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In the Netherlands, there’s a controversial character in Dutch Christmas celebrations, who’s named Zwarte Piet (Black Pete). Zwarte Piet has many physical characteristics in common with “blackface”, the racist practice where someone who’s not black bedecks their face to be reminiscent of racist caricatures from when black people were treated as second-class or third-class citizens, with solely white people playing as Zwarte Piet. In recent years, swathes of Dutch people have argued that Zwarte Piet is a racist caricature, and the continuation of this tradition is harmful to not only black people that live in and/or visit the Netherlands, but to the psyche of non-black people that live in and/or visit the Netherlands as well. On the other side of this debate, there are many Dutch people who claim that Zwarte Piet is just an innocent character beloved by children and is an integral part of Dutch Christmas traditions.

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