

RACISM: Advantage To The Subordinator

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The benefits to whites provided by racism is three-fold-economic, political, and psychological. In fact, overt racism persists because it yields advantages to the group doing the subordinating. Any successful efforts to reduce or eliminate racism also imposes a cost on those who now enjoy the benefits.

Overt racism and institutional subordination support many economic benefits to whites. Job discrimination on the basis of color leads to the reduction of competition for opportunities in the job market.

Economic exploitation also manifests itself in lower wages, higher prices, higher rents, less desirable credit terms, and poor working and living conditions. These financial prejudices further operate to segregate groups into geographical areas that also become a recipient target for racism.

The political advantages result in a disproportionate share of the control in government, manipulation of non-white voters serves to set up government structures, such as wards or counties, to maintain exclusive white control. This prevents non-whites from electing representatives that are sensitive to their needs. Decisions made by government administrators exclude minorities from equitable shares in contracts, jobs, and other disbursements.

There also exists voter refusal to support a superior candidate if not a member of the same race. This tradition is based solely on color, race or ethnic background.

The psychological benefits take the primary form of "feelings of superiority" among whites. It also leads the minorities to suppress group traits that are regarded as undesirable. This is accomplished by exaggerating these images and legitimizing attacks upon them. Because these traits are deemed undesirable, the political "controllers" avoid the necessity of adopting difficult or costly policies to solve key social problems.

It is hopeful that many whites, upon realizing the benefits of institutional racism, can muster the qualities and attitudes that will provide equal opportunity for all.

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When a teacher sets his heart on becoming an excellent teacher, he will become such a teacher. When a young woman sets her heart on becoming an outstanding secretary, she will become such a secretary.

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