

Meet the board! We're resources for y'all

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A Tribute to the Black Weirdo

An exploration of othering, deviance, and exclusion in
our community



WI17 Week 2 GBM by Kyra A. Green

*Tonight we're focusing on *intra-community beliefs* around Blackness, so please focus on experiences you've had with other Black folks 😊

Community Guidelines

**extra* important tonight, so please be mindful!



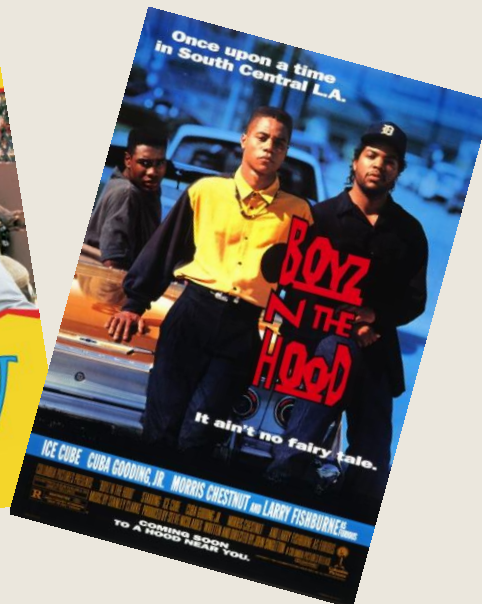
- DON'T YUCK MY YUM
- One mic, one star
- Challenge the idea, not the person
- Use inclusive language (i.e. respect gender pronouns if they're shared, avoid gendered terms like "guys")
- Make space, take space
- Use "I" statements
- Vegas rule (aka: what's said here stays here, what's learned here leaves here)

What things have you done
or said that resulted in your
'Black card' being revoked?

Turn & talk with a neighbor or two

What does “acting Black” mean?*

*Reminder: we’re talking about *within* community

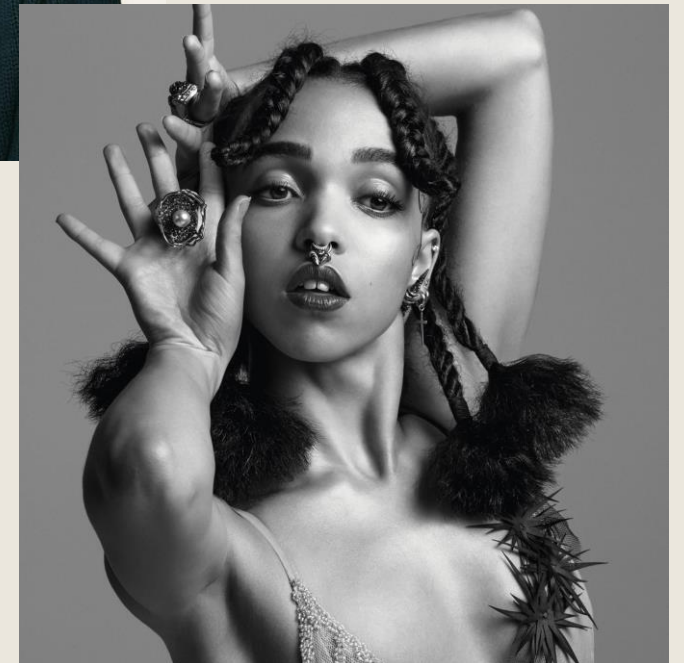


These SINGULAR narratives are false

- ALL PEOPLE (Black or otherwise) have different likes
- People have different upbringings (Cartoons? Music? Neither?)

“So, what’s a Black weirdo?”

- Any Black individual whose lifestyle, beliefs, hobbies, identities, etc. do not conform to those of mainstream Black culture



OTHERING IS NEVER OKAY

- **Othering** is the practice of believing and treating others intrinsically different from oneself
- Black folks are othered in general society for being Black
- But, we can also perpetuate othering by shaming the likes & lives of other Black folks
- While we're challenging external sources of othering, let's challenge internal ones as well

Think Critically: Who creates these narratives of Blackness? Where do we get these messages?

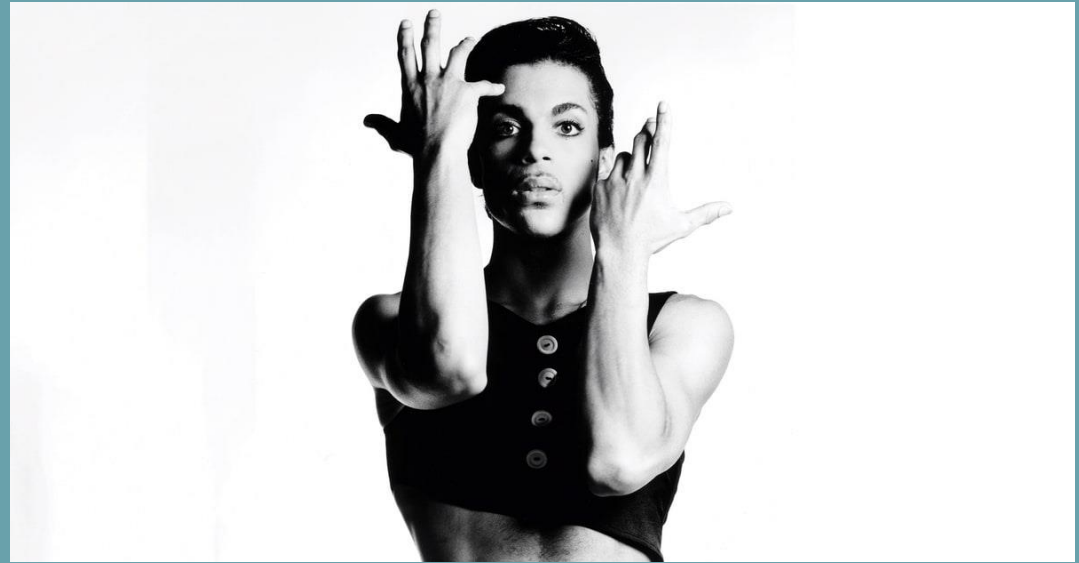




How do you perpetuate these narratives?

Let's talk resistance!

- ✓ Are you preventing othering yourself? (In person, on Twitter, etc.)
- ✓ How are you embracing the differences of lifestyle with Black folks around you?
- ✓ What tips/advice/stories can you share about embracing varied Black narratives?



Action Items

- Meet people where they are emotionally, culturally & socially
- Expand the list of things that you're willing to try
- Challenge your beliefs about who Black folks can & can't be
- Watch your assumptions
- Learn to agree to disagree b/c no one's Blackness is *right*
- We're always cool & most things come from our cultures anyway so explore!

