

Get out Jordan Peele

Peele uses the theme of Systematic Racism / Race relationships. Where? When, and how often?

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What is Systematic racism?

- Joe Feagin, a sociologist, says “systemic racism is a popular way of explaining, within the social sciences and humanities, the significance of race and racism both historically and in today's world.”

<https://www.thoughtco.com/systemic-racism-3026565>

The Deer Accident (Race Relations)

- Rose was behind the wheel, when the deer came running out
- Rose was the one to hit the deer
- Police man shows up, Ask for Chris's ID.
- Prejudiced against the color of Chris's skin
- Rose questions the Officers actions
- The policeman Knows he's in the wrong

“You don't have to give him your ID, cause you haven't done anything wrong” - Rose Armitage



This shows race relations, because instead of asking Rose (the driver) for her ID, The Officer instead ask for Chris's ID, because of the color of His skin



The father talking to Chris about black people's accomplishments

- Father shows Chris photos of his dad in the Olympics
- Tells him how his father's "claim to fame" was losing to Jesse Owens during the qualifying round in the Berlin Olympics
- Says how amazing it was that Jesse Owens proved Hitler wrong with his Aryan supremacy mindset and Owens got 1st in one of the Olympic races and he was a black athlete
- Says to Chris, "I would have voted for him for a 3rd term if I could have"
- The father also tells Chris how Obama was the best president of his lifetime
- Father continues to "act black" throughout the beginning of the movie in order to gain Chris' approval and make him feel more comfortable around the family

How this is race relation

All of these scenes where the father is trying to act as if he loves black people show race relations by the father acting as if he is someone else and trying to be in a good relationship with Chris to get on his good side. But, in reality, we know the father doing all of these things is just a hoax in order to get Chris to stay with the family long enough for them to do their procedure on him.

The Sunken Place

- The main character ends up falling in a sunken place in the movie. Peele thinks of this as a metaphor as a place of “prison industrial complex”.
- This also extends out to just throwing black people in a horror movie theater. They can scream all they want but no one can listen to the other side.
- This represents systematic racism because this is sociologically true. Black lives matter and people protest very aggressively sometimes. When Peele made the comment above, he is stating that people can protest all they want but no one will actually take serious note of it. No one will do anything about it.



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The Sunken Place means we're marginalized. No matter how hard we scream, the system silences us.

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The Annuel Armitage Family Get Together

- Armitage's Family Get Together is full of whites which disturbs Chris
- Every family member makes a remark to Chris about Black people and their great features
- Chris then gets caught in a awkward conversation with almost every family member
- Chris first meets the Green's where they tell Chris how Gordan used to be a professional golfer and new Tiger Woods. Emily especially mentions how Gordan just loves Tiger Woods and how he is the best!
- Chris then meets Alissa and Neilson. Shortly after greeting, Alissa starts feeling Chris's physique and says "so... how handsome is he?"

This is all shows systematic racism because of how the liberal whites think and believe, this is what throws off Chris and makes him uncomfortable.

The Alternate Ending (Systematic Racism)

- Chris is covered in blood, everyone is now dead
- Policemen (white) show up, doesn't look good to their eyes. Black man covered in blood, and a whole white family is dead
- All evidence of that night was burnt down
- In today's society, They value the rich white people, takes their side
- like many unjustly, Chris was sent to prison
- He knows there is no hope of ever coming out
- Defeated inner demon , his soul is free



This shows Systematic Racism because, in today's world, The wealthy, white people are more valued. And because of this innocent people are treated unfairly



The Photo of Logan

- At the annual family get together, Chris sees Logan, approaches him, and says “It’s nice to see another brother around here.”
- Logan gives Chris a response that he was not expecting, and was acting very strange.
- Chris is introduced to Logan’s wife who is a much older white woman, and Chris started to get suspicious.
- After a while, Chris realizes that he thinks that he knows Logan.
- Chris tries to take a picture of Logan secretly, but he doesn't realize that his flash is on.
- Logan freezes, and gets a very odd look in his eyes
- He approaches Chris aggressively, grabs him, and yells at him to “get out”
- Shows that Logan’s body is being used against his own will
- The real Logan wants to help Chris because he knows what they will do to him



The Auction

- While Chris and Rose are out on a walk, the bid for Chris begins
- Dean, the father, starts silently auctioning off Chris to the highest bidder
- The auctioning continues, but Jim ends up being the highest bidder
- The sale is done, and they are finally prepared to transfer Jim's mind to Chris's body
- This scene can be compared to how they sold slaves
- Made Chris seem like property, instead of a human being