

SU President's 21-Day Anti-Racism Challenge

Day 17: Reflection Questions

- What are your thoughts as you reflect on the following from the article? *In the U.S., the model minority myth teaches Asian Americans that they benefit from inaction and being apolitical. But, in realizing one's own complicity and implicit biases, they can work to dismantle that thinking.*
- Based on the following excerpt, what are your thoughts on how an intentional American narrative was created to pit Asian Americans against Black Americans and how does that narrative continue to impact relationships between the two?
One 1966 U.S. News & World Report article directly pitted Asians against Black people: "At a time when it is being proposed that hundreds of billions be spent to uplift Negroes and other minorities, the nation's 300,000 Chinese-Americans are moving ahead of their own — with no help from anyone else.
- In his book *Her Majesty's Other Children*, philosopher Lewis Ricardo Gordon lays out the two dominant principles of racist ideology: "(1) be white, but above all, (2) don't be Black." Political scientist Claire Jean Kim, in her article "Are Asians the New Blacks?," explains that since their first arrival to the U.S., Asians have been figured as "not White, but also, and primarily, as not Black."

What are your thoughts on what will it take to dismantle this type of thinking?