

- What respectability helps to achieve is opportunity.
- Housing - we saw in the King book that landlords are renting properties to African-Americans who are deemed respectable.
- We want to be able to create job opportunities
  - How do we accomplish integrated housing if everyone thinks of African-Americans in the most deplorable context?
  - Respectability in politics also becomes critical to revising not only those racial pseudoscience
    - How do we push back against those claims [that African-Americans are lazy]? We show that they're not.
- Strategically, respectability politics is about trying to further the integration of African-Americans into white society.
  - The Nation of Islam is a separatist movement but they believe in respectability.
  - There are black nationalists who believe in respectability but do not believe in it for the purposes of integration.
  - What's going on with Kanye?
- Should African-Americans be burdened with fighting racism?
- One of the hardest things for people in a position of power to accept is their position of power
  - Regardless of your beliefs about racism, benefit from racism. Men, regardless of your beliefs about sexism, benefit from sexism.
  - When a white student is accepted into a university their presence is never read through the lense of affirmative action.
- There are certain ways in which racism builds an infrastructure that isolates, protects, and builds groups
  - There are certain groups that benefit from racial oppression, and whose perception of them is also viewed through that lense.
  - Whether or not [I believe in sexism] I benefit from the same system of sexism.
- ... had to sneak out of the stadium in order to play football
  - [policies] designed to discriminate against African-Americans benefit whites
- In itself, because of the existence of racism, certain groups are in a position of power and privilege whether they buy into that oppression or not.
- We'll discuss next week: black women finally break into the Ford motor company.
- I want you to be more culturally competent outside of this classroom

- And not to become detached in the history.
- If African-Americans are taking those financial resources and using them to build black businesses, construct an underground black economy - beauticians and barbers - and also construct an illicit economy.
- Black Elite: In order to achieve race reform, you're going to have to build alliances across [race]
  - Overlook the way in which African-Americans can construct their own institutions
  - They believe that their strategy working with their white counterparts [will work better] than working separately.
- Those differences affected the ways in which African-Americans could achieve [equal treatment]
  - Why do I have a headache? Your head is smaller
  - The reason you have black elites telling African-Americans not to rely on their own [remedy] for sickness but to rely on the board of health demonstrates the belief that they have to rely on white society to [achieve anything]
- We have time for one or two questions.
  - Question 7. Does the more militant or resistance-oriented respectability politics that emerged during the Sweet ordeal demonstrate the most effective tool for achieving race reform?

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