

@swirlinc: Hi Swirlies and welcome to this week's #swirlchat! Let us know who you are...

SWIRL November 4, 2011, 7:00 pm



@kadavids: @swirlchat Hi there, it's Kim in Germany here! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:01 pm



@KourtnieAlexa: @swirlinc What's #swirlchat? #curious

November 4, 2011, 7:01 pm



@swirlinc: @KourtnieAlexa Hi Kourtnie! Today's #swirlchat is about ethnic names and discrimination. We discuss diff things each time. Stick around!

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@onlyONscripting: Joel in New York here! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:04 pm



@kadavids: @onlyONscripting Hi Joe!! SO glad you could join! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:05 pm



@swirlinc: So Swirlies, let us know - have you had any personal experience with discrimination and your name? #swirlchat

SWIRL November 4, 2011, 7:05 pm



@FairOpportunity: Good afternoon, all - Ari here from NYC #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:06 pm



@onlyONscripting: @kadavids Glad to be here -- even if I have to check out here and there. :-) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:07 pm



@kadavids: @swirlinc I have a pretty British name and I think it surprises people when they find out my ethnic background #swirlchat #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:08 pm



@onlyONscripting: @fairoppportunity Welcome! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:08 pm



@swirlinc: @FairOpportunity Hi Ari! Welcome to #swirlchat :)

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@onlyONscripting: @kadavids LOL -- when we first met, I knew you were mixed, so I guess I wasn't thrown off. :-D #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:09 pm



@kadavids: @onlyonscripting well we were at a multiracial conference so i guess that's cheating ;-) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:10 pm



@mcultralfam: Check out @jenkchau on @ITYCPODCAST on 12/2 at 2:30 pm EST http://t.co/xQuP9CC3 . Then join our #swirlchat at 3 pm EST!

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@kdavids: @onlyONscripting But I know it works both ways - a name is how people first "judge" you #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:11 pm



@nonash88: @kdavids Same here with a very Irish name. This is Shannon in Massachusetts :) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:11 pm



@onlyONscripting: @kdavids Agreed! But I imagine you get "oh!" from people who expect something completely different. #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:11 pm



@onlyONscripting: @nonash88 Welcome! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:12 pm



@mculturfam: @jenkchau Loved listening to you on @ITYCPodcast! Very inspirational! #mixedlife #racism #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:12 pm



@swirlinc: @nonash88 Hi Shannon and welcome to #swirlchat! How do you deal with people who react to your name?

November 4, 2011, 7:13 pm



@kdavids: @nonash88 When I was younger I used to hate my name. Now I just think it's funny esp b/c I always check "Black" #shockfactor #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:14 pm



@nonash88: Well mostly I think people expect my name to have a more exotic pronunciation than 'Coin' and try 'Coin-ee' or something similar #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:14 pm



@swirlinc: @mculturfam Welcome to #swirlchat!

November 4, 2011, 7:15 pm



@jenkchau: Hi everyone! Great to be here. #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:15 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau @mculturfam Welcome! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:16 pm



@swirlinc: @jenkchau Hi Jen! Welcome to #swirlchat :). Have you had any experiences with your name and misunderstandings/discrimination?

November 4, 2011, 7:16 pm



@ITYCPODCAST: Hope everyone enjoyed our talk w/ @jenkchau! Thanks to Jen & @swirlinc for all the grt work they do! The #swirlchat is going on right now!

November 4, 2011, 7:16 pm



@jenkchau: I think that when people are not quite sure of what you are ethnically, they sometimes go to your name for clues. #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: Thank you! Sounds like a great topic. RT @swirlinc: @mculturfam Welcome to #swirlchat! #swirlchat

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@mculculturalfam: RT @jenkchau: I think that when people are not quite sure of what you are ethnically, they sometimes go to your name for clues. #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @nonash88 It makes it that much cooler ;) #swirlchat

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@mculculturalfam: Thank you! Great to finally make it for a chat! RT @onlyONscripting: @jenkchau @mculculturalfam Welcome! #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: I definitely that names can also hold "cultural capital." When my white mom ran for school board way back when... #swirlchat

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@ITYCPODCAST: RT @jenkchau: I think that when people are not quite sure of what you are ethnically, they sometimes go to your name for clues. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: RT @mculculturalfam: RT @jenkchau: I think that when people are not quite sure of what you are ethnically, they sometimes go to your name for clues. #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau Good point -- and depending on the situation, those clues can disqualify people for certain opportunities. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: she swept the Asian vote (with the last name Chau). Then she showed up at the first meeting and let's just say people weren't... #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:18 pm



@jenkchau: expecting to see a white lady. These days, you never know! :) #swirlchat

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@mculculturalfam: MT @onlyONscripting: Good point -- and depending on the situation, those clues can disqualify people for certain opportunities. #swirlchat

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@ITYCPODCAST: @swirlinc My parents made a deliberate decision not to give me an "ethnic" name wayyyy back in the 70s. #swirlchat

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@mculculturalfam: @onlyONscripting It most definitely does. For my husband & I experienced a taste when I took his name. Very diff experience... #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:19 pm



@kadavids: @onlyonscripting Do you ever wish you had a different name? I wish my middle name was of Asian origin sometimes #swirlchat

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@mculculturalfam: True! So much mixing & intermarriage. :) RT @jenkchau: expecting to see a white lady. These days, you never know! #swirlchat



:) #swirlchat
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@mculturfam: RT @kadavids: @onlyonscripting Do you ever wish you had a different name? I wish my middle name was of Asian origin sometimes #swirlchat
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@FairOpportunity: @jenkchau - so true. I've gone to job interviews and I can always tell that people are shocked to see a "black" man with the name #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:21 pm



@jenkchau: @ITYCPODCAST And it was because they thought an "ethnic name" would impact you negatively? #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:21 pm



@onlyONscripting: @mculturfam I can imagine. I know some folks who go by nicknames or "American" names to avoid some of that earlier on. #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:21 pm



@swirlinc: @ITYCPODCAST Welcome to #swirlchat and thanks for the kind words! #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:21 pm



@FairOpportunity: "Ariel Joseph" - lol! Living in New York it's especially hilarious! (Jews always think I'm part of the Tribe before they meet me) #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:21 pm



@jenkchau: @FairOpportunity Yea. I think people have so many assumptions attached to names. Who you are, what you look like... #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:22 pm



@KourtnieAlexa: My fiance is white & we are always discussing this! He'd like to go more "ethnic" I'd like our child's name to be American. #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:22 pm



@nonash88: I know a lot of people have an 'ethnic' name as their middle name (my case), or when naturalized adopt an 'American' first name #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:22 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Well yes...a history of people changing their names at Ellis Island, right? It was about survival! #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:22 pm



@onlyONscripting: @kadavids I'm cool with my name. It's short & kind of nondescript, though "Joel" usually becomes "Jo-El" on the East Coast. :-) #swirlchat.
November 4, 2011, 7:23 pm



@swirlinc: Can your name keep you from getting hired? <http://t.co/h5yv2qfk> #swirlchat #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:23 pm



@mculturfam: My husband & I went an alternate route w/our daughter. Her name is definitely Latino though...Lilyana Floranza (unique). #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:24 pm



@KourtnieAlexa: Oops! Forgot to intro myself. Kourtnie here from the Virgin Islands! #swirlchat

- November 4, 2011, 7:24 pm
- @jenkchau:** @KourtnieAlexa It's great that you are talking about it... what comes up for both of you in the conversation? #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:24 pm
- @mculturfam:** YES! RT @swirlinc: Can your name keep you from getting hired? <http://t.co/CEM67kxq> #swirlchat #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:24 pm
- @FairOpportunity:** @KourtnieAlexa Ever read Freakanomics? Having an "ethnic" (read: Black) name hurts your hiring prospects... #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:24 pm
- @jenkchau:** @KourtnieAlexa Nice to meet you! So glad you are here! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:25 pm
- @onlyONscripting:** @jenkchau Yeah. Funny how prevalent that still is, how so many want to dull down accents and other marks to make names 'bland.' #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:25 pm
- @jenkchau:** @FairOpportunity And it's sad that parents avoid "ethnic names" so that their kids aren't discriminated against... #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:26 pm
- @kadavids:** @KourtnieAlexa Is there any reason why you prefer "American"? My fiance is white 2. I def want my kids to have Asian middle names #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:26 pm
- @mculturfam:** @swirlinc Sometimes it brings opportunities, but there is that hovering "diversity" element that feels like fake enthusiasm. #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:26 pm
- @KourtnieAlexa:** @FairOpportunity Yes I have! And we've discussed it at length. He still wants an ethnic name, which I find ironic! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:26 pm
- @kadavids:** @nonash88 Thanks exactly what I want for my kids! #swirlchat


November 4, 2011, 7:26 pm
- @jenkchau:** ...versus us really getting down to people's underlying racism. #swirlchat

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- @jenkchau:** @mculturfam Agreed. Tokenism. #swirlchat


November 4, 2011, 7:27 pm
- @kadavids:** @mculturfam What a beautiful name! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:27 pm
- @onlyONscripting:** MT @mculturfam Sometimes it brings opportunities, but there is hovering "diversity" element that feels like fake enthusiasm #swirlchat / YES!


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 @swirlinc: MT @mculturfam: Sometimes brings opportunities, but there is that hovering "diversity" element that feels like fake enthusiasm. #swirlchat
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 @mculturfam: Yes, they want u to perform a token task & that's it. No relationship w/coworkers. RT @jenkchau: @mculturfam Agreed. Tokenism. #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:28 pm




 @FairOpportunity: @KourtnieAlexa I dunno... I feel like being mixed is difficult enough... I love 'ethnic' names, but... #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:28 pm




 @KourtnieAlexa: @kadavids I think it comes down to the future. I'd love to give my kids the best chance in life. #swirlchat
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 @jenkchau: And people want to believe that we are in a post-race society... pshh. #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:29 pm




 @KourtnieAlexa: @kadavids And I think that people can sometimes judge before they meet a person... Am I making sense? #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:29 pm




 @ITYCPODCAST: @jenkchau I think they did. They think a name like Tyrone could harm a child's chances (I want to name a son Tyrone if I have 1) #swirlchat
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 @mculturfam: RT @KourtnieAlexa: @kadavids I think it comes down to the future. Id love to give my kids the best chance in life. #swirlchat
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 @swirlinc: Here's an interesting story: Man Takes Fake "White" Name To Test Job Discrimination <http://t.co/SBX6Udvo> HT @jezebel #swirlchat
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 @mculturfam: Yes! RT @KourtnieAlexa: @kadavids And I think that people can sometimes judge before they meet a person... Am I making sense? #swirlchat
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 @mculturfam: MT @ITYCPODCAST: They think a name like Tyrone could harm a childs chances (I want to name a son Tyrone if I have 1) #swirlchat
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 @mculturfam: RT @swirlinc: Heres an interesting story: Man Takes Fake "White" Name To Test Job Discrimination <http://t.co/4b9AxURt> HT @jezebel #swirlchat
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 @onlyONscripting: @kourtniealexa Totally makes sense, though the fact that you & fiance are talking about this will GREATLY help regardless! :-)) #swirlchat
November 4, 2011, 7:31 pm



 @ITYCPODCAST: RT @swirlinc: Here's an interesting story: Man Takes Fake "White" Name To Test Job Discrimination <http://t.co/SBX6Udvo> HT @jezebel #swirlchat



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@mculturfam: @swirlinc Ha! Exactly! Why is job discrimination still debated!? We have the facts to back it up! #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @kourtniealexa Yep! I'm Black and Asian (but you wouldn't know from my very Caucasian sounding name) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:32 pm



@jenkchau: @swirlinc Wasn't there a whole 20/20 series way back when about home loans & jobs where they showed a white man and a black man? #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:32 pm



@FairOpportunity: @jenkchau - not just at a 20/20 show, but actual scientific studies done. It's why we have the Fair Housing Act #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:33 pm



@jenkchau: And the white man was more often granted the loan and the job while the black man wasn't? Similar to the name issue... #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau That sounds familiar -- may have been done a few times. And the result is ALWAYS the same. #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:33 pm



@mculturfam: I gave my daughter an 'ethnic' name because I wanted to set the point from day1, that her heritage is beautiful! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:33 pm



@ITYCPODCAST: @jenkchau @swirlinc There was! They did the name test along w/ a real estate visit I think and a job intv. #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: and why we have the Civil Rights Act... #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @FairOpportunity Of course! #swirlchat

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@ITYCPODCAST: @mculturfam A friend of mine named her kids ethnic names for similar reasons. #swirlchat

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@ITYCPODCAST: RT @FairOpportunity: @jenkchau - not just at a 20/20 show, but actual scientific studies done. It's why we have the Fair Housing Act #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: It doesn't really matter though - so long as 'ethnic' is interpreted to mean 'other' to the white majority... #swirlchat


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@mculturfam: So powerful. <3 RT @ITYCPODCAST: @mculturfam A friend of mine named her kids ethnic names for similar reasons. #swirlchat


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 @swirlinc: @jenkchau @onlyONscripting But since we are aware of these issues (and have documentation) you would think people would stop #swirlchat


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 @mculculturalfam: Yes! MT @FairOppportunity: not just at a 20/20 show, but actual scientific studies done. Its why we have the Fair Housing Act #swirlchat


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 @jenkchau: @swirlinc Well that's just it. We can have policy changes, but it doesn't necessarily mean the change automatically hits us.. #swirlchat

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 @kadavids: @FairOppportunity But what happens when they aren't the majority anymore? Will the concept of an "American" name change? #swirlchat


November 4, 2011, 7:35 pm



 @ITYCPODCAST: @KourtnieAlexa @jenkchau I love it too! Ironically, it's a family name on the WHITE side of my hubby's fam! #swirlchat


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 @jenkchau: ...at ground level. We are talking about changing people's attitudes about race here...it's not overnight, unfortunately. #swirlchat


November 4, 2011, 7:36 pm



 @FairOppportunity: our names, along with our skin colors, have the very real likelihood of being discriminated against #swirlchat


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 @mculculturalfam: Systems keep it going. MT @swirlinc: But since we are aware of these issues & have documentation u would think people would stop #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:36 pm



 @KourtnieAlexa: @swirlinc @mculculturalfam What do you mean? #swirlchat

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 @mculculturalfam: @happybrownmom Thank you! :) #swirlchat


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 @jenkchau: Funny! RT @ITYCPODCAST: @KourtnieAlexa @jenkchau I love it 2! Ironically, it's a family name on the WHITE side of my hubby's fam! #swirlchat


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 @ITYCPODCAST: Sadly, I have to leave the chat to deal w/ an angry toddler. Great discussion-everyone have a grt wknd! #swirlchat


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 @swirlinc: MT @jenkchau: thats just it. We can have policy changes, but it doesnt necessarily mean the change automatically hits us. #swirlchat

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 @jenkchau: @ITYCPODCAST Thanks for being here, Michelle! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:38 pm





@onlyONscripting: @itycpodcast You, too! #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: You might not get hired for your skill or work ethic, but for quotas. MT @KourtnieAlexa: @swirlinc What do you mean? #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @ITYCPODCAST Thanks for joining and have a great weekend Michelle! #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: A law professor of mine, Derrick Bell, came up with a concept called "Interest Convergence Principle" <http://t.co/SZcigpv9> #swirlchat

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@happybrownmom: @mcultralfam there's a huge difference btwn ethnic names and names of 'creativity' gone awry. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @FairOpportunity I LOVE Derrick Bell and I'm sorry we have lost him... #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: Sum: Things don't change unless those who have power fear that their power will be taken away from them. 1 of 2 results happens.. #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: @KourtnieAlexa For appearances or to fulfill a gov/company policy. My husb is an outsider at his work...has been most of his life #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: RT @FairOpportunity: A law professor of mine, Derrick Bell, came up with a concept called "Interest Convergence Principle" <http://t.co/SZcigpv9> #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: 1. That fear of loss turns into actual action to appease the masses, ORn2. Those with power have it taken away. #swirlchat

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@KourtnieAlexa: What about naming kids outside their personal culture? Like naming a b&w multiracial child something Hispanic or Asian? #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @happybrownmom Example? :) #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: We're not yet at a place in this country where we're willing to "take away" the power so that those of us with different colors.. #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: True..lol But uniqueness is great! MT @happybrownmom: theres a huge diff btwn ethnic names and names of creativity gone awry. #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: .. or ethnic names are treated fairly... #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: LOL ... agreed! // RT @happybrownmom @mcultralfam there's a huge difference btwn ethnic names and names of 'creativity' gone awry #swirlchat

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@FairOpportunity: @Jenkchau - had con law with Prof. Bell - he was the sweetest man. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: It's not only America - Employers discriminate against ethnic names: study in Canada: <http://t.co/mXUOiz1j> #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @FairOpportunity That makes sense. And I agree with you... #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @happybrownmom Welcome to #swirlchat Rya! #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: @happybrownmom I think it's great to create something new & people could be a little more open to learning to pronounce it. ;) #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: RT @swirlinc: Its not only America - Employers discriminate against ethnic names: study in Canada: <http://t.co/iuMQncqZ> #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @mcultralfam I have shuddered while listening to people butcher names they didn't know how to pronounce... #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: Exactly! RT @jenkchau: @mcultralfam I have shuddered while listening to people butcher names they didnt know how to pronounce... #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: I think you should at least try to learn how it should sound... and do your best after that. :) #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @mcultralfam The worst...I am sure we have all had teachers who insist on pronouncing some students' names all year. #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: @jenkchau Mine was one of those...lol. A mix of french, dutch, Austrian, but I didn't see why it was difficult for everyone. #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: YES! So important!! RT @jenkchau: I think you should at least try to learn how it should sound... and do your best after that. :) #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: MT @jenkchau: The worst...I am sure we have all had teachers who insist on pronouncing some students names all year. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: Or laugh at/mock certain names. I still get shocked by that. There is a person attached to that name. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: Oops: The worst...I am sure we have all had teachers who insist on MIS-pronouncing some students names all year. #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: @jenkchau Yes, this is AWFUL!! Humiliating & demoralizing! Terrible experience! #swirlchat

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@KourtnieAlexa: I wonder how someone decides what's "ethnic". How can you tell if it's cultural or creativity? #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: RT @jenkchau: Or laugh at/mock certain names. I still get shocked by that. There is a person attached to that name. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: What if you want to change your name? NYPD keeps files on Muslims who change their names: <http://t.co/dzekufhK> #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: @KourtnieAlexa I don't know if you always can, but the family knows & that's what matters. ;) Makes it special! <3 #swirlchat

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@ugottaFriendnme: Me too RT @KourtnieAlexa: I wonder how someone decides what's "ethnic". How can you tell if it's cultural or creativity? #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: RT @swirlinc: What if you want to change your name? NYPD keeps files on Muslims who change their names: <http://t.co/wJfLKW0U> #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @kourtniealexa If even people within a culture look confused when they hear a name, there's a good chance it's 'creative.' :-)) #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: @swirlinc YIKES! #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @KourtnieAlexa Great question! Especially with names like "Beyonce" and "Aaliyah" that are popular now. They r in baby name books #swirlchat

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@happybrownmom: @jenkchau but there are also children name Dayjhanay. Which is a take on the french word dejeuner which means lunch. #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @ugottaFriendnme Welcome! #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: RT @kadavids: Great question! Especially with names like "Beyonce" and "Aaliyah" that are popular now. They r in baby name books #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting LOL #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: RT @onlyONscripting: If even people within a culture look confused when they hear a name, theres a good chance its creative. :-) #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: @onlyONscripting Haha...good point! ;)n #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @kadavids @kourtniealexa I actually have a friend with a daughter named Aaliyah, but she's white -- throws people off a lot! #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: RT @onlyONscripting: I actually have a friend with a daughter named Aaliyah, but shes white -- throws people off a lot! #swirlchat

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@cardenie: Just stumbled upon #swirlchat. How is everyone?

November 4, 2011, 7:52 pm



@mculturfam: RT @jenkchau: @mculturfam I have shuddered while listening to people butcher names they didn't know how to pronounce... #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @KourtnieAlexa Your question about naming kids outside of their personal culture...I think it's a good question. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: Something tells me people would struggle with it. #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @onlyONscripting Sometimes ppl forget the origin of a name. For example, Natasha is a Russian name. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @cardenie Great! Glad you are joining us! #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: @ugottaFriendnme Hey, great to see you! Welcome to the chat! :) #swirlchat

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@KourtnieAlexa: @cardenie Great! Nice to meet you:) #swirlchat

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@ugottaFriendnme: We're not #sadbuttrue RT @jenkchau: And people want to believe that we are in a post-race society... pshh.

#swirlchat

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@DianaDudgeon: RT @mculturfam: RT @onlyONscripting: If even people within a culture look confused when they hear a name, theres a good chance its creative. :-) #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: RT @ugottaFriendnme: Were not #sadbuttrue RT @jenkchau: And people want to believe that we are in a post-race society... pshh. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @ugottaFriendnme It baffles me... I guess it's wishful thinking? Or...denial. :) #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @cardenie Hey Carisa! Welcome :) #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: Both..lol. RT @jenkchau: @ugottaFriendnme It baffles me... I guess its wishful thinking? Or...denial. :) #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @cardenie Welcome Carisa! Long time no speak ;) #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @kadavids True -- there's a lot of borrowing, which is cool. In reality, folks can be named what their parents choose ... #swirlchat

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@ugottaFriendnme: @mculturfam Hi! :) Glad to be here. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @mculturfam Yea, probably right. :) I almost feel like we're in another lovely PC phase again... #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: ... it's the folks who have a problem with their names that mess things up. I make sure things are said and spelled correctly. #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: MT @onlyONscripting True -- theres a lot of borrowing, which is cool. In reality, folks can be named what their parents choose #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: @DianaDudgeon Hi Diana and welcome! #swirlchat

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@cardenie: @swirlinc TY! #swirlchat

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@mculturfam: Wondering, how do you deal with pressure from your family on this topic? #swirlchat

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@ugottaFriendnme: Hey girl, how are you? RT @cardenie: Just stumbled upon #swirlchat. How is everyone?

November 4, 2011, 7:57 pm



@cardenie: @kadavids Hey! Nice to see you!n #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: Wow, can't believe the hour flew by! Any last thoughts on ethnic names? #swirlchat

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@KourtnieAlexa: RT @mculturfam: MT @onlyONscripting True -- theres a lot of borrowing, which is cool. In reality, folks can be named what their parents choose #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @mculturfam If I ever bring home grandkids, my parents will do cartwheels and not even care what their names are. :-) #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @mculturfam Thankfully, don't have any :) but my fiance's name is Wolfgang and we will not replicate this to the next gen #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting AMEN! lol #swirlchat

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@cardenie: @ugottaFriendnme Good! Just taking a nursing break with my little one here. #swirlchat

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@ugottaFriendnme: @mculturfam The family pressure is a non issue since they will have an opinion no matter what we decide to name our kids. #swirlchat

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@jenkchau: @kadavids I would have been wolfgang if I was a boy. I know I told you that before. #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:58 pm



@swirlinc: @onlyONscripting LOL! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:59 pm



@mculturfam: @jenkchau Yes... #Obama has brought the crazies out & everyone is picking sides. #Swirlchat

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@mculturfam: RT @ugottaFriendnme: @mculturfam The family pressure is a non issue since they will have an opinion no matter what we decide to name our kids. #swirlchat

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named what their parents choose #swirlchat

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@kadavids: @jenkchau which IS the coolest name EVER... except in Germany where it's just too common #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 7:59 pm



@mculturalfam: @onlyONscripting @kadavids @ugottaFriendnme Both side argue, so we listened to neither...lol. #swirlchat

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@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau @kadavids Wow! #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: Thanks so much for the great chat! :) RT @swirlinc: Wow, cant believe the hour flew by! Any last thoughts on ethnic names? #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:00 pm



@jenkchau: @mculturalfam You can say that again. We have more work to do so that all of the creative names of the world are given opps! #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: RT @jenkchau: @mculturalfam You can say that again. We have more work to do so that all of the creative names of the world are given opps! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:01 pm



@jenkchau: Thanks for another great #swirlchat !

November 4, 2011, 8:01 pm



@cardenie: My mom is also one of those just happy to have grandkids who cares what their names are #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:01 pm



@ugottaFriendnme: lol best way to go RT @mculturalfam: @onlyONscripting @kadavids @ugottaFriendnme Both side argue, so we listened to neither...lol #swirlchat

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@ugottaFriendnme: :) RT @cardenie: @ugottaFriendnme Good! Just taking a nursing break with my little one here. #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:02 pm



@KourtnieAlexa: It was so nice to chat w/ everyone! I enjoyed my first #swirlchat!

November 4, 2011, 8:02 pm



@jenkchau: @cardenie That's a good thing! :) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:02 pm



@jenkchau: @KourtnieAlexa Join us again! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:02 pm



@mculturalfam: @jenkchau We're hosting a chat on Intra-Racism on Monday 9:30 EST. Hopefully we'll see you there. ;) #mculturalfam #swirlchat

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@mculturalfam: RT @ugottaFriendnme: lol best way to go RT @mculturalfam: @onlyONscripting @kadavids @ugottaFriendnme Both side argue, so we listened to neither...lol #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:03 pm



@swirlinc: Thanks so much for the insightful convo! @onlyONscripting @jenkchau @mcultralfam @ugottaFriendnme @kadavids @cardenie #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:03 pm



@jenkchau: @mcultralfam Cool! I will check it out! #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:03 pm



@cardenie: hope to catch the next chat earlier in the hour, :) #swirlchat

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@swirlinc: MT @mcultralfam: Were hosting a chat on Intra-Racism on Monday 9:30 EST. Hopefully well see you there. ;) #mcultralfam #swirlchat

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@mcultralfam: RT @swirlinc: Thanks so much for the insightful convo! @onlyONscripting @jenkchau @mcultralfam @ugottaFriendnme @kadavids @cardenie #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:04 pm



@ugottaFriendnme: So glad to catch a little bit of #swirlchat will have to join in next week! :)

November 4, 2011, 8:04 pm



@mcultralfam: @jenkchau Great! See you there! ;) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:04 pm



@mcultralfam: Awesome! Me too! RT @ugottaFriendnme: So glad to catch a little bit of #swirlchat will have to join in next week! :) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:05 pm



@ugottaFriendnme: RT @swirlinc: MT @mcultralfam: Were hosting a chat on Intra-Racism on Monday 9:30 EST. Hopefully well see you there. ;) #mcultralfam #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:07 pm



@swirlinc: Thanks for the great convo and insight! @FairOpportunity @kourtniealex @nonash88 @DianaDudgeon @ITYCPODCAST @happybrownmom #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:07 pm



@cardenie: RT @mcultralfam: @jenkchau We're hosting a chat on Intra-Racism on Monday 9:30 EST. Hopefully we'll see you there. ;) #mcultralfam #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:07 pm



@swirlinc: Stay tuned for more information about the next one! Talk to you soon :) #swirlchat

November 4, 2011, 8:08 pm

