

The Political Culture of Race and Racism

Final Essay Assignment

Due date: December 5

Length: 3000 words

Choose one of the following topics. Please use two additional sources beyond course readings. A variety of possible online sources are listed below each topic.

- 1. In recent years, human rights organizations have raised questions about the often-restricted legal and political rights of the increasing numbers of migrant workers in the world today. Analyze this problem and discuss the recommendations you would make for insuring the human rights of migrants.**

Possible online sources:

- Justicia4Migrant workers (especially the “Academic” sources under Resources)
 - Migrant Workers Alliance for Change (under Resources)
 - Migrant Worker Solidarity Network (under Resources)
 - Canadian Council for Refugees (under Migrant Workers)
 - Open Borders: <http://openborders.info/global-apartheid/>
- 2. Canada’s Official Multiculturalism policy has been seen as both an anti-racist policy and as an obstruction to genuine anti-racism. Discuss this debate and clarify on which side of it you fall, and why.**

Possible online sources:

- “The Role of Multiculturalism Policy in Addressing Social Inclusion Processes in Canada”
- Tyler McCreary, “The myth of the multicultural patchwork,” *Briarpatch*, Sept. 1, 2009
- Darren E. Lund, “Waking up the Neighbors”

Book Source: Himani Bannerji, *The Dark Side of the Nation*

- 3. Over the last decade or so, the term “global apartheid” has been used to describe racial and class divisions in our world. Discuss how appropriate you find this term to be, and why.**

Possible online sources:

- “Richest one percent will own more than all the rest by 2016,”
<https://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases/2015-01-19/richest-1-will-own-more-all-rest-2016>

- “Global Apartheid, Foreign Policy and Human Rights”:
<http://users.clas.ufl.edu/fayeharr/images/global.pdf>
- Gernot Kohler, “The Three Meanings of Global Apartheid”
- Charles Mutasa, “Global Apartheid and African Debt Crisis”

4. Black Lives Matter (BLM) has become the focal point for a new anti-racist movement today. Discuss the origins of BLM and some of the challenges it faces if it is to build an effective social movement.

Possible sources:

- Jelani Cobb, “The Matter of Black Lives”/”Where is Black Lives Matter Headed?” *New Yorker* magazine, March 14, 2016
- Alicia Garza, “A Herstory of the #BlackLivesMatter Movement” *The Feminist Wire*, October 17, 2014: <http://www.thefeministwire.com/2014/10/blacklivesmatter-2/>
- Alicia Garza on BLM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIUnz3cfo-w>
- Time magazine: <http://time.com/time-person-of-the-year-2015-runner-up-black-lives-matter/>
- Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, *From Black Lives Matter to Black Liberation*