

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 became 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 from Latin.

**ETHNICITY**

- Latino is shortened from Spanish latino americano, "Latin American" thus narrowing the scope of meaning to Central and South America, and Spanish speaking Caribbean 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

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

- **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*.

- 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.

## Text, pg. 214

- 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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