



THINKING ETHICALLY/ STRUCTURALLY ABOUT RACE & RACISM

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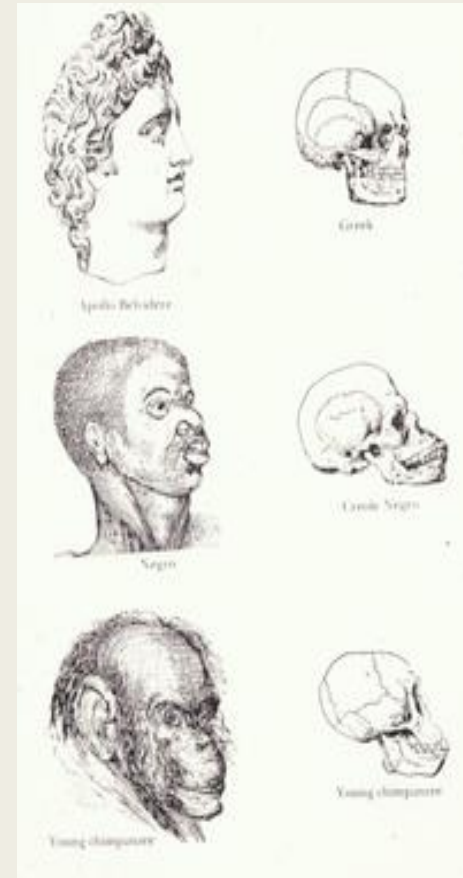


Central bioethical question

What is the relationship
between social inequalities
and biology?

Unethical answer: social
inequalities are caused by
innate, biological differences
(e.g., race)

The Scientific Invention of Race/ The Racial Invention of Science

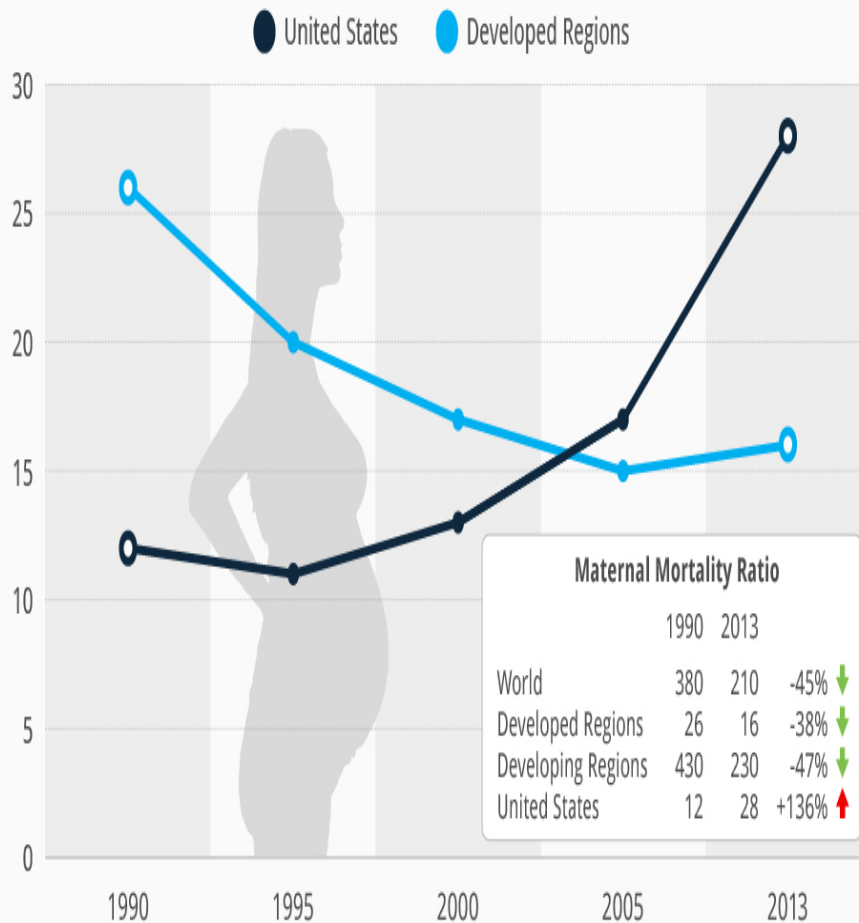


Racism is not the product of
race

Race is the product of racism

Maternal Deaths in the U.S. Are on the Rise

Maternal mortality ratio (number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)



Black women are 3-4X more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related causes.



Source: World Health Organization

Mashable statista

Test the hypothesis that “black race independent of other factors increases the risk of extreme preterm birth and its frequency of recurrence.”

Zachary A.-F. Kistka, Lisanne Palomar, Kirstin A. Lee, et al., “Racial Disparity in the Frequency of Recurrence of Preterm Births,” *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* 196 (2007): 131.e1.

Race isn't a risk factor;
racism is

Embodying *Racism*

“Race is not a biological category that naturally produces health disparities because of genetic differences. Race is a political category that has staggering biological consequences because of the impact of social inequality on people’s health”

Roberts, *Fatal Invention*, 129



OPINION

We're Sick of Racism, Literally



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Understanding race & racism matters!

- Research design
- Participation
- Structural change v. status quo

