

Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

NEGRO HISTORY BAFFLER

Today's Baffler will test you to see whether you are moving toward a "Crow-Jim" policy that rivals the "Jim-Crow" outlook of many whites.

"Crow-Jim," for those who don't know, is but the Black version of "Jim-Crow." Just as some whites feel that their well-being depends on excluding Blacks ("Jim-Crow"), some Blacks believe that their salvation lies in keeping whites out and putting them down ("Crow-Jim").

There are no right or wrong answers to the questions in this Baffler; just try to be honest and avoid giving answers just because they seem to be the expected response.

After taking the test, go to the scoring below to see how you rate on the "Crow-Jim" scale. Here's the quiz:

1. Several civil-rights leaders believe that white policemen should be excluded from Black areas. How do you feel about this?

--A. I agree. A white policeman in a Black area is bound to be oppressive.

--B. It depends on the white policeman. There are good and bad policemen among both Blacks and whites.

--C. The idea is silly, as white policemen are seldom brutal in their relations with Blacks.

2. Do you feel that these leaders' proposals are any more justifiable than the exclusion of Black policemen from white areas would be?

--A. Yes. When whites exclude Blacks, that's racial bigotry; when Blacks exclude whites, that's social justice.

--B. One form of racial exclusion is no more defensible than another.

--C. When Blacks exclude whites, that's racial bigotry; when whites exclude Blacks, they're watching out for their economic and social interests.

3. How would you react if a white family moved into your building or your block?

--A. I would tell them to get out, as they're not wanted.

--B. I might ignore them; or I might try to cultivate their friendships, if I found them interesting.

--C. I'd feel obligated to be extra nice to them, for we Black people have to prove that we can be decent and civilized.

4. What are you doing about interracial warfare?

--A. I'm doing everything I can to promote it, for the Black man's progress depends on a violent showdown between Blacks and whites.

--B. I'm working for Black unity and racial pride, but not for increased tension between the races.

--C. I'm doing my best to convince whites that we Black people are a peaceful group that would rather be hurt than hurt someone.

5. Black "takeovers" of predominantly white universities are ...

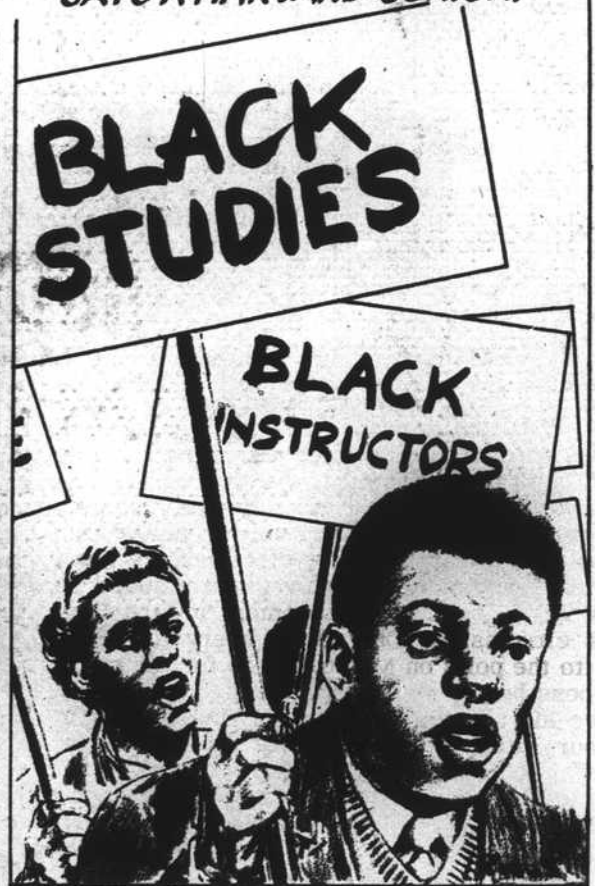
--A. ...a good way to put whites in their place.

--B. ...no more defensible than white "seizures" of predominantly Negro institutions would be.

--C. ...a sign that the Black man is going

Revolt Against Black Middle Class Behavior?

"THE SONS OF MIDDLE CLASS BLACKS ARE TURNING MILITANT BECAUSE THEY ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR PARENTS FOR HAVING DONE NOTHING TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE GHETTOS," SAYS A HARVARD JUNIOR.



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to the dogs.

SCORING: Count 3 points for each A, 2 points for each B, and 1 point for each C.

If you score 12-15, you appear to believe in a "Crow-Jim" policy. Your racial attitudes may be so extreme that they border on bigotry. You fail to see that it is no more defensible to stereotype and to collectively condemn one race than another.

If you score 9-11, you are neither a racial bigot nor an Uncle Tom. You admirably combine a sense of personal and racial pride with an ability to let your fellow man--of whatever race--stand or fall on his own merits.

If you score 5-8, you are too hard on your own people and too disposed to be partial to whites. Some people may call you an Uncle Tom. You need to recognize that putting Black people down is no indication of racial advancement and personal dignity. On the contrary, it is through respecting yourself and your own kind that you can learn that other people are human, too.

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THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

AN "NPI" FEATURE

- May 29, 1822 The Rev. John Gloucester, first Negro Presbyterian minister, died.
- May 29, 1892 Judge James E. Watson of New York Municipal Court, was elected to American Bar association.
- May 29, 1910 Birth of Ralph Metcalfe, famous track star and Olympic great, who is currently a Chicago alderman.
- May 30, 1822 Denmark Vessey's Carolina freedom plot exposed.
- May 30, 1854 Kansas - Nebraska Slavery Compromise bill ratified.
- May 30, 1870 Fifteenth, (Right to Vote) Amendment ratified.
- May 31, 1810 Walt Whitman, poet advocating freedom and democracy, born.
- May 31, 1853 First Negro YMCA organized in Washington, D.C. by Anthony Boven.
- May 31, 1869 Isaac Meyers, early Negro labor leader, addresses fourth Congress of National Labor Union.
- May 31, 1944 War Department abolishes segregation in U.S. Army posts.
- May 31, 1945 Theodore Bilbo, Mississippi senator, urged sending of Negroes back to Africa.
- May 31, 1961 Freedom rides in public transportation in Deep South in protest of segregation.
- June 1, 1859 Henry O. Tanner, famous American Negro painter who achieved his greatest honors in Europe, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- June 2, 1950 U.S. Supreme Court outlaws racial segregation in railroad dining cars in inter-state travel.
- June 3, 1967 Boston-Roxbury riot over welfare checks.