

The Best and Worst of Isms in Memes: The Sociopolitical Context of Education

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Isms: A Smog in the Air

Classism

Sexism

Racism

Ableism

Faithism

Heterosexism

Transphobia

Linguicism

Colorism

Nativism

Nationalism

Rankism

Adultism

Ageism

Sizeism

Nameism

***When those in power, who experience privilege, determine a single viable way of living, all others become subject to discrimination

Heterosexism #LoveWins



**SAME-SEX UNIONS DESTROY
THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE**

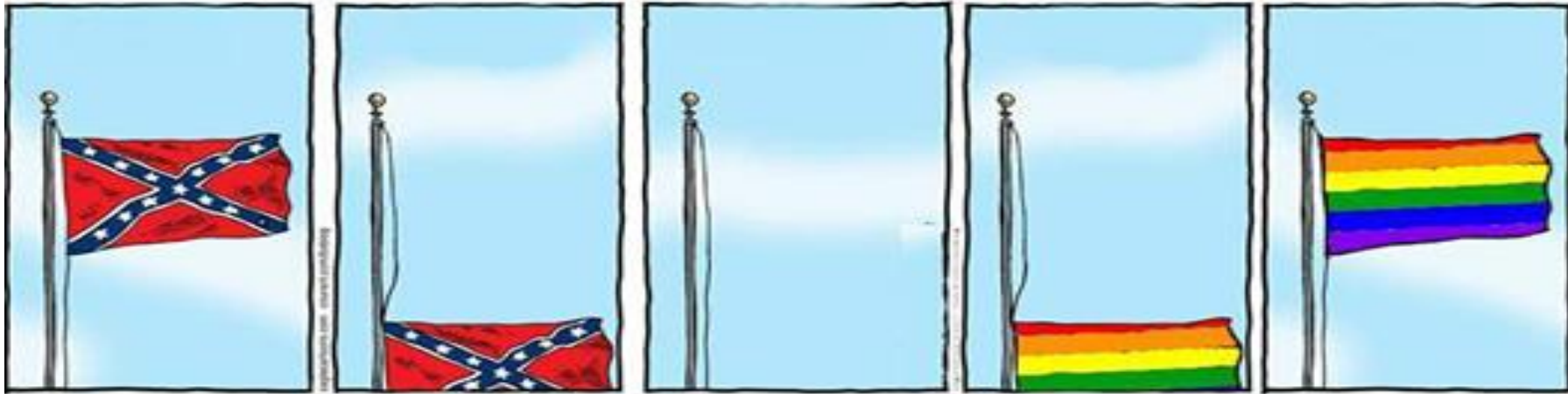
**MY THREE EX-HUSBANDS SAY
THEY AGREE WITH ME**

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Heteronormativity



All Forms of Oppression are Related



Transphobia



“We are in a place now where more and more trans people want to come forward and say, **‘This is who I am.’**”

— LAVERNE COX

Cisgender Normativity

Call me Caitlyn, or C for short
cause you're going to C me with
your man.



Sexism(Wage Theft)



Sexism → Antisexism → Feminism...
Meninism?



ALWAYS Fight Like a Girl



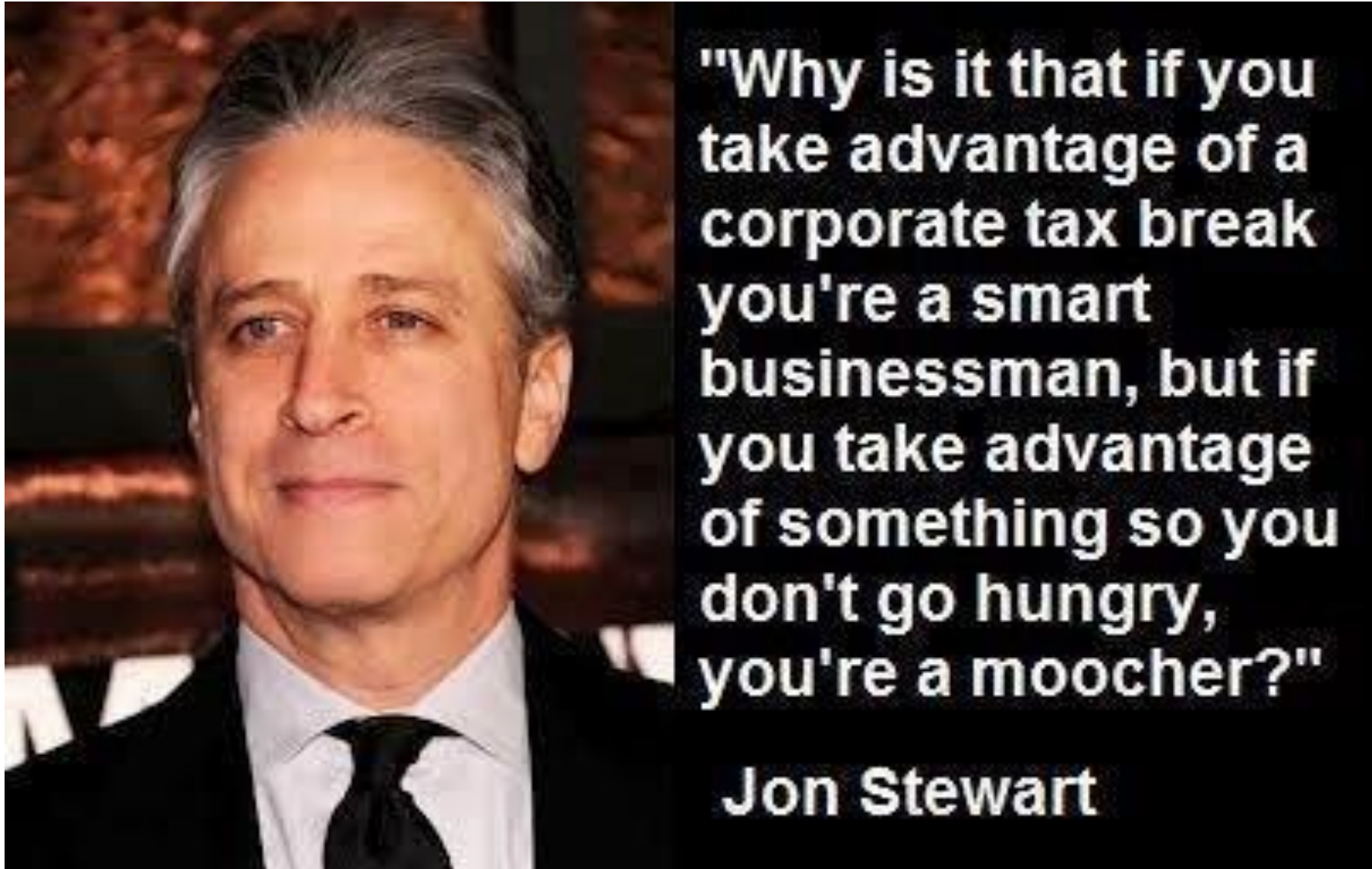
Classism



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"Why is it that if you take advantage of a corporate tax break you're a smart businessman, but if you take advantage of something so you don't go hungry, you're a moocher?"

Jon Stewart

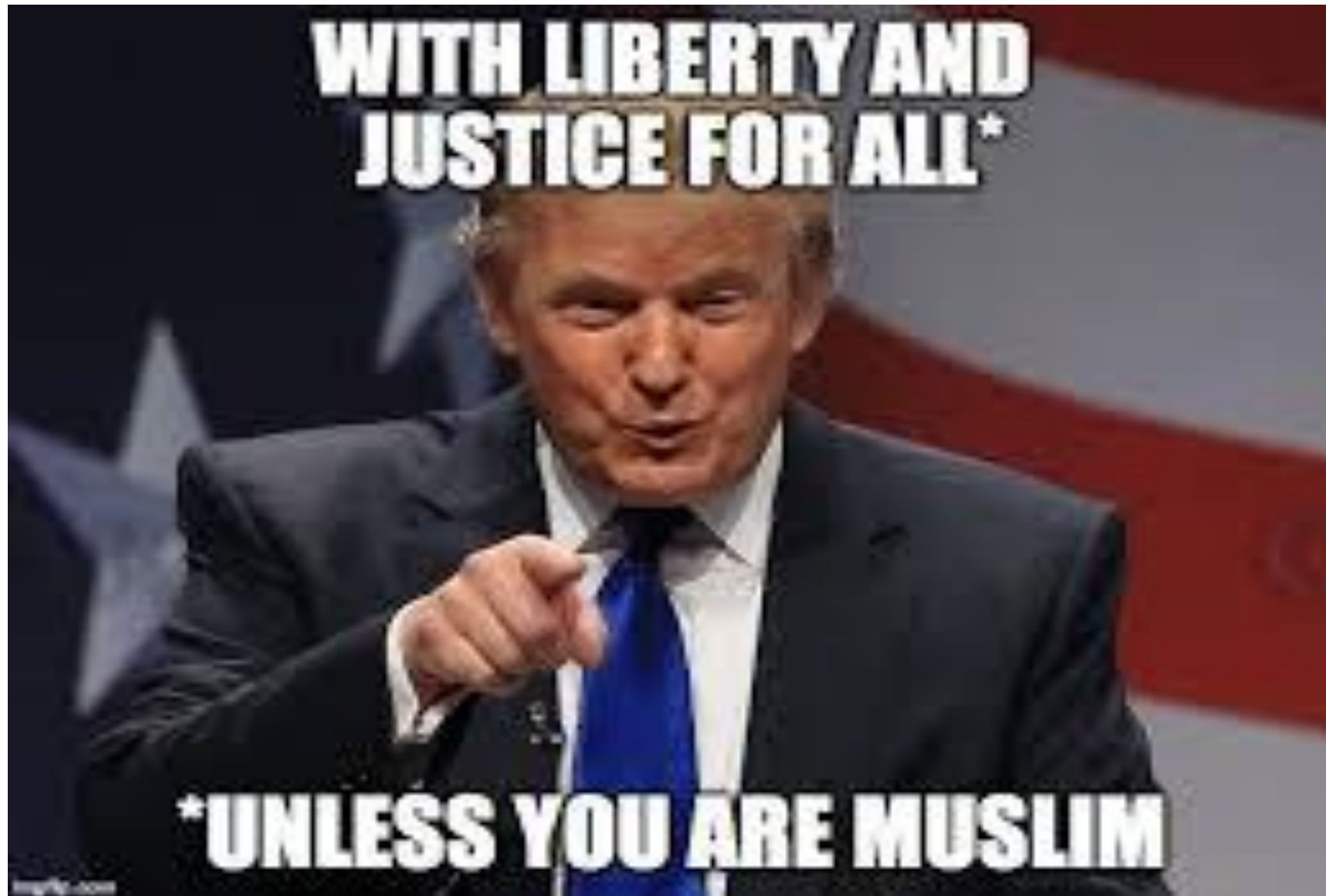
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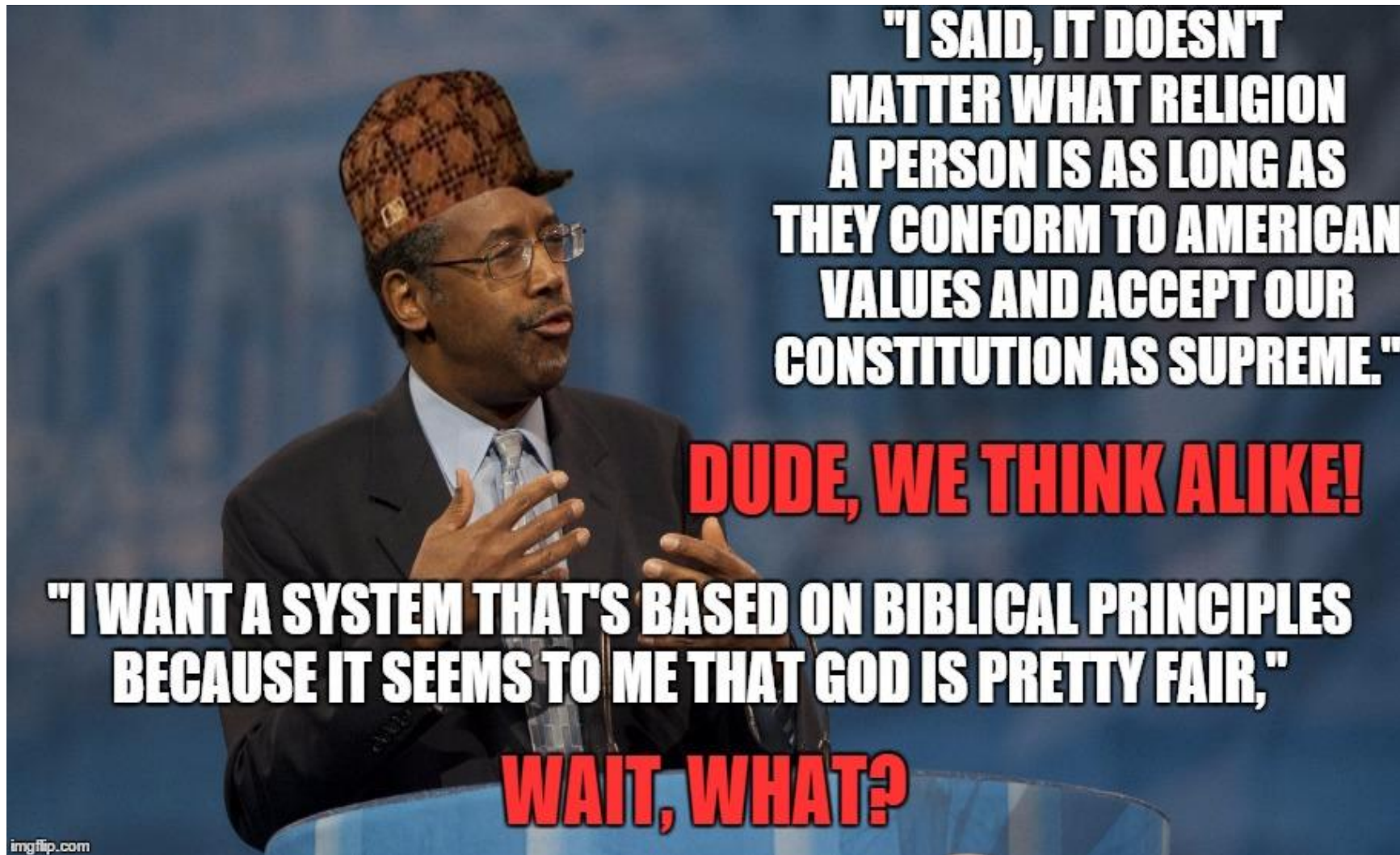
Faithism



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Faithism: Separation of RELIGION and State



Racism – Anti-Latino, Anti-Mexican



Racism

**The only person
arrested in the
death of Eric
Garner was the
person who
recorded it.**

Let that sink in.

#ICantBreathe

Racism



Police the Police
@PolicePoliceACP



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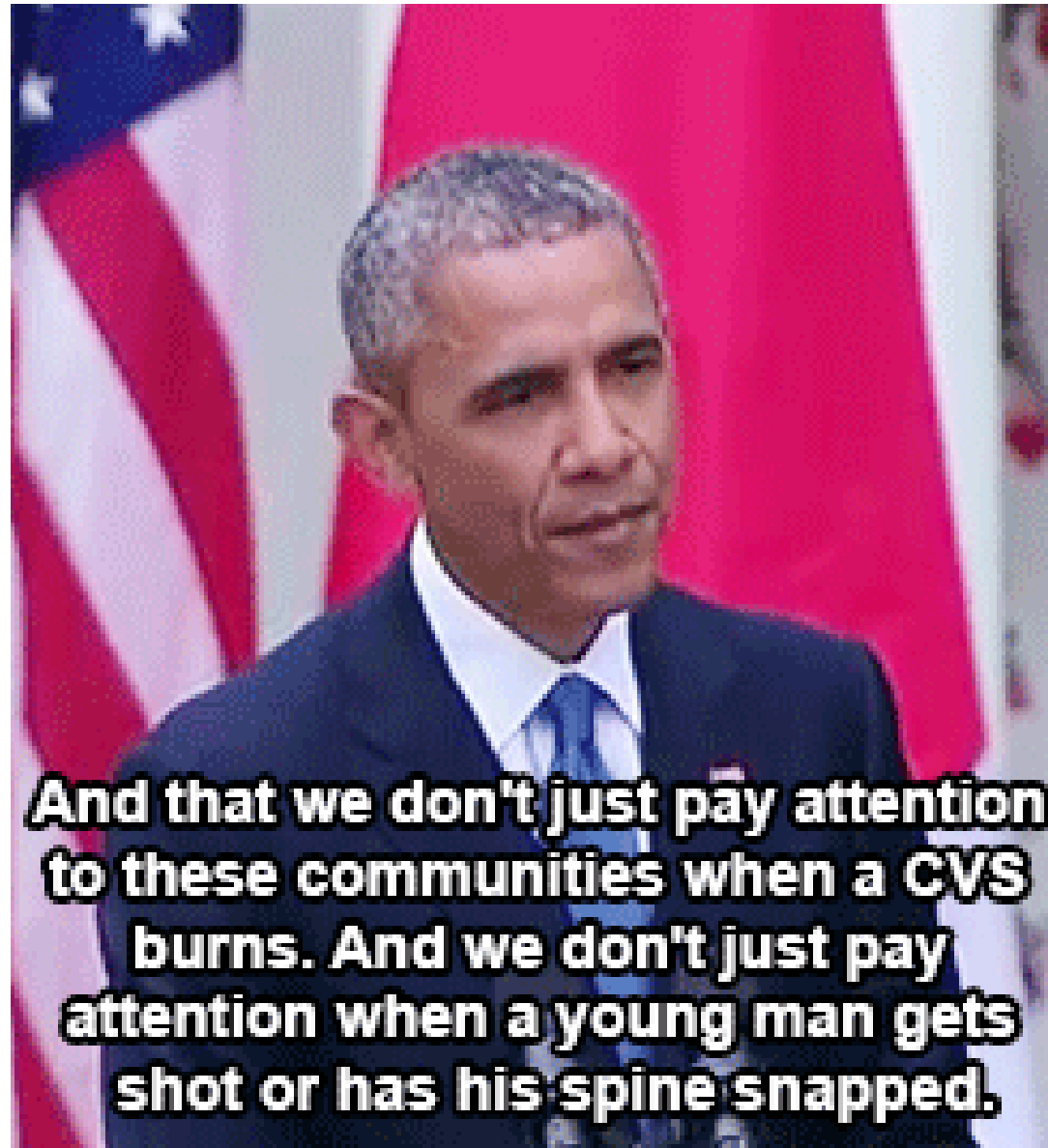
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Racism



Racism



Racism...and Privilege



Privilege



Privilege and the Future



Privilege

**WHITE PRIVILEGE IS: KNOWING
THAT IF THE BOSTON BOMBER
TURNS OUT TO BE WHITE**



**NO ONE WILL LABEL ALL WHITE
PEOPLE AS TERRORISTS**

Privilege



Privilege in Business



Privilege in the Media



Jason Rosenberg
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[#Suffragette](#). A film that already lacks diversity has the audacity to promote their film like this 🙄

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Privilege in Film



Privilege in Education

**White Privilege is your
history being part of
the core curriculum
and mine being taught
as an elective .**

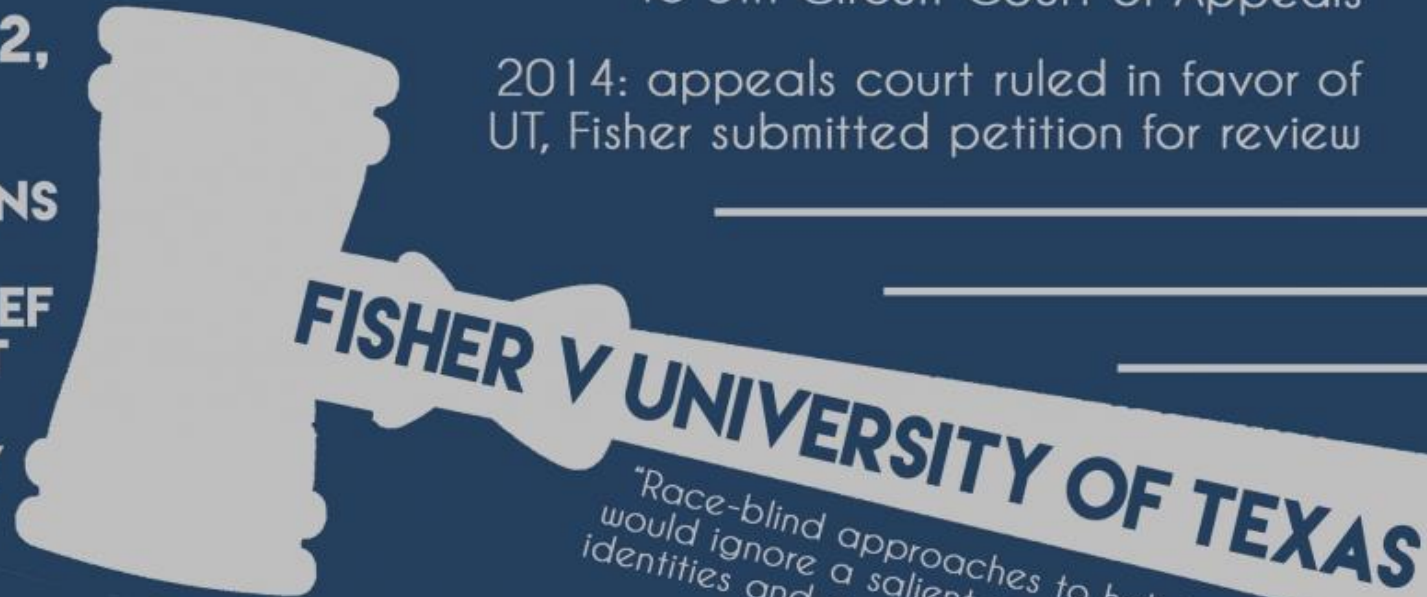
Privilege in the Law

2008: Abigail Fisher filed lawsuit after being denied admission to UT (she said the affirmative action policy was unconstitutional under the 14th amendment)

2013: the Supreme Court ruled 7-1 in favor of Fisher and remanded case back to 5th Circuit Court of Appeals

2014: appeals court ruled in favor of UT, Fisher submitted petition for review

**ON NOV. 2,
DUKE AND
12 PEER
INSTITUTIONS
FILED AN
AMICUS BRIEF
IN SUPPORT
OF THE
UNIVERSITY**



"Race-blind approaches to holistic review would ignore a salient aspect of applicants' identities and experiences." - quote from brief

2015: Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on December 9

Privilege (Identity) is Intersectional

OPINION



Who Does Affirmative Action Help Most? White Women

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Privilege and Legacy Admission



De Jure Privilege



“Innocent” Privilege



Privilege (Alliance) is Intersectional



"Asian Americans are not your wedge.
**We support equal opportunity in
higher education.** We support
affirmative action as a mechanism to
accomplish that goal."

**2015 Harvard graduate Ivy Z. Yan and current
senior Bernadette N. Lim for *Asia Times***

#edu4all

Power!

FIGHT THE POWER



Your Power!

**“EDUCATION
IS THE MOST
POWERFUL
WEAPON
WHICH YOU
CAN USE TO
CHANGE THE
WORLD.”**

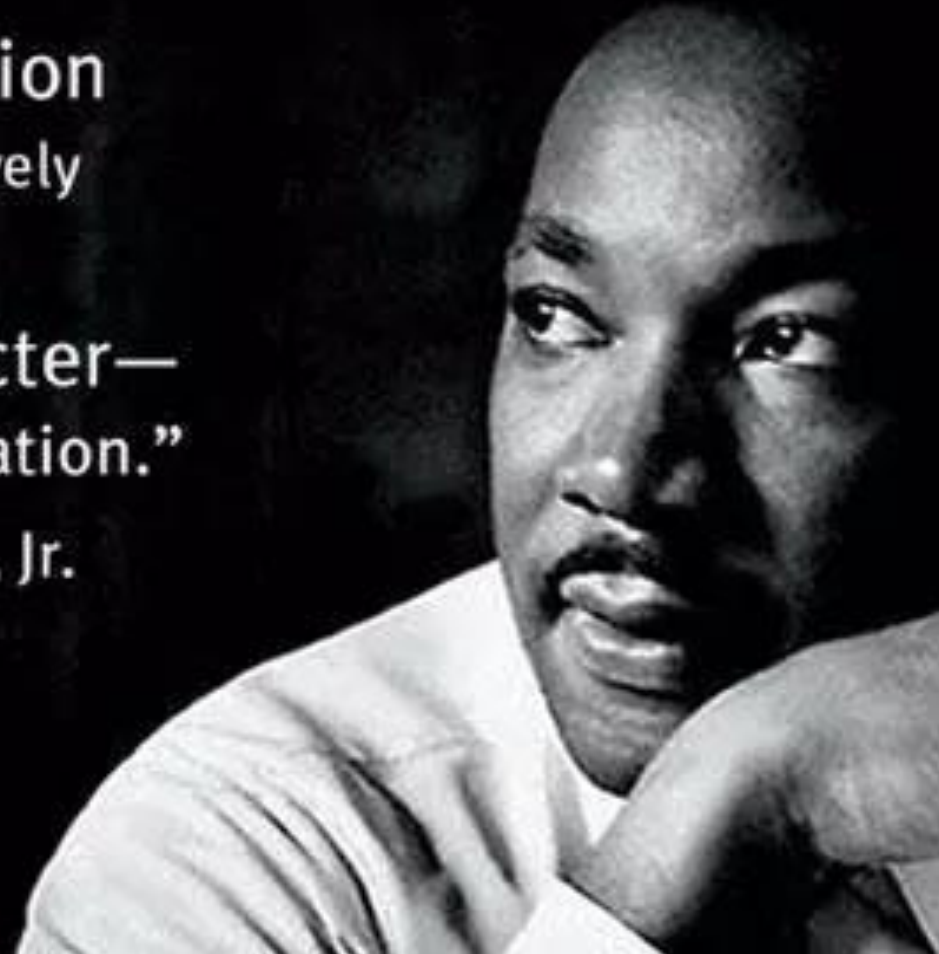
NELSON MANDELA

The Power You Draw from CCCP!

“The function of education
is to teach one to think intensively
and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character—
that is the goal of true education.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Teaching is POWERFUL



HEY TEACHER,

**YOUR SOCIAL JUSTICE-ORIENTED TEACHING REALLY
FIRES ME UP.**