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Race: The Power of Illusion
Episode 3: The House We Live In

The House We Live In, is a documentary that focuses not on individual attitudes and behavior but on our institutions and policies that advantaged some groups at the expense of others. The benefits that quietly and often invisibly are accrued to some people, not necessarily because of merit or hard work, but because of the racialized nature of our laws, courts, customs, and perhaps most pertinently, housing.

The film begins by looking at the massive immigration from eastern and southern Europe early in the 20th century. Italians, Hebrews, Greeks and other ethnics as they came into this country were considered by many to be separate races. Their "whiteness" had to be won. Many such arrivals had to petition the courts to be legally designated white in order to gain citizenship. Their designated "whiteness" was rewarded with benefits while other Americans were disenfranchised.

This episode traces the present day economic gap due to racialization.

DATE: December 4, 2009
PLACE: 28 East 35<sup>th</sup> St., NYC

A-RT MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

VIEWING: 7:00P.M. (60 minutes)
SNACKS: Popcorn and Pretzels
FACILITATOR: Maureen Allen Holder