Transfer

- Internment Camps
- Holocaust
- Rwandan Genocide
- Trail of Tears



U.S. Population by Race in 2060

Percent of total population | 2013 2060



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau 2012, "U.S. Census Bureau Projections Show a Slower Growing, Older, More Diverse Nation a Half Century from Now"

More Changes Coming

- How do you think America will adapt to our evolving demographics?

For Next Week

- Read Real World Ch 9: Gender & Sexuality
 - Take Ch 9 Quiz by class time
- Read Gang Leader for a Day ch 5-6
 - Take Reading Quiz by class time
- Paper 2 is due Wednesday November 30th

Happy Thanksgiving!

