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When one mentions race, it is the skin color that reflects many people's minds. However, after watching the video, it comes clear that race and whiteness are not manifested biologically through being white, brown, or black. It is a mentality created over a long period, and people believe that white people are a superior race compared to others. The film focuses on the massive immigration witnessed from the Eastern and Southern parts of Europe to the USA in the early 20th century (Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, 2021). Besides, it focuses on how the Greeks, Italians, and Hebrews were considered not white enough despite being white. After many struggles to achieve citizenship, it had to take anthropologists to testify on their behalf to convince the court that they were whites. The Japanese immigrant Takao Ozawa in 1922 contested why he was not given citizenship, yet his skin was white. In its ruling, the Supreme Court argued that the Japanese were not whites, but Caucasians, according to science, were not allowed to be offered citizenship. Later the court contradicted itself and made it clear that however much the Asians were classified as Caucasians, they should acquire citizenship upon the basis of understanding the white man's culture and not based on white skin.

The film clearly shows how the laws that offered whites opportunities were created to enhance white supremacy (Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, 2021). The federal government gave loans only to the white homeowners. After World War II, the Jewish, Italians, Greeks, and other European ethnic groups got privileged under segregated suburbs created across the country. They were allowed to blend well, contrary to the government's previous claims that they were not white enough. Segregation left black people technically excluded from the rest of the Americans. Generally, the film focuses not really on personal actions and attitudes but also on the forms in which specific populations benefit from societal programs and policies at the exclusion of others

(Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, 2021). The "unmarked" race is its issue: white men. We see how privileged white people receive rewards secretly and sometimes invisibly, not merely due to competence or work and effort, but also because of the institutional racism structure of our rules, systems, and traditions.

Today, an average white man is much wealthier than a middle black man. The massive variance in wealth is because wealth is inherited, and throughout history, the system has always favored white supremacy. Over time, the system has set unmarked policies that allow white people to get decent jobs and only reduce the black people to be seen as stupid, incapable, and are only entitled to menial jobs in a working environment. Additionally, white supremacy systematically discredits any possible reasonable effort done by a black person and all credit and focus given to every little bit of achievement made by the white man. The power and wealth-primary tools for success are more guaranteed to a white man than a black man. The black and white family wealth gap is the only difference. When considered, it will be possible for both the black and white children to effectively compete for the scarce resources for success based on qualification and not favoritism.

As a transformation agent of American society, I will embark on a serious campaign against favoritism. Nobody chooses where to be born, and it does matter whether black or white. American society must realize that our diversity is our strength. Therefore, everyone must be accorded equal opportunity to discover a positive change in all our spheres of life. Every human deserves dignity, equal and fair treatment. Both the black and white people have families to cater to their needs, and there it is essential to give equal treatment to the whites, Africans, and even the Asians that live in America. The white supremacy mentality has killed many capable children's dreams simply because they were born from "less privileged" families. These children

could have brought real change in the fields of arts, sciences, and even medicine to help America and the rest of the world. Consequently, through social media, town hall meetings, and written articles, my campaign will aim at the total deconstruction of the racial discrimination subjected to non-whites.

Additionally, I will write to various institutions responsible for law in the country and share the disservice that has been subjected to the non-whites throughout American history. I will give them my opinion trying to persuade them to change the policies that tend to be racial to bring equity and equality in our systems. I will also involve myself in every possible public participation in the country's policymaking.

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