

Cowboys and Indians—and the Racism Myth

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I'm deep into a work-in-progress on *race-obsession* which this essay is a part of: *not race-prejudice*, for I'm confident that the notion that "this is a racist society we live in" is nonsense, product of an inability (or perhaps unwillingness) to read significant historical change. The particular race that cliché refers to is, of course, African-American. But American society—or rather that significant part of it so obsessed—does not limit its clichés to that one group, would rather share with us all its superficial knowingness and unearned certainty that other groups as well are embraced by the "white man's" contempt. And that confidence that the white man's contempt is boundless is what I am thinking about now in this excerpt. [more>>>](#)