

Why does America care so much about race in dating?

March 9, 2023 | 3 upvotes | by [MiamiSunrise12](#)

Genuinely curious, I feel as though America seems to care much more about race in the context of dating than any other country I've been in. This is something that was pointed out to me by U/Black_Griffin1.

As someone who grew up in Switzerland, a very white country, this question never really arose before. For those of you who live in America, the country I'm currently living in now, why do you think this is the case? Especially given how much more ethnically diverse it is.

From my understanding, dating has become very politicized. Like most things studies have been conducted, again pointed out to me by the aforementioned user, which show that there are racial bias in attraction. This isn't all that surprising, but I'm genuinely curious if it's universal. Moreover, in countries like America where white men are stereotyped as conservative and women are stereotyped as liberal why such an attraction would even exist? I understand that not everyone goes into dating looking for a soulmate or a long-term relationship, but it seems to me that if men are seen as sexist and or misogynistic, but they would be so fundamentally different from the qualities that women want that would undermine any possible attraction.

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CaptainLee9137 • 2 points • 9 March, 2023 03:36 AM

Race is a tool of the media, “weapons of mass distraction” as I like to call them. Most people get a rise out of ridonkulous things.

Realistically speaking though, the vast majority of Americans probably aren’t too concerned about issues like race in dating, at least not as it is made out to be.

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:00 AM

Then why do so many people on this sub lament the fact that they’re not Caucasian?

firecats1 • 2 points • 9 March, 2023 05:50 AM

because they either want white pussy or think somehow their incelldom doesn't also apply to white men(even though white privilege existed years ago, nowadays it doesn't exist)

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 06:20 AM

But do white women in America even have that strong of a racial preference when it comes to dating? Given how women are more sympathetic than men and more likely to care about social justice issues like discrimination, why would they discriminate in dating?

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 06:56 AM

all races generally prefer their own.

LiftSushiDallas • 2 points • 9 March, 2023 03:47 AM

I don't care at all what anyone thinks of Race and whether it should factor into dating.

I absolutely have racial preferences and dealbreakers that factor into who I will have sex with, date and get into a relationship with and I'm not going to change my mind or be shamed or guilted out of them.

-AvatarAang- • 2 points • 9 March, 2023 04:53 AM

Racial *preferences* are fine, racial *prejudices* are not - a distinction worth highlighting.

LiftSushiDallas • 1 point • 10 March, 2023 12:12 AM

No, racial prejudices are fine as long as you aren't aggressing against someone.

-AvatarAang- • 1 point • 10 March, 2023 12:49 AM

Depends on what you mean by "aggressing against someone".

Would you consider an employer being less likely (or outright refusing) to hire a particular ethnic group due to his pre-existing racial prejudices as "aggressing" against them? I would.

Physical violence and verbal insults are not the only unacceptable manifestations of racial prejudices.

LiftSushiDallas • 1 point • 10 March, 2023 03:24 AM

We are just talking about the sexual marketplace here. It is absolutely fine for me to rule OUT entire races and rule IN other races.

-AvatarAang- • 1 point • 10 March, 2023 04:03 AM*

Yes, but you'd hopefully do so on the basis of preference rather than prejudice.

It's your life and you can do as you like, but I wouldn't want to live in a society where the majority of people excluded entire ethnicities from their dating pool on the basis of preconceived biases against that demographic (prejudices which would naturally extend beyond the sexual marketplace, and would color their perception of that ethnic group altogether), as opposed to merely not finding the ethnic features associated with that demographic to be physically attractive to themselves personally.

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 0 points • 9 March, 2023 04:00 AM

No one said you had too, I'm just saying I don't think it's as widespread as many people on here suggest

crypto_druid • 2 points • 9 March, 2023 01:32 AM

Because America cares about race in ever faucet of life.

America is a racially charged country, where media and education is consistently focusing on race, consistently teaching people of how they are different, instead of teaching people how they are the same.

It's why racial tensions are higher than other multicultural countries like uk and Australia, but those countries are trying to catch up with USA

This is divide and conquer. Social engineering at it's finest. While you got the peasants worrying about eacnotnrm they ain't worrying about what their slave masters are up to

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 01:44 AM

Okay, I generally agree with this sentiment. However, I don't how it relates to the supposed preference for white men in dating

crypto_druid • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 02:08 AM

i think more people date within their own race tbh

FortniteAbobus • 2 points • 9 March, 2023 02:14 AM

Why do people care about looks so much?

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 0 points • 9 March, 2023 02:26 AM

I don't think race is correlated with attractiveness. There are good looking people of all ethnicities.

FortniteAbobus • -1 points • 9 March, 2023 04:23 AM

You think wrong.

SoldierExcelsior • 0 points • 9 March, 2023 07:27 AM

That's everywhere race religion class it's not exclusive to America

TelephonicRugPeddler • -3 points • 9 March, 2023 12:47 AM

Humans are innately more attractive to light skin.

White people have light skin and cultural dominance in the US.

The US has a white population of 60%, excluding white Hispanics.

Since 40% of the population is not white, race is brought to the forefront more often than Switzerland.
Therefore, white men dominate dating in the US, at the expense of other men.

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 4 points • 9 March, 2023 01:43 AM

Source that humans are universally more attracted to light skin?

Also, I wouldn't call a 60-40 split a big enough disparity for white men to "dominate" the market

TelephonicRugPeddler • 3 points • 9 March, 2023 01:51 AM

1)) Understanding history and modern "preferences". From every corner of the globe to every culture, even those without contact with one another, light skin was and is desired. From Africa to Asia to pre-Colombian America.

Even when Europe was a slum sh!thole while the Arabs were advancing civilization, white slaves fetched higher prices beyond basic supply/demand.

Today, there are plenty of examples in Asia of skin lightening products. In India, most Brahmins, the highest status caste, are Northerners, who have lighter skin.

In black communities, there is known colorism, where "light skins" are given higher status than "dark skins".

The only counterexample is Northern Europeans, and even they draw the line at a golden/Mediterranean skin complex - still white, just not as pasty.

If any other "preference" emerged so strongly and independently across human cultures and millennia of human history then we would agree that it is innate, why should this be different?

I'm sure there are studies on it, but this just seems to be common sense.

2) It certainly is when 60% of men are single but only 30% of women are. 80/20 and Chad-sharing are well-known by now, and white men are over-represented in the elite group of men that actually get laid in the US.

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 02:28 AM

How are white men over represented in terms of getting laid?

firecats1 • 0 points • 9 March, 2023 05:13 AM

they aren't, blacks and hispanics have lower virginity rates.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 05:12 AM*

1-if %60 of men are single(which i would say only exists because the list is single, not celibate and women are more likely to consider their situations as relationships, i think actual incelness rate is more like %30) then this means most of those men are white as well simply because there's not enough ethnics for such a stat to even exist. %75 of usa is white if you count white-hispanics.

also virginity rates are lower in blacks and hispanics by pure percentage than in whites. it's mostly east asian/indian population that is effected by incelness purely for race in usa not because of their physical features, but because usa was blatantly racist xenophobic in mainstream media 00's to asians in a way they wouldn't dare to do it for blacks(outside of fringe edgy incel communities everyone considers to be losers) that and being "high-inhib" like asians just doesn't work in a loud and brash american cultural environment.

2- from what i know, dark skin/light skin matters in blackmen only if they want to date out, otherwise

the women are much harshly judged by color of their skin in those communities, in fact i think darker men are preferred.

though considering how much black women are hated, i guess a lighter dude who can outdate easier is higher status by this association.

TelephonicRugPeddler • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 03:48 PM

1 - that's your assumption and it's a false one. If you actually read the study, the questions asked were clear cut:

A) are you married, divorced, never married?

B) Are you in a committed relationship? (Answer options being yes, no, or no answer.)

C) what's your status? (Options being Partnered, married, living with partner, in a committed relationship, SINGLE, looking for a relationship, not looking for a relationship).

It was literally that simple. It is clear women are dating a small, elite group of men. There is so much evidence smacking you in the face yet le Reddit simps will do anything possible to avoid this reality.

2) Virginity rates don't mean anything. If only 50% of white men are having sex, they can still constitute 90% of sexual encounters. Even if a Hispanic guy had sex after Homecoming 7 years ago.

3) Colorism knows no sex and it's well known that light skins are desired by both men and women.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 03:58 PM

1-"are you in a committed relationship" again, could easily mean you see yourself as a fuckboy.

and if not,could also mean a lot of females are dating older men, but i kinda doubt it considering older women don't really face problems in finding relationships if this was the case

2-they would constitute most of the sexual encounters because of being a majority, do you not know how percentages work? dumb argument.

3- how come most of the interracial is of darker men and lighter women then? the only wmx that significantly outnumbers the reverse is wmaf, and asians can get pretty light skinned to begin with.

TelephonicRugPeddler • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:05 PM

1 - the other 3 make it clear that a person who is single would report being single. The fact that your argument is "bro men are single at a rate *two times higher than women* is because men are just lying" is quite frankly ridiculous. It is clear women are dating the same small group of men. You can ignore the MOUNDS of evidence all you want but it is there.

2 - they don't constitute the majority. Especially in urban centers, white men can be *as low* as 15% of the male population, not even a plurality in some cases. In fact, top 3 US cities by population:

NYC - 36% of men are white

LA - 30% or so of men are white

Chicago - 32% or so of men are white

Are you even from the US? The overwhelming majority of the time I saw young women with young men in NYC in a relationship was a tall white guy. How's that for a "dumb argument" you clown?

3 - lol it's not, white men account for the majority of interracial marriages, even when accounting for population adjustments.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:12 PM

1-i didn't say men were lying, i said that single doesn't mean "celibate" to begin with. it could also be age gaps cucking young men tbh but i doubt it's prevalent enough to effect it more than %15 max.

3-again, only for asian women, but black men are twice as likely to intermarry compared to black women for example, i think indian men marry interracially more than indian women too. hispanic is pretty much the same for both sexes

TelephonicRugPeddler • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:17 PM

1 - the imbalance still does not add up, and adding that report with other reports showing increased virginity rates for men while flat/no increase for women once again shows *women are dating the same small group of men*.

3 - that still doesn't disprove that white men are preferred, at all. If there are 10 black people, and 2 black men are intermarried but only 1 black woman is then yes black men are more likely to intermarry.

All that shows is outliers, which exist. And these outliers are probably "he's extremely tall, athletic, with excellent forward growth and a strong jawline" which always supersedes race preferences.

Again, countless studies out there showing a preference for white men, globally, and you choose to ignore it.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:20 PM

1-there's data showing virginity for females is also increasing, also you don't think age gaps could be a reason?

3- it would mean that white preference in ethnic women is false, and saying white preference in ASIAN women is more accurate, but asian women are the outliers among ethnic women.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 07:47 PM

you ignored my point when i asked, you say ethnic women but only asian women in particular have this preference.

basically, if white men started cucking any race of males besides east asian, you'd have a point, do you see this, tell me about what the situation is while excluding wmaf.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:59 AM*

if humans are innately attracted to white skin, why does this only really apply to women?

black men and white men are actually tied, or at least black men being the second. it's not light skin that gives white men advantage, it's social status. men are more likely to dislike racial features and apply this logic to women, women in usa are racist as well but it's not about skin color or features, more like "social and/or economic status associated with this ethnicities culture in usa" smv according to race will make more sense when you think of the list according to this.

but for women, black women, darker indian women and non-white passing ethnics outside of lighter skinned asians are somewhat generally disliked in usa.

TelephonicRugPeddler • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 03:51 PM

Because men don't have the privilege of being picky unless they're literal Gods. Most men settle for something realistic, which is something below their league typically, so things like height, weight, skin color, while considered, aren't dealbreakers.

Women, who are "choosers", and have countless options, begin to introduce various criteria from height to income to education.

Wrong. Women like white guys more whether it's because of height or status. This is true all over the world.

No women are disliked in the US. They're just upset that they aren't attractive enough to retain Chads. That's it. I've never known a single woman who didn't have a host of suitors in the US, they just weren't happy because they weren't attractive enough.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:01 PM

then why are most interracial consisting of darker men and lighter women, the only wmxw that outnumbers the xmwf equivalent statistically is wmaf

answer

TelephonicRugPeddler • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:10 PM

Because you're lying and I'd love to see your data.

(White) women are the *least likely* to interracial marry aside from Asian women, who marry white men, which straight up proves my point.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:15 PM

they are least likely to intermarry because they are the majority to begin with, white men are also the male group least likely to intermarry because of the same reason.

here's your data, image from pewresearch: <https://i.redd.it/ya3hzaexioma1.png>

TelephonicRugPeddler • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:19 PM

I don't think you understand how statistics works, lol.

I'm also starting to think you aren't even from the US and haven't lived this reality, which is equally hilarious.

They are least likely to intermarry *when adjusted for population and when their racial preferences were evaluated.*

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 04:21 PM

did you ignore the image, i got you data.

firecats1 • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 05:15 AM

social engineering and media. a country with a near %100 homogenous population likely doesn't have media brainwashing them to overrate or to bash certain ethnicities.

Dreaminofthepasts • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 06:15 AM

As someone who grew up in Switzerland, a very white country, this question never really arose before. For those of you who live in America, the country I'm currently living in now, why do you think this is the case? Especially given how much more ethnically diverse it is.

Doesn't that answer the question

MiamiSunrise12[S] • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 06:19 AM

Just because a country is diverse doesn't explain why ethnic preferences arise in dating. If people are exposed to other cultures and ethnicities they shouldn't feel judgemental towards them.

Dreaminofthepasts • 1 point • 9 March, 2023 06:24 AM

Arguably one issue is that it's in this weird middle ground

Not most homogenous, but not most diverse