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The Social Construct

- Most of what we experience as “real” is a cultural creation.
- It is made up, even though we don’t experience it that way.
- Consider the “black woman” in Africa who has not experienced white racism and does not identify herself as a “black woman”. African, a woman, but not black.

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Social Construct continued

- She only became “black” when she came to the U.S. where privilege is organized according to race, where she is assigned to a social category that bears that name and she is treated differently as a result.
- Baldwin: Race and all its categories have no significance outside of systems of privilege and oppression, “it is a social construction of reality”



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