

# Chapter Two- Politics of Race

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# Introduction

- Power of Perception
- Race vs organizing society.  
Challenge the interpretation
- Perception is reality based  
on the past
- Race as genetic vs race as  
social structure



# Race Mattered

## Origins of race thought

- Cast like system
- White superiority
- White mans names for minorities
- Exploitation



# Exploration

- Age of enlightenment
- Justification of human differences
- Systems of classification vs Climate
- 18th Century - 3 divisions
- Religion to Race



# Justifying Colonial Exploitation

- European/Christian ideals vs. Race
- Minorities would benefit
- Normal and Just
- Lead to European/White supremacy



colonial exploitation and racism

# Doctrines of Racial Superiority

- Emerged after racial types were normalized
- Confirmation of "science"
- Social Darwinism
- Eugenics
- Scientific racism



# Discussion

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Why do you think we felt/feel the need to explain differences?



# RACE MATTERS

## Rethinking the Race Concept: From Race to Racialization

**A. Race:** fixed & tangible - biological reality of distinct groups with fixed characteristics

**B. Racialization:** changing/process - differences between groups are socially constructed





# Focus from race to racialization helps escape:

- A.** preoccupation with the physical attributes
- B.** predictive power to determine peoples thought & behaviour
- C.** presumed inferiority





## Race matters in practise: United States

- post-racial America: the race subtext is unmistakable in public discourses about crime, poverty, and urban decay
- black-white issues
- banned interracial marriages
- socioeconomic indicator
- re-election of the first black president



# Canada:

- “white mans society”
- immigration programs capitalized
- instill public fear
- foreign born earn less



Discussion:

What is meant by white privilege in a systematically white Canada today?



# Will race matter in the future?



# How did video evidence change this situation?

## Walter Scott shooting: officer laughs about adrenaline rush in recording

Michael Slager describes 'pumping' feeling in audio recording as he discusses what will happen next with a senior officer



in North Charleston, South Carolina. Slager has

## How the video of Walter Scott's death differs from initial reports



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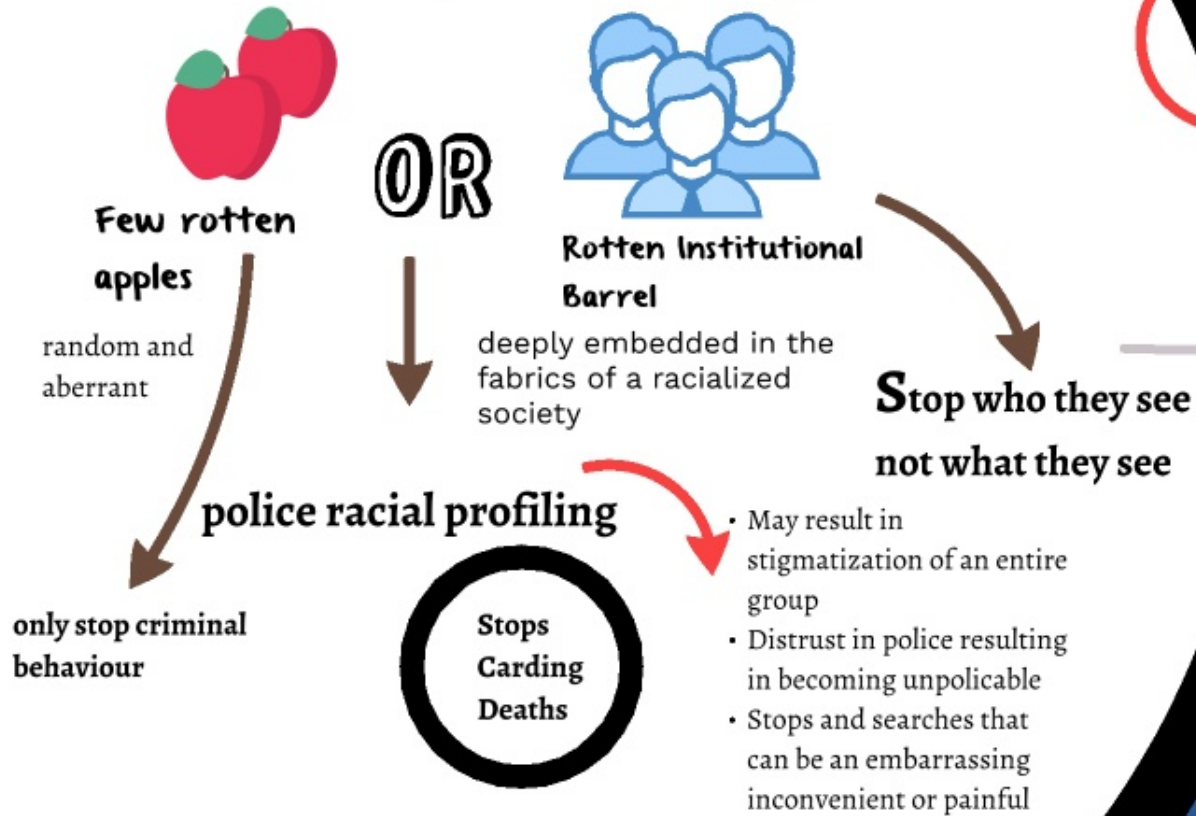
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Next, he said over the radio that he deployed his taser but it didn't work. After that, according to initial reports, a struggle ensued. The video doesn't show the struggle either.

# Racial profiling



## Roshomon effect

when the same incident is described differently by different people (who were involved) based on their location in society

