

CRES 10
Day 3 Notes

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Why Military not Domestic?

1. Why does it look bad? Does it look bad?
2. Geneva Convention? Military not being used against civilians.
3. Why do people want tanks?
Terrorism? Think it is cool.
4. Police are already militarized enough.
Police departments can be highly military.
5. Civil war era legislation, prevents usage of the military on US soil in order to prevent the government from putting down Confederacy like movements.
Posse Comitatus Act

Much of US identity is shaped by its fight against fascism in the Second World War, however several forms of Fascism were inspired by the US and have taken root in US culture.

The US can never accept itself as having bad intentions or core flaws.

The US also controls what innocent means. The US is an arbiter of International Law, and so shapes the definition of innocent, or polite, or upstanding, to benefit itself.

“Americans believe in the reality of ‘race’ as a defined, indubitable feature of the natural world. Racism—the need to ascribe bone-deep features to people and then humiliate, reduce, and destroy them—inevitably follows from this inalterable condition. In this way, racism is rendered as the innocent daughter of Mother Nature, and one is left to deplore the Middle Passage or the Trail of Tears the way one deplores the an earthquake, a tornado, or any other phenomenon that can be case as beyond the handiwork of men.”

-Coates, Between the World and Me

Do These definitions differ?

1. deliberately broad.
2. not intention based
3. rarely is racism actually focused on material results
4. Racism is sometimes just never clearly defined
Racism in these definitions is irreducible. Racism does not come down to hate, it does not come down to prejudice, and it cannot be solved with education.
Racism is defined in terms of effects upon entire groups.
As a result, racism is not equated with hate or prejudice, it is not that those emotions aren’t part of systemic definitions, its just that those feelings are not the defining features of what makes them systemic.
The problem isn’t the personal feelings of people, but the distribution and collection of power and wealth.
This also means White people don’t necessarily fix anything by befriendng nonwhite people. Racism is a mode of production and a distribution of power and resources

- Construction Something that is made in a given location
- Production The process of making something, often involving combining elements and materials.
- Constructed/Produced \neq not real
Things we make are real, but they are arbitrary they are more malleable than things we don’t construct, but they are no less real.
- Racialization is the social construction and production of race.
Construction is focusing on the outcomes of the process
Production focuses on the process itself.

- Production involves not just the items themselves but all the hidden things. Tools, raw materials, shelter, food, the ideas which underly the products and tools, etc.
- Products then go on to make us, our time and the shape of our lives rest upon a foundation of tools, objects, ideas, and products.