
Wise, anti-racism activist and writer, sits down to talk to Marc Lamont Hill from Huff Post Live about society’s ongoing debate about discrimination against blacks and whites. Wise argues as he does in his documentary, White Like Me, that while the US has experienced gains in terms of its race-relations with blacks-- such as slavery and segregation-- racism is still a systemic issue in society. Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University, Michael Eric Dyson, argues that whiteness is a social construct, which means that white power comes as a result of the meaning others attribute to it. Matthew Heimbach, Towson University creator of the White Student Union, fears the extinction of white dominance if society changes the way in which it views whiteness as equivalent with supremacy. Jared Taylor, a “racial realist,” equates the celebration of diversity as a celebration of whites’ dwindling numbers and influence. Like Heimbach, he feels that whites are discriminated against through programs such as affirmative action. Taylor argues that race is a natural identification that is “felt,” not a social construct. Dyson summarizes the tension felt in the interview and reflected in society as white America coming to a new consciousness, which is oftentimes a painful process. This is one of the shorter Youtube videos featuring Wise and also presents both liberal and conservative views about race. Offputting are ads that pop up intermittently throughout. (~ 30 minutes).