

Race is a social construct

Races are real only in a social context; constructed abstractions of identity that some of the majority of a given population recognizes as real

Temporally embedded

True only in present; neither historic certainties are predictive of future outcomes

Culturally determined

Expressed in ethnic identities

Ethnicities recognized by various devices, none of which are unique nor all encompassing

Identities of indeterminate boundaries

Cultural, ethnic identities are mapped onto racial, biological concepts

Historically contingent

Dependent on historical framework

Existing structures self-propagate

Various groupings of socially constructed space (e.g. Pacific or Asians where individuals & even specific subgroupings have little or nothing in common but are considered part of the land; often used for biological races)

Locally specific (indigenous, nonindigenous)

Local & personal experience extrapolated to other

Class-based assumptions

When class membership is unequally distributed race & class become confounded

Inherent class hierarchies mapped onto racial classifications to reinforce class & racial stereotypes of wealth & position

Inclusive group think extrapolated from groups to individual

Dominant culture against subordinate culture

Contrasted with modernism, globalism, scientific paradigms

Attributing belief, attitudes, stereotyping, & prejudice in a group without evidence or knowledge

Negation of self in group-self; paranoia about individuals

Borrows biological race assumptions

Hair, skin color, physical features, morphology, strength, health, hygiene, education, intelligence

All assumed to interplay at group level as in the Biological and Hard Social Race concepts

No biological continuity of classification

Geographic groups united by culture & with restricted identities capture more of the diversity than generalist, inclusive statements

Race or color not universally of value & not a valid classification concept

Differences of view between dominant and subordinate ethnicities

No such thing as ethnic races

Dominant-subordinate class differences confounded with race

Exoticness, otherness, fascination, fear

Differentiation, separation, boundaries

Racial isolation

Caste system

Modern racial prejudice holds blacks responsible for their own inequalities

Educational opportunities differ (both intentionally & unintentionally)

Educated & noneducated

Education hierarchies mapped to racial hierarchies

Racial avoidance

Urban-peasant dichotomy unequally distributed

Rural population poor

Seen as dirty, unmannered, unsophisticated

Mapped to racial hierarchies

Racial patrimony

Employment imbalance on assumption that race is the same as class & false assignment of group characteristics

Wealth distribution

Inequalities mapped to race due to inequality

Criminality follows poverty, mapped onto races

Fear & racist stereotyping

Racial avoidance

Refusal of biological connection with people seen as racially, socially, morally, inferior

Race avoidance, separation, isolation, failure to engage