

If It's Sheep Versus Goats, Pick the Goat

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Will the rancor about race propel America beyond polite dishonesty into real conversation?

1. What do you remember most about Muhammad Ali?
2. Jelani Greenidge compares the misunderstanding about his t-shirt with discussions on racism that occur online. Why is it more difficult to have conversations online than in person?
3. What is the cause of misunderstandings regarding the definition of racism?
4. Greenidge says, "I lament every missed opportunity for genuine dialogue, mutual learning, and compassion, because the worse things get, the fewer such opportunities will remain." What conversations regarding race still need to happen within your workplace or communities?
5. In the passage about separating the sheep from the goats, Matthew 25:40 says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (NRSV) How does the phrase "members of my family" impact your understanding of this verse?