INTERSECTIONALITY

THE POLITICS OF RACE!!!

SPEAK UP!!
SPEAK OUT!!

MATTERS

LET'S TALK ABOUT

RACE BABY

NAVIGATING

MULTICULTURALISM
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Crossword No. 250: Crash Course by Matt Gaffney

ACROSS
14. A POLITICAL CONSTRUCTION CREATED TO CONCENTRATE POWER WITH WHITE PEOPLE AND LEGITIMIZE DOMINANCE OVER NON-WHITE PEOPLE
14. UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED ACCESS AND CONTROL OVER RESOURCES
16. A RACIALIZED SOCIAL IDENTITY THAT IS CONSIDERED NORMATIVE AND GRANTS THOSE WHO OBTAIN IT POWER AND INFLUENCE (SOCIALY, ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY)

DOWN
10. UNJUSTIFIABLE, USUALLY NEGATIVE, ATTITUDES TOWARD A GROUP OF PEOPLE -- TYPICALLY BASED ON STEREOTYPES
33. UNENFORCED SOCIAL POWER GRANTED BY FORMAL AND INFORMAL INSTITUTIONS -- TYPICALLY INVISIBLE TO THOSE WHO HAVE IT

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White Fragility

“White fragility is, at its essence, a fight or flight response of white people who want to believe that they, and the world by extension, are less racially divisive than they really are.”

I bring my black partner to my white family home and my white family tells me, “We don’t see color.”

When I point out my white family’s micro-aggressions they tell me I am the one who is making things about race.

When I talk to my white family about privilege they tell me, “Just because we’re white doesn’t mean we’ve had everything handed to us.”

When I talk to my white family about whiteness they tell me they feel attacked as white people.

White fragility is my white family’s insistence that race isn’t an issue.

That if you talk about race, it makes you racist. That education is an attack if their racism is questioned. That they must do everything they can to avoid being called racist. Rather than risk being labelled racist they would avoid/avoid/avoid or fight like hell to deny/deny/deny.
"Caught in between Two Worlds" by Jenny Tran

"Am I really a person of color?"

I consider my ethnicity as Vietnamese and race to be Southeast Asian. My parents were Vietnamese refugees, who fled to America after the Vietnam War. Because of their background, they were unable to go to university. This has created expectations on me to work hard and attend university. Because of parental expectations and the model minority stereotype, I was expected to overcome all odds become a doctor, despite coming from a low-income family.

My parents used to say “Asians go into science/math/IT, not the social professions, because you’ll be discriminated by white people”. Stereotypes perpetuated by both family and society pigeonholes Asians into certain careers and personalities—Asians perceived as quiet and submissive workers. Because of this, I went through one year of pharmacy school—only to quit after. I have been targeted in schools and on public transportation; I was called “The Chinese girl with glasses” in elementary school. I have never learned East/Southeast Asian history in my primary/secondary school. Many of my family members have faced similar difficulties moving up the economic and social ladder after immigrating to America.
Myth #1 "All Asians look and are the same!"

The East Asians consist of Japanese, Chinese, Hmong, Korean, and Taiwanese ethnic groups (Asian-nation.org). *This is a general list; there are more ethnic groups not included on this list.

Southeast Asians include Vietnamese, Cambodian, Filipino, Laotian, Hmong, Malays, and Thai ethnic groups.


18,205,898

We are a group of different cultures and languages.

Myth #2 "Asians are the Model Minority"

"The concept of the "model minority" refers to the idea that Asian Americans have been more successful educationally and economically than other "minority" groups in the United States" (Kwon, Hyeyoung, and Wayne Au 2010). However, the diversity of Asian ethnic groups and their histories affect their socioeconomic status. Southeast Asians and the Hmong ethnic groups have one of the highest poverty rates in the country (The model minority myth: Why Asian-American poverty goes unseen). Many immigrated as refugees from war-torn countries in the 1980s. A portion of Chinese groups immigrated for economic prosperity and for escape from the communist regime.

The model minority myth makes Asian groups invisible in race-class discussions. In addition, it pressures many Asians to conform to the model stereotype in education, leaving many slow-performing Asian students unable keep up or receive necessary resources.
Myth #5: "'Whites don’t think about it. Go back to where you came from.'"

"I instinctively sprinted for a second and then sprinted to confront you. That must have startled you. You pulled out your phone in front of the Equinox and threatened to call the cops... You might have been charged instead, especially after I walked away and you screamed, 'Go back to your fucking country.'"

It felt silly. But how else to prove you belonged?"

Michael Luo - NY Times

#CurvySentedBitch

#HUNGRY AND LOVELY

#UNFAIR AND LOVELY

JUST RIGHT FOR K-POP BUT TOO BROWN FOR TECH VALLEY

WE DIDN'T BRAVE THE OCEANS FOR A WHITE MAN’S DREAM

AM I NOT ASIAN ENOUGH OR IS IT YOU

YOU WILL NOT COLONIZE MY BODY OR MY IDENTITY

ASIAN AMERICANS ARE 56% OF THE U.S. POPULATION BUT MIX ACCORDING TO WHITE AMERICANS. "Pakis" DO NOT"
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

No WHERE ARE YOU 'REALLY' FROM?

I MEAN, WHERE IS YOUR FAMILY FROM 'ORIGINALLY'?

EXOTIC IS NOT A COMPLIMENT

RACE IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT, SO IS YOUR BIAS AND PREJUDICE.

Brown girl is not brown enough she is too white and yet still not quite right she is 30%. Getting stopped at customs she is 80%. Latinas are so spicy she is 0%. Latina she is 20%. You articulate so well, she is take her bindi off around her brown friends. She is not brown enough just too white and yet not quite right.

59%. Believe their heritage has made them open to other cultures.
In 2010, 15% of American marriages were inter-racial.

In 2014, they now hold 8.4% of the total number of marriages.

In 2010, 2.9% of the U.S. population, self-identified as multi-racial.

I am a child of the diaspora. My mother's white hands blend into my skin as my father's stark accent escapes my chapped lips. I am both too much and yet not enough at all.

Multiracial Americans are at the cutting edge of social and demographic change in the U.S.—young, proud, tolerant and growing at a rate three times as fast as the population as a whole.

As America becomes more racially diverse and social taboos against interracial marriage fade, a new Pew Research Center survey finds that

Census data,

the population of multiracial children in the United States has grown from approximately 500,000 in 1970 to more than 6.8 million in 2000.

The number of people of all ages who identified themselves as both white and black has soared by 134 percent since 2000 to 1.8 million people.

about one-in-four (24%) have felt annoyed because people have made assumptions about their racial background.

In fact, only 4% say having a mixed racial background has made no difference.
Why Should It Matter?

"There are more than 7 million people in the United States who identify as two or more races [and] it is important to be aware and sensitive to not only general racial difference, but also to the distinctions that exist for students of multiracial backgrounds. There are many situations that can present real challenges for biracial [individuals]." It is a fact that the United States is made up of a variety of cultures and people.

These differences can range from people with disabilities, to people who are bilingual, to people who practice religions not commonly known to others. Because it is so diverse, it can be typical to think of the United States as an "accepting" country — a country that is taught to be sensitive to person who has difference and not discriminate. Through education and awareness, people learn to understand those around them and become more inclined to accept differences than in other countries.

However, it is not excessively common to be taught about the issues that biracial people may face, and to be sensitive to them as well. As Harper states, biracial people make up a large part of the United States, so it is necessary to better comprehend this group of people.

MISTAKEN FOR THE NANNY

"What are you?"

Beautiful

"You need your daughter to be like you"?

THINGS YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT RAISING A RACIAL CHILD

Raising mixed race children can be challenging, as the kids struggle to understand the cultures of both parents and consolidate that within their own identity.

CHALLENGES OF RAISING MIXED-RACE CHILDREN

The merging of two distinct cultures can create confusion as to which culture is "correct," and cause children to be torn over which culture they should identify with.

Children should know that one culture is not better or worse than another, and should not be pressured into choosing. They should be able to take pride in both of their heritages, regardless of what they are.

Mixed race children often feel as though they are not accepted by either of their races, since they possess only half of each. They may feel prejudiced against from both sides of their heritage, accepted by neither, and unfortunately, this is often a legitimate feeling. You can't help how other people treat your children, but you can teach them to hold their heads high in the face of racial intolerance.

These challenges head on, ignoring them only adds to the problem.

Learning a different hair texture

Touching my children's curls?

People always feel the need to run their fingers through their hair. Every time it happens, I feel my blood boil. I spend a lot of time shampooing, conditioning and getting rid of knots. I know their curls are beautiful, but I finally reached a point where I have asked offenders to keep their paws off.

"I am a story" is a book that Morley said the most occurring experience was that they were "too white to be black, too black to be white."