

**Sociology 125 Lectures 15 & 16  
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## **Race in America**

### **I. Introductory Remarks**

- 1. What is Race & Racism?**
- 2. Racism hurts not only minorities, but whites as well.**
- 3. Racism as a form of oppression.**

### **II. Historical Trajectory of Racial Domination in America**

- 1. genocide**
- 2. slavery**
- 3. second class citizenship: American Apartheid**
- 4. semi-free labor**
- 5. racism as discrimination**

### **III. Current Situation:**

#### **formal legal equality + enduring Racism**

- 1. Crucial Fact:** dismantling of the segregationist racial state apparatus and significant erosion of the cultural supports for racism
- 2. Continuing realities of significant economic disadvantage**
- 3. Continuing realities of active discrimination:**
- 4. Affirmative Action**
- 5. The reinforcement of racism by class inequality**
- 6. The politics of antiracism**