Phil 318: Race and Racism

DIFFERENT WAYS TO DIVIDE HUMANS INTO “RACES”

SYSTEM 1: RACE AS SKIN COLOR

**Race A: Dark skin**
- *Fulani* (West African ethnic group)
- Xhosa (Southern African ethnic group)
- Ghanaian (W. African nation)
- Australian aboriginals

**Race B: Light skin**
- Swedes (N. European nation)
- Italians (S. European nation)

**Race C: “Asian/Pacific Islander”**
- Southeast Asia
- *New Guinea* (Pacific Island)

SYSTEM 2: RACE AS POSSESSION OF GENE THAT PROTECTS AGAINST MALARIA

**Race A: Has anti-malarial gene**
- Most Africans
- Arabian peninsula (Saudi Arabia, etc.)
- *New Guinea*
- Italians

**Race B: Doesn’t have anti-malarial gene**
- Swedes
- Arabs
- N. Indians
- *Fulani* (West African ethnic group)

SYSTEM 3: RACE AS POSSESSION OF LACTASE (ENZYME THAT ALLOWS PROCESSING OF MILK SUGAR)

**Race A: Has lactase**
- Swedes
- Arabs
- N. Indians
- *Fulani* (West African ethnic group)

**Race B: Doesn’t have lactase**
- E. Asians
- Australian aboriginals
- Most Africans
- Italians