

Why Are They Woke?

The systemic con behind wokeism.

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Wokeism was never really about racism, sexism, or other -isms. It's a psychological projection: fobbing one's own concrete prejudices onto others in order to **alleviate or mask them**.

Should we laugh or cry BLM's Marxist co-founder Patrisse Cullors is a **corporate grifter**, accumulating several upscale homes and under IRS investigation for misuse of funds from one of her foundations. And that she feels at home living in a \$1.4 million Topanga Canyon home, in an almost exclusively ritzy **white** neighborhood?

Consider outspoken liberal Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), one of the Senate's **most woke**. Whitehouse is an **unapologetic** member of an **all-white** "*beach club*" of elites in Newport, RI. Is he committed to rooting out white privilege so he can relax amid fellow bluebloods?

The Obamas occasionally venture out of either their multimillion-dollar Washington, D.C. mansion or their Martha's Vineyard estate to **lecture** the country on its systemic racism. They express worry over the dangers that **apparently** white people pose to the very safety of their own daughters.

Does sermonizing square the circle the Obamas have **no** desire to return to their Chicago home—where nearly 700 African-American males were murdered in 2020, the vast majority by other black men? Chicago in 2021 is on a trajectory to suffer **over 30% more murder victims than in 2020**.

Joe Biden lectures us on our racism about every two weeks. He has government rooting out mythical white supremacist conspiracies. When he condemns anonymous white racists, does his outrage mitigate Hunter's habitual use of the **N-word and anti-Asian riffs**?

No Washington politico has compiled a longer record of **racialist put-downs** than Biden. The more he hunts white racists under every bed, the less necessary to look in the mirror or beg Hunter to knock off racist slurs.

The second catalyst of wokeism is the **distraction** it provides from scary problems threatening American civilization. While the country demands over 12% representation of black actors in TV commercials, **it is nearing \$30 trillion in national debt.**

Woke Biden **cannot stop 2 million immigrants this year** from crossing illegally into the US, almost all in need of **free** American health care, housing, food, and legal subsidies. Violent crime is spiking at an astonishing rate. Yet few dare say why that is or how to stop it.

America cannot face the likely truth Chinese researchers engineered a gain-of-function virus, with oversight from the Communist Chinese military and subsidies from Dr. Anthony Fauci.

When our elites are clueless about the national debt, inflation, illegal immigration, crime, soaring gas prices, and a global pandemic, they reassure themselves they can knock down another statue of Robert E. Lee.

One reason Oprah Winfrey, Meghan Markle, and LeBron James hype charges of white racism is that **their oppression reminds America that one can become rich as Croesus yet remain sympathetic victims.**

America is **systematically** being **conned** by those disguising their hypocrisy, who manipulate the guilt-ridden, who have no interest in solving America's most dangerous problems, and who get or stay richer by hyping America in need of massive rebooting, with it their own careerist remedies.