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You can say Black.

Black, Black, Blackity, Black, Black! You're German, they're French, I'm Black. No hesitation or remorse necessary.

Discomfort with saying Black—like reluctance to acknowledge race, privilege, and oppression—reveals internalized anti-Blackness. Regardless of intention, side-stepping Black communicates that it's taboo.

- ✓ Black
- ✓ Black people
- ✗ Blacks

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**"It seems rude to say Black."
Black is an insult if Black is a bad thing.
Do you think being Black is bad?**

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Anti-Blackness is pervasive.

Often times, it takes the covert form of disassociating or “removing” someone’s Blackness. Here are common examples:

- “I don’t think of you as Black”
- “You’re white on the inside”
- “How Black are you? What percentage?”
- “You don’t act Black”
- “You don’t talk like you’re Black”
- “You’re not like other Black people”



And you think that's a compliment? What does that say about what you think of my race?

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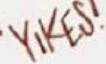
**We love being Black.
We hate being oppressed.
See the difference?**

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Black is good.

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Black is good is a radical concept.

Today's most common racial stereotypes about Black people date all the way back to slavery. The narrative that Black people are dangerous, immoral, and unintelligent was a tactic used for oppression then, and it's still common today. 

To ease the cognitive dissonance that comes with being an oppressor, white people uphold the idea that Black people are lesser in character. That way, oppressing Black people [Slavery, segregation, and today, mass incarceration and systemic racism] is more defensible. This "difference of character" belief wrongfully justifies racial disparities while lessening culpability for discrimination.

It takes deliberate unlearning of intergenerational unconscious prejudice to buy into the radical, countercultural concept that Black is good.

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Context and usage

Do not reduce Black people to our race

I love having Black as part of my identity. I don't like when Black is made to be my entire identity. For example:

"She's Black, so she must want to talk about my Black friends, 'insert racial stereotype*', etc."

Pssst... I'd rather not

"So I have this coworker- he's Black- and anyway..."

Is that all he is? Does he have a name?

Doing this leads to wrongful assumptions, harmful racial stereotyping, othering, and erasure of individuality. Black people are not a monolith.

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Black or African American?

Some people may identify with their African roots and prefer "African American." Most Black people prefer "Black" over "African American," because we can't trace our lineage, or we don't identify as African. "African American" isn't more proper than "Black." They are different, and Black is its own (legitimate) culture.

Keep in mind, language is and always will be dynamic. Terminology that was standard in the past is no longer acceptable. Continually learn and adapt out of respect for people's identities. A person's identity is theirs, so use whatever language they want you to use. Ask them in an appropriate setting if you're unsure.

Please let me know if I mistakenly ... NOT  So what are you?

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Black is not a dirty word.

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A brilliant, brilliant resource by [@mariebeech](#). We encourage you all to read, learn & adjust [source](#)



Elad Nehorai ✅

@PopChassid



There is a difference between passively not feeling racist and actively fighting against racism (inwardly and outwardly).

The problem is that most people think their only job is to do the former when they live in a world that requires the latter.

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Sandra Newman
@sannewman

2020 person: Boo hoo I have to wear
a mask

17th century person:



10:26 PM · 8/5/20 · Twitter Web App



Sandra Newman @sannewman · 11h

Everyone's complaining about wearing masks but for centuries everyone had to wear hats in public and there wasn't even a reason, it was just if you showed your head you were an asshole

34

1,287

8,653



Sandra Newman @sannewman · 11h

There were periods you had to wear a ruff AND a hat AND a powdered wig. You people are soft. They could be making you wear a whole stack of hats and a false beard for no reason except "only one hat is uncouth" and "chins are best not seen." Don't talk to me about freedom

2020 person: Boo hoo I have to wear a mask

17th century person: [image description: a sketch of two white aristocratic ladies in low cut gowns, I'm assuming corsets underneath, and elaborate Marie Antoinette type hair that is easily 4 feet tall and decorated with jewels and ribbons. The hairdo looks like it would be really heavy (despite how effortless these ladies look.) [source](#)



Willow Lung-Amam

@drlungamam

Why was I today years old when I learned that the SAT was created in 1926 by a eugenicist, Carl Brigham, that believed the test would reveal the natural intellectual ability of White people?

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Willow Lung-Amam @drlungamam · 3h



Replying to @drlungamam

Reminder: Some colleges & universities have stopped requiring the SAT & ACT that reinforce race & class disparities & poorly predict success. Many have temporarily suspended their use during covid. Please encourage your local schools to do the same & make these changes permanent.

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Jeff Bezos paid more than \$16,000 in parking tickets while renovating his DC mansion

More than 564 citations were issued

By [Ashley Carman](#) on February 3, 2020 3:04 pm



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Fines & fees sent nursing mother to jail for traffic tickets

By **Jeniffer Solis** - June 5, 2018



Leslie Turner speaks about fines and fees reform. Photo credit: Jeniffer Solis.

Never forget that most crime is legal for rich people. [link source](#)

6 Conclusion

We develop a theoretical model in which the income distribution is endogenously determined by firms' market power in both product and labor markets and the probability of financial crisis is endogenously determined by the accumulation of household credit. Using the model, we analyze the transitional dynamics of an economy undergoing structural changes in product and labor markets. We find that the secular rise of firms' market power in both product and labor markets can be an important driver behind a few secular trends experienced by the U.S. economy in the last four decades: the decrease in both the labor share and the capital share, the increase in the profit share, the increase in income inequality, the increase in credit-to-GDP ratio, and the associated rise in financial instability summarized by the probability of a financial crisis event. We also show that redistribution policies that moderate income inequality can be used as strong macroprudential tools in preventing financial crises.

What's surprising about this paper is not its conclusion, but the fact that it was produced by the Fed, and not some radical leftists. [link source](#)

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1. We present results from technical experiments which reveal that WeChat communications conducted entirely among non-China-registered accounts are subject to pervasive content surveillance that was previously thought to be exclusively reserved for China-registered accounts.
2. Documents and images transmitted entirely among non-China-registered accounts undergo content surveillance wherein these files are analyzed for content that is politically sensitive in China.
3. Upon analysis, files deemed politically sensitive are used to invisibly train and build up WeChat's Chinese political censorship system.
4. From public information, it is unclear how Tencent uses non-Chinese-registered users' data to enable content blocking or which policy rationale permits the sharing of data used for blocking between international and China regions of WeChat.
5. Tencent's responses to data access requests failed to clarify how data from international users is used to enable political censorship of the platform in China.

<https://citizenlab.ca/2020/05/we-chat-they-watch/>

The Citizen Lab

We Chat, They Watch: How International Users Unwittingly Build up WeChat's Chinese Censorship Apparatus - The Citizen Lab

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shit you should care about

What do you meme? — shit you should care about

Disclaimer: This is a guest piece, and as always these are the opinions of the writer. Let's talk about memes: specifically about their use in political conversation. Most memes, I think, engage in a laundry list of logical fallacies: hasty generalization...

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Empathy vs Apathy — shit you should care about

Empathy: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

Apathy: lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

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From the Perspective of a Mixed-Race Person — shit you should care about
Growing up in New Zealand, it was constantly drummed into me that it was such a diverse country, with a multitude of cultures and nationalities.

As a mixed-race woman I was a living, breathing reminder to myself of this. So why did I have such difficulty...

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shit you should care about
Poland's war on women — shit you should care about
You know something is wrong with your country when at the age of 15 you feel compelled to go out and protest for your rights.

This was almost 5 years ago, and since then the ruling party in Poland, Law and Order (PiS) still battle against women rights.

“collaborated with Xi, concealed the threat, impeded the U.S. government’s response, silenced those who sought to warn the public, and pushed states to take risks that escalated the tragedy. He’s personally responsible for tens of thousands of deaths.” [link source](#)

Slate Magazine
How Trump Killed Tens of Thousands of Americans
A blow-by-blow account of his personal role in the coronavirus catastrophe.

<https://shityoushouldcareabout.com/home/2020/8/3/selective-memory>
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selective memory of a toxic relationship — shit you should care about
There is no ‘relationships 101’ in high school.
Aside from brief mentions of consent, we don’t begin to toe the line of that grey area, the reality behind our saturated Instagram highlight reels. Even worse, the impossible concept of breakups.
We are brought...

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shit you should care about
The Emirates Mars Mission: Here’s to hope — shit you should care about
With the Hope Mars Probe launching on the 20th of July 2020, the United Arab Emirates has opened a new ray of light in the Middle East, inspired by the vision left by the late founder Sheikh Zayed. It is a primal step in the country’s barely fifty-year existence...

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COVID-19 and BIPOC women — shit you should care about

The other day, my boss reminded me that we are set to enter the fifth month of our work-from-home status. Five months of anxiety-inducing scrolling, taking up new hobbies, reconnecting with old friends, and perpetual concern for my family near and far....

<https://shityoushouldcareabout.com/home/2020/7/23/misogynistic-women>

shit you should care about

Female misogyny — shit you should care about

“He could do it better...” She said.

As women, we fight every day to succeed in a world where we are considered the lesser sex. We fight against ‘the man’ and the numerous opinions that overwhelm our sense of self and what it means to be a woman.

But, what...

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