**Good Morning Britain**

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you must have known

when you wrote your very public [facebook post=

[uhuh.

=just how sensitive [those words were going to be um=

[uhuh.

=i don't have the energy to talk about

the racial violence of white people[=

[mhmm.

=um most of you refuse to acknowledge

your existence privilege and success as a race is built

on the backs blood and death of people of color[=

[mhmm.

=um do you think that all white people are racist

i don't think that all white people are by nature racist

um from conception to birth

i think that we are all the same um

but we need to speak about how we're socialized as a people

and er my resp- my um post was based on socialization

and racism as a structure

um I think as a society we’re just taught certain things

we're taught that men are superior to women

we're taught that women are meant to be submissive

we're told that gay people are meant to be ashamed of their sexuality

but it doesn't mean that this is how things need to be

do you think all people

all white people are responsible for that

or [believe that or?

[um I don't think that all white people believe it no

i think that there is cases um

well I mean there's loads of allies I mean

you don't need to think this way

and it takes actively dismantling racism to be an ally

because if you're not doing anything then how are you helping racism

so you s- you said uh when you explained about this

you said white people are racist due to socialization

in the same way that men are socialized to be sexist[=

[uhuh.

=and heterosexual people are socialized to be homophobic so[=

[yes.

=I’m a white straight male guy[=

[it’s not about you though-

=so basically I’m like I’m like enemy number one[=

[no

=so I’m a racist sexist homophobe

by your [logic.

[well yeah sexist yes but I [wouldn’t-

[I’m not sexist

some of the things [you say (…)-

[and I’m not racist

and I’m not a homophobe

so who are you with the greatest of respect to you

who are you to say that every

straight white guy [in the world is a-

[I did not say that.

well you did you said white people are racist

due [to socialization=

[I just-

=in the same way that men are socialized to be sexist

heterosexual people are socialized to be homophobic

you are calling straight white guys like me

a series of offensive stereotypical labels

[which I find I find very offensive.

[and this is where there’s a problem-

okay this is why there's a problem

because you're taking it [personally.

[there is a problem

I am taking it personally

[yes.

[it isn’t about [you though Piers.

[when you say all white people are racist

as a white person [i find that offensive.

[please let me speak

please let me speak instead of speaking over me

the floor is yours

okay so basically instead of taking it personally

please think about how to be part of the solution

[rather than the problem.

[why don’t you think about being part of the solution

I am part of the [solution

[you're not

you're causing more division[=

[I’m not causing more division

=you you're basically causing more division[=

[Piers, by speaking about-

=by- by [telling all white people they’re racist.

[Piers please let me speak Piers let me speak

by talking about racism is not causing a divide

there's a divide anyway

we need to be speaking about what the s-

what the root of racism what the root of sexism is

and sexism doesn't come from women

so of course it's caused by men

this is a social [contract.

[you don't think women can be sexist

i don't think that women can enforce uh [misogyny like-

[what a load of nonsense.

no because it's all[-

[you don't think any women

can be [sexist.

[women don't uphold the patriarchy Piers

that is [not the case.

[uphold the what

the [patriarchy.

[what’s that

you don't know what the [patriarchy is?

[i do but explain it

the patriarchy is basically a structure that puts men at the top of power=

=mm=

=so [it’s it’s not women that enforce the patriarchy=

[the five most- the five-

=[’cause women don’t have anything to [err-

[the five most powerf- [the five most

powerful people in this country currently are women

how does that how does that sit with your patriarchy

[they are.

[so you're saying that the patriarchy doesn't exist

I’m saying the five most powerful people in britain are women

so this idea that men still rule the entire planet

[and are these evil creatures to be removed from power=

[so you’re sayng that the patriarchy doesn’t exist

=[doesn’t really stack up with the facts.

[you can say that the patriarchy doesn’t exist Piers

but the patriarchy exists [it’s a fact.

[my- my point about this is

there are of course there are serious

debates to be had about racism

but my god the world has moved and moved fast

[from where it used to be I don’t-

[Piers you are part of the problem [if you think this=

[I’m not part of the problem.

=you are part of the problem Piers

because you are denying my lived experience

[I spoke-

[what d’you mean I’m d- what d’y- what what d’you mean I’m deny-

I’m not denying [you anything!

[you’re speaking over me for one

well no now you're playing your old trick of being the victim

and you played that very- you

you immediately came out after you were fired

with all the stuff about all the insults you've had and so on and so on

of course you're going to get insulted

I don't agree with the way they've insulted you

but when you call every white person racist

[and say we’re all-

[Piers my mother’s wor- my moth- my mother’s words.

SUSANNA

fine well when you say

i don't have the energy to talk about

the racial violence of white people anymore

yes all white people

when you call us a bunch of violent racists

[all of us=

[where does slavery come from?

=all of us

we are going to get annoyed

yeah of course but look at the responses that I got that I’ve got

how dare you call us racist you black

how dare you call [us racist=

[no I said I don’t agr-

=go back to the trees[=

[no you can al- wha- of course you-

=that [says it all people don’t know what racism is=

[of course you can find-

=[we’re not taught about racism=

[of- of course you can-

=no Piers let me speak [I came in here to-

[you can find abusive responses-

Piers I came in here to speak

I came in here to speak [Piers-

[you did and I came in

and I also wanted you in here

so that I could look you in the eye

and say I think what you said was [(…)-

[so you're

making it about you [Piers-

[no what it's my show

along with [Susanna

[okay why don't you just sit here

and talk for five minutes then

and I just sat- [sit here

[uh you've done plenty of talking Munroe

I’ve been watching your interviews

I want you to explain why we shouldn't be offended

as white people

by your sentence that all white people

all white people are party to racial violence

because socialization has placed

all white people in a certain privilege

that means that if you are not dismantling racism

or helping to dismantle racism

then you are part of the problem

because you that makes you complicit

you need to actively work with people of color

to put diversity which this campaign was about

into place and when L'oreal fires me

for speaking about the origins of racism

then that goes completely against what diversity is

because the reason why we need diversity is

because we have racism [in society.

[you don't think any white people

on the planet are currently doing what you've just suggested

I didn't say that

you by implication when you say

[all white people that is what you’re saying.

[I’m talking about a structure

I’m talking about a structure that all white people sit on

I’m talking about society I’m not talking about

literally every single white person

I’m talking about society and

all white people exist within that structure

well I’m I’m asking if you

regret the form of words

because of the [way they come across?

[no I don't refr- regret the form of words

i mean I’m an activist and at the end of the day

activists aren't there to go and say a bunch of stuff

that people like

we are there to call things out and to make change

and yes I said all white people because

all white people have access to the privileges

um that are-

[that come out of colonialism and slavery=

[really really you think that the y-

=[yes!

[you think you think the hundreds of thousands

of people on food banks in this country

white people amongst them

are are [privileged, do you?

[they have more count

they have more [privileges

[more privileges than you

i did not say that I did [not say that-

[a wealthy supermodel

i did not- uh please show me my bank account

all right you'll be you’ll make a lot of money out of this so

let me ask you again do you think that

white people on food banks in this country

are more or less privileged than you

I did not say that Piers I said[-

[you just implied that

you said that [all white people had privileges.

[no Piers-

let me speak please I’m saying that if a person is at th-

the food banks and their white

and there's their counterpart

and that counterpart is black

that white person has more of a chance of getting out that situation

than their black [counterpart

[why where's the evidence for that

because of white privilege

[they have-

[really

white people have more access to

home- [to housing, to credit-

[so so- poor white people just to clarify

poor white people have a better chance in Britain

of getting out of their poverty than

than poor black [people?

[yes.

all of them

i feel like I’m up against a wall with your Piers[-

[no you're not

what you're up against is somebody challenging you

on your public statements=

=yes=

which you've managed to turn into a massive great story

of your poor victimhood

and I’m telling you

now you're sitting here that I think when you say

all white people are racially violent=

=mm=

=that is deeply offensive and I think when you then clarify

[and say that straight=

[i think that it's deeply offensive that history is-

=straight white guys are basically all sexist homophobes

and racially violent[=

[I did not(…)-

=i as a straight white guy

who's not remotely racist get very offended by that

and this is why there's a problem

because you take it [personally.

[there is a problem

because I do take it personally [yes.

[it isn't a personal attack

of course it is

it's not a personal attack Piers

[and this is why we are not gonna get=

[you’ve attacked every white person in the world

=this is why aren’t gonna get anywhere with racism because

[people with extreme pri- privilege like yourself=

[well we won’t when you keep inflaming people-

=can't see past it and want to attack people

when they talk about their lived experience

=mm=

i am speaking[-

[we've all had lived experiences

[well obviously because we’re all living Piers-

[good bad and ugly all of us right

I I resent the idea that all

white people in this modern era

are automatically more privileged

than all black people

I don't think that's right anymore

i think it's a complete mischaracterization

of the work that's been done to counter racism around the world

and I think when you as a very high profile

transgender model get this amazing opportunity

to have a platform at L'oreal the first thing you do

I I (agree the [timing from before)=

[it was not the first thing I did Piers

=alright but it ca- the first thing that [comes out-

[the timeline was completely [(wrong)

[right

but this is a [public Facebook post-

[it came out because it was uh

[it was an attack on my character=

[I don’t- alright-

=[and it was taken out of context.

[I don’t unders- I d- I-

i get it I just said that

but I don't understand how I’m saying

that all white people are racially violent

helps anyone in the race debate that's my point

okay

well we need to speak about why um

the syllabus is so white

why we are not taught about the violence of slavery in schools

why aren't we aren’t talk about the violence of um colonialism

why we're not taught about the violence of the empire

we are taught a whitewashed history

kids are not taught about black history in the same way

that they are taught about white [history.

[then why don't you say that

i did [i did!

[yeah but that- but yeah but

that's not what got the headlines [what-

[no because Piers

it got [taken out of context=

[had you focussed- yeah b- Munroe-

=someone screenshotted it and sold the story

to the Daily [Mail.

[had you focused on why we should have

more historical knowledge

[of slavery and issues like that-

[Piers I did and this is what I’m saying

the bookends got taken out

well the bookends were so inflammatory and offensive

of course they got [taken out.

[no they didn't get get [taken out.

[and blaming the daily mail

for what you said is ridiculous

well of course you would say that Piers

because you work for the Daily Mail

yes I work for them but if they were wrong

I would also say they're wrong

I’ve just quoted you back directly

what you actually posted

[and don’t pretend-

[Piers you didn’t

because it was taken out of context

you missed out the two bits

that you haven’t [seen.

[I’m not sure how you take out of context

that all white people are

guilty of racial [violence

it’s basic socialization and racial theory Piers

look it up

it has been fascinating watching the debate

thanks so much for joining us [Munroe Bergdorf

[welcome.