David or Goliath?

Can Civil Rights and/or Human Rights Law Meaningfully Impact the Routine Operation of White Supremacy?
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Olivia Jade Giannulli
“I don’t know how much of school I’m gonna attend, but I’m gonna go in and talk to my deans and everyone and hope that I can try and balance it all. I do want the experience of like game days, partying. I don’t really care about school, as you guys all know.”
A Tale of Two Sisters...

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ETS questions her score (claim: indicia of fraud).

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$500K = USC admission. No Questions Asked.

CONTEXT: 150-yr civil rights struggle

CONTEXT: 400 yrs white supremacy + privilege
US - Mexico Border

It may take 2 years to identify thousands of migrant children separated from families

Migrant parents still separated from children at border after government claims gang ties or crime
“The problem, one Minnesota welfare worker noted, according to documents, was that Jennifer and Sarah Hart ‘look normal.’”
Is the right to family defined by “looking normal”? Whose “normal”?

Best Interests of the Child

- Voluntary surrender designed to facilitate kinship placement
- Biological relatives excluded when allowed mom to visit the kids once

This photo of Devonte offering free hugs went viral as a peace overture. Some thought he looked terrified. The Harts confirmed this.
In a 2011 episode, Hannah told a school nurse that she had not eaten. Jennifer Hart then became angry + shoved a banana + nuts into the child’s mouth. When confronted about this, Sarah Hart argued that Hannah was “playing the food card” + should just be given water.

An anonymous person had reported that the children appeared malnourished

Hannah had jumped out of a second-story window at 1:30 a.m… [she] told the woman’s husband that she had been whipped with belts and that her mothers were racists, and begged the woman not to force her to return home.

…the children’s school stopped calling the Harts because officials feared that the children would be punished.
“Is death by drowning relatively painless?”

“How easily can I overdose on over-the-counter medications?”

"Can 500mg of Benadryl kill a 125lb woman?"

"How long does it take to die from hypothermia while drowning in a car?"

One of her last searches was for a no-kill dog shelter
“The Return on White Privilege says nothing about how hard any individual works. Nor does it imply that white people never face adversity. Rather, it simply suggests that, on average, white people receive a premium on their efforts and a discount on their missteps. Like compound interest, the benefits snowball.”
UN experts challenge Belgium to confront its colonial past

GENEVA / BRUSSELS (11 February 2019) — Belgium must recognize the true scope of the violence and injustice of its colonial past in order to tackle the root causes of present-day racism faced by people of African descent, says a group of UN human rights experts* at the end of a visit to the

AI researchers tell Amazon to stop selling ‘flawed’ facial recognition to the police

Studies show that facial recognition technology frequently has higher error rates for minorities

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Do EXPECTATIONS dictate OUTCOMES?

- Do Black people exist in our consciousness solely as problems to be saved/solved?

- Does the civil rights framework reflect implicit beliefs that Black people cannot be colleagues / leaders / quarterbacks capable of fighting injustice as advocates?

- Do we infer a lack of legitimacy from a lack of diversity... particularly in civil rights spaces + non-profits – and particularly in leadership?
Crisis of Legitimacy?