

SCIENCE AND RACE: HISTORY, USE, AND ABUSE

Class 1 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND RACE

QUIZ QUESTIONS:

These questions will be addressed during the first class. Take notes on the responses given and the discussions to follow.

1. What is the difference between the academic and the popular understanding of race?
2. What is the origin of human diversity?
3. How were humans classified?
4. Are humans classified the same way in all cultures?
5. What is biological anthropology?
6. Why classify humans at all?
7. What are the controversies surrounding this classification system?
8. How did scientific racism emerge?
9. What were the effects of scientific racism? Do we see them today?
10. Why is race not considered a scientific concept anymore?
11. Are we living in a post-racial society?
12. What are academics doing to push the needle to place us into a post-racial society?
13. Is science alone able to fight against racism?



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