Eavesdropping on America’s Conversation about Race
Race. Your Thoughts. Six Words. Please Send.
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- Americans, All Races, Shot 87 Koreans
  - Raoul M. Ilew
  Marietta, GA

- Arbitrary distinctions with no scientific basis
  - Cindy Brown, Pine Lake, GA.

- It was my Path To Wisdom.
  - Mattie, Marietta, GA

- The beginning and end of conflict.
  - Leigh Donaldson, Portland, Maine

- Self-evident: All men are created equal
  - Scott Smith, Buffalo, NY.

- Lord help us to do better
  - Anonymous
  Marietta, GA

- The content of my kid’s character
  - Kevin Triebsch
  Marietta, GA

- Aggravatingly presumed and ignorant, preventing progress
  - Alex, Chapel Hill, NC.

- We could learn much from ourselves.
  - Ellery Sills, Portland, Oregon

The Wall, Early Stages
You are invited to participate in a little exercise.
Think about the word RACE. Now, think about how you would express your thoughts about RACE in just SIX WORDS. That's right.
Your experiences, thoughts, triumphs, laments, theory or anthem expressed in six words. You can also include your name, location and email so we can alert you if your six-word “essay” is posted.
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I hear my grandfather's hateful words

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I was taught “they” smell bad.

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I am ashamed to be white.

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Korean marries Italian in Chinese garden

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Whitey likes saying get over it.
-Aaron Aitken, Detroit, MI

I don’t look like my family.
-Emma Montie, Minneapolis, MN

Over the phone all was normal.
-Tom Gail, Mantorville, MN
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My children are melting the melting pot.
-Michael Ward, Sacramento, CA

I’m afraid to say something wrong.
-Joel Lemke, Minneapolis, MN

Human’s only excuse to challenge God.
-Eric Tapia, Sacramento, CA

Color is just a color.
-Endy Pliego, Minneapolis, MN

Affirmative Action makes hiring minorities harder.
-Anonymous, Grand Rapids, MI

My culture defines me more than race.
-Guy Godfrey, Via Twitter: @mrfatlace

Invisible borders we let define society.
-Madison Spartz, Minneapolis, MN

A person of color, though white.
-Rev. Jeri Owens, Sacramento, CA
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Tell your story—I’ll listen (promise!)
-Christine White, Portland, OR
My handsome, professional nephews constantly stopped by cops for no reason other than driving while not-exactly-white.
The University of Michigan is hosting a theme semester called Understanding Race. As part of that effort, you are invited to participate in a little exercise. Think about the word RACE. Now think about how you would express your thoughts about RACE and ethnicity in just SIX WORDS. That’s right. Your experiences, thoughts, triumphs, lamentations, or themes expressed in just 6 words. Please include your name, location and email so we can archive your 6-word essay and alert you if it is posted on the website for The Race Card Project.

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ELECTING BLACK PRESIDENT
unleashes suppressed bigotry.

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I don't know who I am.

- Stacey Roma

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Think about how you would describe yourself in SIX WORDS. That's right. Your experiences, thoughts, reflections, emotions expressed in six words.

- Michele Norris

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DOROTHY YUMI GARCIA
me and my mom

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No word for what I am.
Welcome to The Race Card Project

What you see here are candid submissions from people who have engaged in a little exercise. Here's how it works. Think about the word Race. How would you distill your thoughts, experiences or observations about race into one sentence that only has six words? Try it.

+ About the Six Words

White Middle-Age Male No Reservations Required

Mark Whitesel, Statesboro, GA. I'm becoming more and more aware of my privilege as I grow older and how much I
THE INBOX …
Sonya Williams,
Baltimore, MD.

I grew up in a unique area of North Carolina in what is referred to as a tri-racial community. My Indian family are the Cheroenhaka Nottoway and Meherrin Indians of Southeast, VA & North Eastern, NC. When I went to college, during a lecture in my anthropology class, the professor was discussing a dig that took place on the Nottoway River and how 193 bodies were removed and placed in the Smithsonian collection. After the class, I approached the professor and told her I was a member of this tribe, but had never heard about this. This was in 1985 and that knowledge has haunted me every since. I contacted the museum on many occasions and was told by staff that “the Smithsonian does not house human remains.”

I knew this wasn’t true, but I had no legal way to get to the information. This went on until President Clinton enacted the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, which forced institutions to return all Native American artifacts and burial remains. After this, the museum did in fact admit to having the bones; however, they will not turn them over to the tribe because the act only covered federally recognized tribes, not state recognized. Therefore, we still wait for our ancestors to be returned to their eternal rest which is promised to all by God, but is being denied to my people.
On August 14, 1973 three black children from Atlanta, GA drowned in Waveland, Mississippi. Eyewitnesses reported that the children had been harassed by white boaters. The coroner’s jury closed the case without investigation the following day. Because of Jim Crow mortuary policies, locating a funeral director who would deal with African-Americans was a problem.
Vacation Trip Ends In Drownings

Three teenagers, vacationing on the Gulf Coast with an Atlanta settlement house group, drowned Saturday afternoon while swimming in the Sound near Gulfside Methodist Assembly in Waveland.

Shortly after 5 p.m., searchers in rescue boats found the bodies of Jimmy Spratling, 13, his sister Eva, 12 and Theresa Williams, 13 in seven feet of water at the edge of the channel some 400 yards out from the beach.

The three children were with a group of 41 teenagers and counselors from Emmaus House, a non-denominational center in Atlanta, on a week-long vacation at Gulfside. Earlier Saturday afternoon, most of the group had been swimming and wading in the shallow water in front of the Methodist Assembly complex.

Eyewitnesses to the tragic incident at first told County Civil Defense Director Donald McIntyre that when some of the swimmers appeared to be in trouble in deep water, others went to assist. The two Spratling children and the Williams girl, however, went down and disappeared before they could be rescued.

Some five boats answered the emergency call for help and the area was dragged for almost an hour before the children’s bodies were found in seven feet of water.

Coordinating water search efforts was Miss. Boat and Water Safety Patrolman Joe Seal, who recovered the bodies of the Spratling boy and one of the girls. Seal was assisted in his boat by Charles Marino and Emanuel Palmisano, both New Orleans area residents who were camping nearby.

The third body was recovered by Bay City Councilman Lucien Kidd, in another boat with Lee Ferrell and Robert Stroud.

The children’s bodies were taken to Hancock General Hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival. A coroner’s jury was empaneled and cause of death was attributed to drowning. They were transferred to a Bay St. Louis funeral home where arrangements were made to send the children to Atlanta.

Fr. Austin Ford was in charge of the Emmaus House group.

Monday, McIntyre was investigating later eyewitness reports linking two speedboats to the drownings.

Miss Aguzin Named For National Honor

Rebecca Aguzin of Waveland has recently been named to receive the Outstanding Young Women of America award for 1973.

Miss Aguzin will receive the Master of Arts degree in English Education from the University of Texas at Austin this month after which she will teach English and journalism at Bitburg High School in Rhineland-Phalz section of Germany, beginning in September.

She was a 1967 graduate of St. Joseph
Black babies cost less to adopt

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Michelle P.
Covington, LA

We decided to adopt a child years ago. We are not infertile, but felt like it was a great way to add to our family, while loving someone who needed us. Our research showed us that African-American children, especially boys, are the least adoptable in our country. We decided to adopt via a non-profit agency, a child of any race. In the US, whether you use a non-profit or a for profit agency, black children are cheaper. I have read the reasoning behind this, but I really don't care to repeat the rationalizations here. My son was cheaper than if he'd been white. How will he feel, if he ever finds out about that?
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Navigating world as transracial adoptive family.

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Caryn Ward Lantz
Minneapolis, MN

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All over the COUNTRY!
All over the WORLD!
Married a white girl, now what?
Faces of The Race Card Project
Alabama. MLK assassinated. Students cheered. Horrified

MLK Shot -- White 5th graders sent home

Martin Luther King, Jr. Shot. Applause

April 4, 1968

I'm glad they got the SOB!

Get back with the other monkeys!
April 4, 1968

Laid his change on the counter


Dr. King’s photo behind (a) folding door.

Crenchaw climbs Denali realizes King's dream

Constant conversation with my radical mom.