**CHAPTER 6, BEYOND THE MYTHICAL NORM**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

READ

[All Mixed Up: What Do We Call People of Multiple Backgrounds](https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2016/08/25/455470334/all-mixed-up-what-do-we-call-people-of-multiple-backgrounds)?, Leah Donnella, NPR, August 25, 2016 (nonfiction/essay)

Mixed? Biracial? Multiracial? The history of the words we’ve used to describe people who identify with more than one race or ethnicity.

*Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015 (nonfiction/memoir)

Letter to the author’s 15-year-old son about racism in America.

[The Case for Reparations](https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/), Ta-Nehisi Coates, *The Atlantic*, June 2014 (opinion / article)

The continued legacy of racist policies and practices in the United States and the case for making reparations to African Americans who have been systematically disempowered and disadvantaged.

[Choosing a School for My Daughter in a Segregated City](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/magazine/choosing-a-school-for-my-daughter-in-a-segregated-city.html), Nikole Hannah-Jones, *The New York Times Magazine*, June 9, 2016 (nonfiction/essay)

One Black family’s struggle to find the right New York City public school for their daughter.

[Cleveland Indians Are Removing Chief Wahoo from Field But Have Incentive to Keep Him on Shelves](https://www.forbes.com/sites/maurybrown/2018/01/29/while-cleveland-indians-retiring-chief-wahoo-new-products-with-him-not-going-away/), Maury Brown, *Forbes*, January 29, 2018 (news article)

*Free Food for Millionaires*, Min Jin Lee, 2007 (novel)

Intergenerational conflict in a Korean American family.

[Men Without a Country: Mike Brown, Trayvon Martin, My Father and Me,](https://www.thedailybeast.com/men-without-a-country-mike-brown-trayvon-martin-my-father-and-me) Arthur Chu, *Daily*

*Beast*, August 12, 2014 (nonfiction/essay)

On being an Asian American man and not belonging in America.

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, Michelle Alexander, 2010 (nonfiction/book)

Alexander argues that mass incarceration has replaced Jim Crow and legal segregation as a system of social control in America.

*Race, Gender, and the Politics of Skin Tone*, Margaret Hunter, 2005 (nonfiction/book)

An examination of how colorism (an ideology that usually privileges lighter skin tone) affects African American and Mexican American women.

[*Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas*](https://www.ibramxkendi.com/stamped-from-the-beginning/), Ibram X. Kendi, 2016 (scholarly / book)

National Book Award winner about how racist ideas are intimately entwined with the founding and development of the United States to the present day.

*There, There*, Tommy Orange, 2018 (novel)

Intersecting stories of American Indians living in Oakland, California.

[What Biracial People Know](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/04/opinion/sunday/what-biracial-people-know.html), Moises Velasquez-Manoff, *The New York Times*, March 4, 2017

(opinion/article)

The advantages of diversity.

LISTEN

[American Made](https://www.sceneonradio.org/episode-54-american-made-men-part-8/), Scene on Radio, October 17, 2018, 54 mins (podcast)

Examines racialized stereotyping of Asian American and African American men.

[America’s Original Identity Politics](https://www.nybooks.com/daily/2019/02/07/americas-original-identity-politics/), Sarah Churchwell, New York Review of Books, February 7, 2019 (opinion/article)

How “identity politics” have been embedded in the United States since before its founding and why accusations that the left has been overcome by identity politics get the story wrong.

[Busted: America’s Poverty Myths](https://www.wnycstudios.org/shows/otm/projects/busted-americas-poverty-myths), On the Media, 2016 (podcast)

5-part series unpacking the myths that shape our views and policy decisions about poverty in

America.

[Latinx: The Ungendering of the Spanish Language](https://latinousa.org/2016/01/29/latinx-ungendering-spanish-language/), Latino USA, January 29, 2017, 11 mins

(podcast)

Changing the Spanish language to make it more inclusive.

[Seeing White](https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/), Scene on Radio, 2017 (podcast)

14-part series on what it means to be white in America.

WATCH

13th, Ava DuVernay, Director, 2016, 1 hr 40 mins (documentary)

Racism and mass incarceration in the United States. Available on Netflix.

[Evoking the Mulatto](http://evokingthemulatto.com/indexmain/main.html), Website

Exploring Black mixed identity in the 21st century. Check out the videos and other resources.

[Precious Knowledge](https://www.kanopy.com/wayf/product/precious-knowledge), Ari Luis Palos & Eren Isabel McGinnis, 2011, 1 hr 15 mins (documentary)

One of the final years of the highly successful Mexican-American Studies Program at Tucson

High School (declared illegal by the State of Arizona). Available on Kanopy with library subscription.

[To Gain Title to Our Bodies: Black Women and the Long Civil Rights Movement](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCqjlCY2L-s), Danielle L. McGuire (lecture / video)

[We need to talk about an injustice](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2tOp7OxyQ8), Bryan Stevenson, TED Talk, 2012, 23 mins

Human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson details some hard truths about mass incarceration and race.

[Young Lakota](https://www.kanopy.com/product/young-lakota), Marion Lipschutz & Rose Rosenblatt, Directors, 2013, 1 hr 23 mins

(documentary)

The political awakening of 3 young people on the Pine Ridge reservation. Available on Kanopy with library subscription.