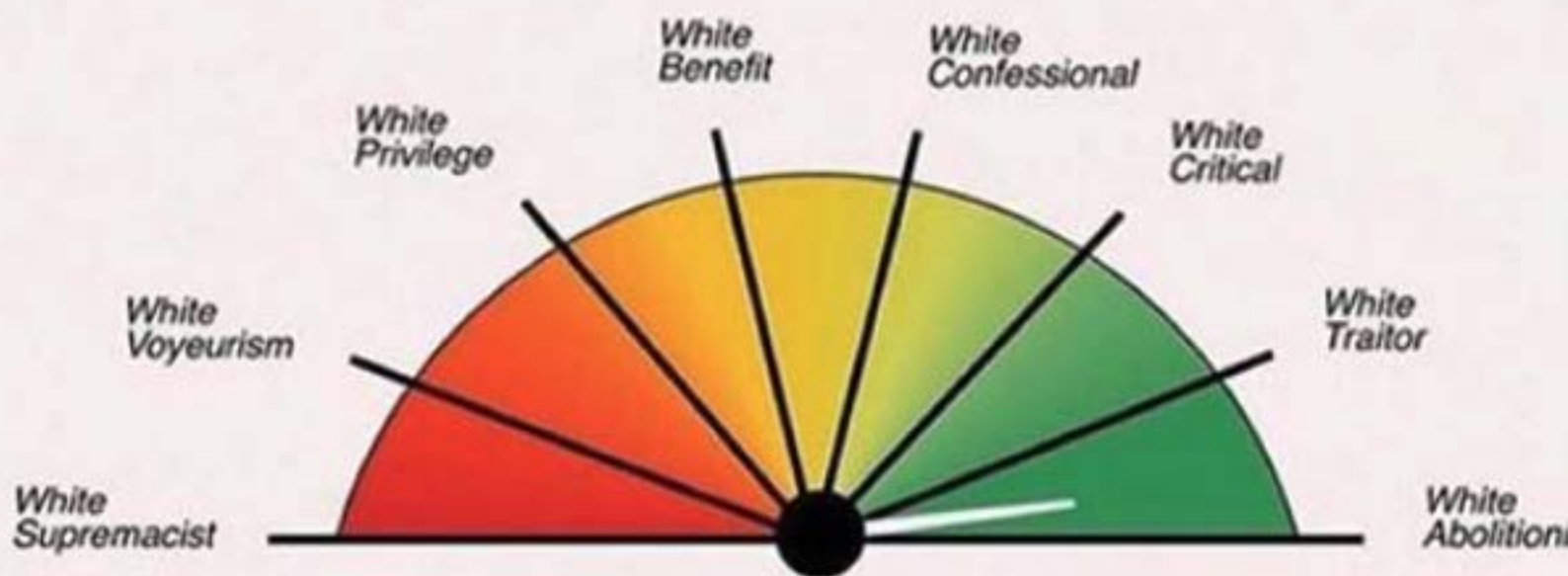


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1. White Supremacist

Clearly marked white society that preserves, names, and values white superiority

2. White Voyeurism

Wouldn't challenge a white supremacist; desires non-whiteness because it's interesting, pleasurable; seeks to control the consumption and appropriation of non-whiteness; fascination with culture (ex: consuming Black culture without the burden of Blackness)

3. White Privilege

May critique supremacy, but a deep investment in questions of fairness/equality under the normalization of whiteness and the white rule; sworn goal of 'diversity'

4. White Benefit

Sympathetic to a set of issues but only privately; won't speak/act in solidarity publicly because benefitting through whiteness in public (some POC are in this category as well)

5. White Confessional

Some exposure of whiteness takes place, but as a way of being accountable to POC after; seek validation from POC

6. White Critical

Take on board critiques of whiteness and invest in exposing/marking the white regime; refuses to be complicit with the regime; whiteness speaking back to whiteness

7. White Traitor

Actively refuses complicity; names what's going on; intention is to subvert white authority and tell the truth at whatever cost; need them to dismantle institutions

8. White Abolitionist

Changing institutions, dismantling whiteness, and not allowing whiteness to reassert itself

**OVERT
WHITE SUPREMACY
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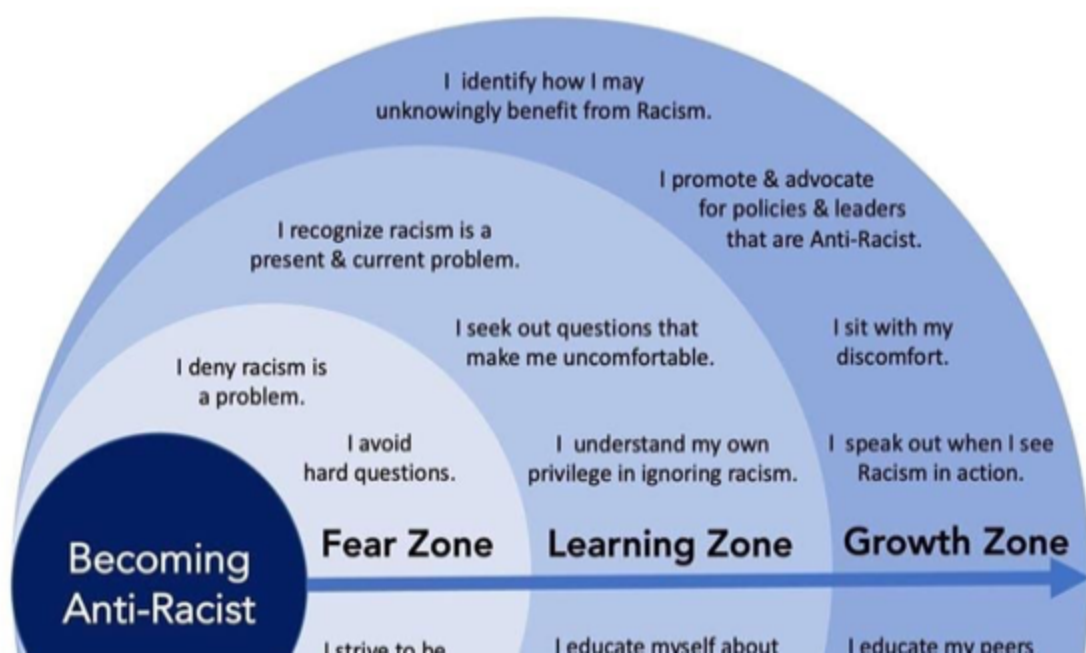


and that "This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time..."

Sincerely,

Mark

P.P.S. No joke today. However, I offer some images as food for thought and tools for action



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Important



Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying your vacation. I am so sorry to bother you with this. A conservative guy named [Christopher Rufo](#) tweeted earlier today about me emailing families some documents from our disrupting racism padlet. Apparently he has a lot of followers and I have been being trolled and harrassed all day about this and now it has made its way into some conservative online news outlets. Apparently, some people have been reaching out to staff and possibly families as well. Please do not reply to anyone. We do not want to encourage or engage these people. If anyone does email you, please share it with me, Letty, and Chris. Some news agencies including FOX have reached out to me but I have not responded. I want to make it clear that I do not believe I did anything wrong and do not feel the need to respond publicly at this point. However, I will be reaching out to the superintendent and the DOE.

Thank you, Mark

