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@getgln: RT @swirlinc: Confused by language surrounding talk about race? Join our #swirlchat on Fri. @ 3pm EST for clarification & characterization of some terms!
December 2, 2011, 1:41 am
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@swirlinc: Today is the day! Join us for our #swirlchat 'The Language of Race' at 3pm Eastern!
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@swirlinc: Just one more hour until our 'Language of Race' #swirlchat. We hope you'll join us!
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@ASwirlGirl: RT @swirlinc: Just one more hour until our 'Language of Race' #swirlchat. We hope you'll join us!
December 2, 2011, 7:36 pm
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@jenkchau: RT @swirlinc: Today is the day! Join us for our #swirlchat 'The Language of Race' at 3pm Eastern!
December 2, 2011, 7:52 pm
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@swirlinc: Welcome to our #swirlchat ! Chime in and intro yourself-name, where you are, your favorite thing about talking about race. :) #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:01 pm
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@onlyONScripting: @swirlinc Joel in #NYC joining the #swirlchat. Love talking about race because those talks usually leads to misinformed clarifications. :-)
December 2, 2011, 8:03 pm
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@jenkchau: Jen's here in NYC - well, actually, on an Amtrak on the way home to NYC. :) Love it when people see that talking about it... #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:04 pm
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@onlyONScripting: Or perhaps I should say clarifying misconceptions and stereotypes. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:04 pm
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@jenkchau: ...isn't so scary after all. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:04 pm
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@jenkchau: @onlyONScripting Yes, that's always such a fulfilling outcome. I agree, Joel! #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:05 pm
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@swirlinc: @onlyONScripting @jenkchau Welcome to the #swirlchat. Anyone else out there yet? #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:06 pm
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@onlyONScripting: @jenkchau It's always a nice goal to have. I imagine and hope that folks don't want to sound or be perceived as racist. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:07 pm

-  @_iamrace_: RT @onlyONScripting: @swirlinc Joel in #NYC joining the #swirlchat. Love talking about race because those talks usually leads to misinformed clarifications. :-)
December 2, 2011, 8:08 pm
-  @jenkchau: @onlyONScripting Yes. Actually, that's a dynamic I definitely wanted to talk about. In discussions about race, there is... #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:10 pm
-  @jenkchau: definitely this pressure not to "sound racist." I get where it comes from...but I think that it's paralyzing. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:10 pm
-  @onlyONScripting: @jenkchau Agreed! Lots of times that need to avoid sounding that way is also coupled with a resistance to talk about race period! #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:12 pm
-  @jenkchau: We need to do away with this dichotomy of "you're either a racist or you're not." It's too simplistic of a model. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:12 pm
-  @onlyONScripting: @jenkchau Agree once again! No one is perfect, so it's great when folks are open-minded enough to at least listen and converse. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:14 pm
-  @jenkchau: @onlyONScripting Absolutely agreed. I think that there is a lot of fear of being pinpointed a racist, so if you are worried... #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:14 pm
-  @jenkchau: ...you may just steer clear to protect your reputation! That's why I think it's so paralyzing. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:15 pm
-  @jenkchau: I also think that when you are afraid and so careful of what you're saying, you're probably not really open to learning.You're... #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:16 pm
- @jenkchau: ...too focused on performing what it looks like "not to be racist." #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:16 pm
- @swirlinc: RESOURCE1: If you haven't seen it, Jay Smooth talks about this dynamic (racist/nonracist) in his TED talk: <http://t.co/R6kMeidO> #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:18 pm
- @onlyONScripting: @jenkchau True. I can see how folks can get paralyzed if they haven't dealt with these issues. Their topical knowledge fails them #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:19 pm
- @jenkchau: @onlyONScripting Right. And our culture as of now is... lots of pressure to appear non-racist. #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:20 pm
- @onlyONScripting: Loved this! MT @swirlinc If you haven't seen it, Jay Smooth talks about this dynamic (racist/nonracist) <http://t.co/QIEMEVCQ> #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:20 pm
- @jenkchau: It would be great if we instead pressured people into practicing dialogue around race.... and accepting the imperfect... #swirlchat
December 2, 2011, 8:21 pm
- @jenkchau: ...without labeling it racist. Allowing imperfect to be "getting there" or "still learning." Aren't we all? #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:21 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau So true! And yet it seems simultaneously cool to be politically incorrect. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:22 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Me too! Any thoughts on his talk? Any specific statements stand out? #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:22 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Right...in some ways it is cool. Can you give a recent example? #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:23 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau The one that comes to mind is actually a TV show: #FamilyGuy. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:24 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Oh yes. That show is famous for that. To me, it feels like we suppress it so much that it winds up coming out... #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:25 pm



@jenkchau: ...through humor and other ways. I wonder if it would be so compelling if we had a healthier relationship to it. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:25 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau Probably not. I also think people like that edge, that taboo toeing the line and the "did they say that" humor. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:27 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Right. I also LOVED the piece by @Toure (THANK YOU) on the ridiculous usage of post-racial. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:29 pm



@swirlinc: RESOURCE2: NYT piece by @Toure : <http://t.co/APnzRynz> #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:29 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau Another good piece! Not talking about race doesn't make it go away. #postracial #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:30 pm



@jenkchau: @swirlinc It was like @Toure put down on paper everything I've been so fired up about with the discourse around "post-racial." #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:30 pm



@TMODOM: RT @jenkchau: We need to do away with this dichotomy of "you're either a racist or you're not." It's too simplistic of a model. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:31 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Absolutely not. And actually, I think that @jsmooth995 handles that idea well in his TED talk. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:31 pm



@jenkchau: Just because we aren't talking about race, doesn't mean that we are somehow "over it," "beyond it." HELL NO. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:31 pm



@TMODOM: RT @swirlinc: RESOURCE2: NYT piece by @Toure : <http://t.co/62Yu8BFU> #swirlchat #race #diversity

December 2, 2011, 8:32 pm





@swirlinc: @TMODOM Welcome! Feel free to jump in and share your thoughts on the topic! #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:32 pm





- @onlyONscripting:** @jenkchau Yes, explained the definition well & also the practice and what it means to live post-racially in non-post-racial world #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:32 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** ...made progress, we are nowhere near where we need to be. #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:34 pm

 
- @onlyONscripting:** Whoops, I meant *means #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:34 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** @onlyONscripting are you hungry? :) #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:34 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** One thing I am also very interested in exploring is the building of shared language, across races, cultures. #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:35 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** Very rarely do we have conversations about race outside of our own racial group(s). #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:35 pm

 
- @onlyONscripting:** @jenkchau Ooooh ... such as? #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:36 pm

 
- @TMODOM:** I agree...RT @jenkchau: Very rarely do we have conversations about race outside of our own racial group(s). #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:37 pm

 
- @onlyONscripting:** @jenkchau Those are extremely important! There are few places to have such conversations. #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:39 pm

 
- @TMODOM:** @onlyONscripting @jenkchau Cornel West said in a speech that we are not "post racial," just a bit "less racist." #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:39 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** @TMODOM Haha. That's pretty accurate. #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:40 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** @onlyONscripting Yup! We at @swirlinc are trying to be a place that facilitates cross-cultural dialogue on race! #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:41 pm

 
- @onlyONscripting:** @tmodom @jenkchau Great quote! #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:42 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** I have been working on a panel series on race for 2012.... :) #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:42 pm

 
- @swirlinc:** Have you ever given anyone feedback about something they have said in a conversation about race? #swirlchat



December 2, 2011, 8:44 pm

 
- @onlyONscripting:** @jenkchau Oh cool! Can't wait to hear more! #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:45 pm

 
- @jenkchau:** @onlyONscripting Yes, we have to talk. :) And if anyone else out there wants to be involved in our disc series on race hit me up! #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:46 pm

@jenkchau: @xoxoANP Agreed! Hey Anittah! Great to see you here! #swirlchat I am reading Chua

December 2, 2011, 8:48 pm



@jenkchau: oops...reading Chua's book next in my book queue... #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:48 pm



@TMODOM: Keep me posted. RT @jenkchau: I have been working on a panel series on race for 2012.... :) #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:48 pm



@swirlinc: @xoxoANP Welcome to our #swirlchat ! Glad you could join us!

December 2, 2011, 8:49 pm



@jenkchau: @TMODOM Absolutely, I will! I think you would be a great panelist. :) #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:49 pm



@jenkchau: @swirlinc One time I gave feedback to someone who told me that his mixed children are the bridges to a "rainbow world."
#swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:50 pm



@jenkchau: @swirlinc Let's just say I'm not sure I was effective. He was really happy and proud believing that he produced children whose... #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:51 pm



@jenkchau: ...very being helped to eliminate racism. Oh, how I wish that were true. But it's not that simple at all. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:52 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau Gag! #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:52 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting And eyeroll (which I promise, I didn't do at the time). It's not easy to interact w/ such ideas, but necessary!
#swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:53 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Is there anything in particular you wish was different in conversations about race? #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:54 pm



@swirlinc: As usual, the hour flew by! Final thoughts on how we talk about race? #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:56 pm



@jenkchau: In conversations about race, I think we have to work on being more forgiving of each other, make mistakes, and practice.
#swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:57 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau Would be nice if folks realized when you bring something up you're not calling them racist, just the comment they made. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:57 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting Right. if we got rid of the racist/nonracist paradigm, maybe people would ease up. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 8:58 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau That's the hope! LOL :-) #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 9:00 pm



@swirlinc: @onlyONscripting @TMODOM @xoxoANP @jenkchau Thanks for joining for a great conversation! Keep the dialogue going and



see u soon! #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 9:00 pm



@jenkchau: @onlyONscripting We can get there. ;) #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 9:01 pm



@jenkchau: Bye everyone! See you next time! #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 9:01 pm



@onlyONscripting: @jenkchau Adios! #swirlchat @swirlinc

December 2, 2011, 9:02 pm



@getgln: "@swirlinc: Have you ever given anyone feedback about something they have said in a conversation about race? #swirlchat" yes

December 2, 2011, 10:18 pm



@Idkilpat: @swirlinc wow sorry I missed the chat! A coworker who's white & I had a deep convo about growing up segregated & blk history mo. #swirlchat

December 2, 2011, 11:44 pm



@Idkilpat: @swirlinc for sure I'll catch the #swirlchat next wk

December 2, 2011, 11:45 pm



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