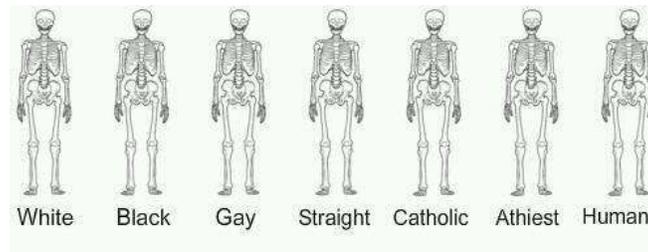


OPINION

HOW NOT TO BE RACIST: A GUIDE FOR WHITEY

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1. IF" you are starting a conversation with, *"This is not racist...."* Shut up. You are racist.

If you find yourself or anyone you know prefacing what they are about to say with the above, don't say it, and firmly tell your friend you are not interested in what they are about to say. Seriously. Anything after, *This is not...* will be racist.

Ask yourself, how the bleep, is whatever comes next enhancing the conversation or strengthening the friendship? Do racists even like each other?

2. NEVER. NEVER. NEVER. NEVER. EVER. Refer to anyone as your black, Asian, gay, Jewish, German, pink, purple, green, or any other descriptor, friend. NEVER.
3. "IF" you ever use *"they"* or *"those"* in conversations about anyone, you are racist. Don't do it.
4. NEVER. NEVER. NEVER. NEVER. EVER. Say to anyone who gets upset about a cultural comment, *"You need to lighten up,"* or anything about *"PC"* or *"Cancel Culture"* or *"Everyone is too sensitive these days."*

If what you say offends even one person, ask yourself: Why am I saying it?

5. Just because you think people are sensitive, it doesn't give you carte blanche to be a dick or whatever the gender non-specific term for dick is. It is probably, jerk.

6. "IF," someone in your presence says offensive things, and you don't say something. You are condoning their behaviour. It doesn't matter if they are older, and you think they are set in their ways or "*the times have changed*" or any other bullshit excuse for not speaking up. You might be a racist.

So, speak up, don't allow it to grow into more crap.

7. "IF" you claim other people are racist towards white people, and that makes it okay for you to be RACIST. You are a racist. STOP IT. Do you want to be a racist dinosaur? Well, do you?
8. "IF" you continue to hang out with overtly racist people because they are your friends. You are a racist. Ask yourself: Why would you want to be friends with a bunch of racist dinosaurs? *Where the dinosaurs racist?* Is that why they are extinct?
9. "IF" you avoid uncomfortable conversations with friends that say racist things because you don't want to upset them. **STOP LIGHTENING UP.**
10. "IF" you read a book about racism or any other cultural issue; **DON'T:** approach people you believe to be from that culture to talk about the book to show how *fucking woke* you are? **DO:** give yourself a pat on the back for being open-minded enough to realize the world doesn't revolve around YOU and YOUR EXPERIENCES.
11. "IF," you think you've worked hard (Whitey) for everything you have and are not self-aware enough to understand you may have had advantages. **YOU. SUCK.**

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Every self-aware white person has the responsibility to become a recovering racist.

If you'd like to add to the conversation or discuss any of the points to offer a fresh perspective, let's be all ears + all other body parts because it would be creepy if we were all ears.

Fire me a message on the TALK PAGE of my website: www.lindsaywincherauk.com if you have more suggestions on making our world a better place!
