

Colorblindness, the World Cup, and the Difficulty of Hyphenated Identities
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Is Noah denying individuals' French identity by congratulating Africa and Africans for France's World Cup win? Is Araud denying individuals' African identity in responding to Noah? Is either's position objectionable? Why or why not?

The "colorblind" ethos of identity presents a picture of unity or, perhaps, national solidarity. The convention of hyphenated identities highlights the fact that individuals belong to various communities. What are the advantages and drawbacks of each approach to identity? Which do think is more appropriate? Why?

What might produce discomfort for those transitioning from "human neutral" to their new identity as "straight white man"? What does this change symbolize or represent?