

RACIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

RACIAL CLASSIFICATION IN UNITED STATES

- PHENOTYPE: ORGANISM EVIDENT TRAITS, ITS MANIFEST BIOLOGY
- TRAITS: HAIR TEXTURE, FACIAL FEATURES, SKIN COLOR
- BIOLOGICALLY BASED
- ETHNICITY IS SIMILAR TO “RACIAL GROUPS”

JAPANESE

- “US” VS. “NOT US”
- BURAKUMIN “NOT US” “NOT PURE JAPANESE” “MINORITY” STATUS
- LOATHING OF NOT PURE JAPANESE
- BURAKUMIN STIGMATIZED GROUP OF AT LEAST 4 MILLION
- NO PHYSICAL OR GENETIC DIFFERENCE FROM “PURE” JAPANESE YET VIEWED AS “OTHER THAN US”

BRAZIL: PHENOTYPE AND FLUIDITY

- MORE FLEXIBLE, LESS EXCLUSIONARY AND FLUID WAYS OF CLASSIFYING SOCIAL RACE THAN U.S. AND JAPAN
- LESS EXCLUSIONARY CATEGORIES PERMIT INDIVIDUALS TO CHANGE THEIR RACIAL CLASSIFICATION
- LACKS HYPODESCENT RULE NOR DOES IT HAVE RACIAL LOATHING FOUND IN JAPAN

BRAZILIAN RACIAL CATEGORIES

- 500 RACIAL CATEGORIES
- RACIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM RECOGNIZES & ATTEMPS TO DESCRIBE THE PHYSICAL VARIATION THAT EXISTS IN POPULATION
- U.S. SYSTEM OF RACIAL CLASSIFICATION USES ONLY 3 OR 4 CATEGORIES OF “RACE”
- BLINDS AMERICANS TO CULTURAL VARIATION & DIVERSITY IN POPULATION

FEATURES OF BRAZILIAN SYSTEM OF RACIAL CLASSIFICATION

- IN UNITED STATES RACE IS ASCRIBED STATUS; ASSIGNED AUTOMATICALLY BY HYPODESCENT AND USUALLY DOES NOT CHANGE
- A BRAZILIAN'S PHENOTYPE CAN AND DOES "CHANGE"
- RACIAL DIFFERENCES MAYBE INSIGNIFICANT-- FORGET TERMS APPLIED TO OTHERS AND THEMSELVES

USING BRAZILIAN CLASSIFICATION

- CONRAD KOTTACK “WHITE”
ANTHROPOLOGIST IN AREMBEPE, BRAZIL
- IN UNITED STATES KOTTACK IS “WHITE” OR
“EURO-AMERICAN”
- IN BRAZIL, HE IS *BRANCO* /WHITE;*CLARO*/
LIGHT;*LOURO*/BLOND;*SARARA*/ LIGHT SKIN
RED HEAD; OR *MULATO*/MULATTO
- TERMS TO DESCRIBE KOTTACK VARIES FROM
PERSON TO PERSON

COMPARE RACIAL CLASSIFICATION

- AMERICAN AND JAPANESE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM ARE CREATIONS OF PARTICULAR CULTURES RATHER THAN SCIENTIFIC—OR ACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS OF HUMAN BIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCE
- BOTH ARE ASCRIBED STATUS AND DO NOT CHANGE

BRAZILIAN RACIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

- BRAZILIAN RACIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IS ALSO CULTURALLY CREATED NOT BIOLOGICAL
- FLUID AND FLEXIBLE IN OFFERING VARIED DESCRIPTIONS –MORE DESCRIPTIVE TERMS
- DESCRIPTIVE TERMS NOT FIXED BUT FLUID AND NOT ASCRIBED
- BRAZILIAN SYSTEM PERMITS CHANGE IN RACIAL CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL REASONS

- BOTH BRAZIL AND UNITED STATES HAVE MIXED POPULATIONS
- DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS OF SETTLER POPULATION
- U.S. SETTLERS CAME AS FAMILIES
- BRAZIL SETTLERS WERE MEN WHO MARRIED NATIVE WOMEN AND RECOGNIZED MIXED BLOOD CHILDREN

DIFFERENCE IN SLAVERY

- LARGE SLAVE POPULATION
- MASTER/SLAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS
- RACIALLY MIXED CHILDREN; NO RULE OF HYPODESCENT
- MASTERS FREED CHILDREN
- FREED OFFSPRING BECAME PLANTATION OVERSEERS, FOREMAN AND FILLED MANY OCCUPATIONS IN GROWING ECONOMY
- NOT CLASSIFIED WITH SLAVES

SUMMARY

- RACE IS CLASSIFIED DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON CULTURE
- IN U.S., IT IS BASED ON SKIN COLOR AND ANCESTRY AND IS ASCRIBED
- IN JAPAN, IT IS BASED ON ANCESTRY AND IS ASCRIBED
- IN BRAZIL, IT IS BASED ON SKIN COLOR AND HAIR TEXTURE AND IS MORE LIKE ACHIEVED STATUS.