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Whitesplaining Racism: Logic Disproportionality
Avatars and Hate Crimes

Abstract

In a continuation from the pre-Covid world, this seminar will focus on how people can theoretically misuse logic (incorrect rule following) to create and perpetuate a stereotype. Incorrect logic is often used to explain perceived causes of ANY mismatch in the proportions of any groups of people or objects. This talk will focus on the variables that control our use of the word mostly, or disproportionate. That there is more of one group than another in any given situation doesn't automatically mean that there are biases operating to cause and maintain these different proportions, but there always could be biases operating, and when resources, rights, access and fairness are on the line we must be vigilant for multiple sources of bias operating at the societal level, the individual level, at point of access/escape (obtain services/avoid jail). These biases that can cause disproportionality could be historical factors that steer us one way or another on our path at critical moments, and/or they may not affect us until the point of contact, so these variables can be cumulative (telling someone who they should or should not try to become) or almost instantaneous, at the point of contact like extreme bias or even overt racism or one of the other "isms." The seminar will finish with the concept of avatars and how they relate to hate crimes and how hate crimes are related to terrorism (our inability to feel safe even when we are law abiding citizens).

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will learn the variables the cause us to use the words "disproportionate" verses "mostly"
2. Participants will be able to explain how "faulty logic," specifically poor deductive reasoning, contributes to racial/ethnic/gender stereotypes.
3. Participants will be able to explain exactly how terrorism and hate crimes are equivalent
4. Participants will be able to explain how avatars are created and how they make it easier for someone to commit a hate crime
5. Participants will be able to list 2 valid forms of deductive reasoning



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