



Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? : A Psychologist Explains the Development of Racial Identity

By Beverly Daniel Tatum

The Perseus Books Group, United States, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. export ed. 203 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The fifth-anniversary edition of the best-selling work on the development of racial identity. . Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see black youth seated together in the cafeteria. Of course, it s not just the black kids sitting together-the white, Latino, Asian Pacific, and, in some regions, American Indian youth are clustered in their own groups, too. The same phenomenon can be observed in college dining halls, faculty lounges, and corporate cafeterias. What is going on here? Is this self-segregation a problem we should try to fix, or a coping strategy we should support? How can we get past our reluctance to talk about racial issues to even discuss it? And what about all the other questions we and our children have about race? Beverly Daniel Tatum, a renowned authority on the psychology of racism, asserts that we do not know how to talk about our racial differences: Whites are afraid of using the wrong words and being perceived as racist while parents of color are afraid of exposing their children to painful...



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