On a piece of paper, write your first thoughts to the following fill in the blank questions.

# You will only have 15 seconds for all 3 questions.

1. Oprah is the most powerful \_\_\_\_\_ in the media world.

2. Barack Obama is the first \_ President.

3. The people most likely to be poor, commit violent crimes, and spend time in jail/prison are \_\_\_\_\_ people.

## What is Race?

What is "race"?

• How many races are there?

What is "ethnicity"?



#### Hispanic or Latino: Race or Ethnicity?

- "Hispanic" refers to Spanish speaking people in the Americas.
  RACE
- Hispanic term comes from a Latin word for Spain "Hispania" and which later bacame known as "España". It refers to the Spanish-speaking people of North, Central, and South America whose first language is Spanish and were colonized by Spain.

"Latino" refers to people from the Caribbean, South America, and Central America Latin America who speak a language derived ETHNICITY tino is shortened from Spanish latino americano, "Latin American" thus narrowing the scope of meaning to Central and South America, and Spanish speaking Carribean Islands.

### **Race or Ethnicity?**

 Race: is a socially defined category, based on real or perceived biological differences between groups of people.

> Modern scholars still debate this, some insisting that there are as few as 3 and as many as 30 races (or more)!

#### There are 4 races:

- 1) African
- 2) American (Native American)
- 3) Asiatic
- 4) European

Ethnicity: refers to shared cultural practices, perspectives, and distinctions that set apart one group of people from another.

- The most common characteristics distinguishing various ethnic groups are ancestry, a sense of history, language, religion, and forms of dress.
- Ethnic differences are not inherited; they are *learned*.

Carolus Linnaeus 18<sup>th</sup> century Swedish naturalist

- The United States is a diverse country, racially and ethnically.
- 14 races are officially recognized: White, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Actually, the textbook says there are 14

races according to the U.S. Census (pg. 214)

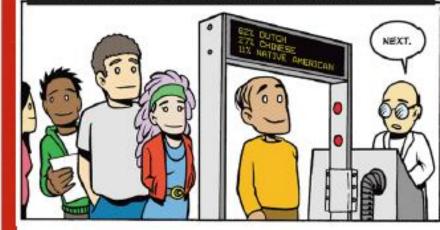
 People of two or more races; a race called "Some other race" is also used in the census and other surveys, but is not official.

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- White
- Black, African American, or Negro American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander
  - Other race



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