

My Road Trip Through the Whitest Towns in America (13 minutes)

Ted Talk presented by Rich Benjamin

Whitopia: What are the qualities one might find here?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

St. George, Utah

1. What was the nickname for this town in 1850?

2. He went on these visits with a certain intention. What attitude and strategy did he decide to use in his visits?

3. What did he learn while golfing? Fishing? Playing poker?

4. What was the big issue that everyone was concerned about in St. George, Utah?

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

1. What happened in 1993 and how did it impact the culture in Idaho?

2. What can you deduce from the fact that he counted more Confederate flags than black people in this location?

3. At the Aryan Nation retreat, what is the distinction Abe makes between White Supremacists and White Separatists?

4. The presenter says that many white people are not White Supremacists nor White Separatists who live in Whitopia. What are the four things that lure people to Whitopia?

Forsyth, Georgia

5. What reason did the presenter give for being less exotic in the Whitopia of Forsyth, Georgia?

6. Explain what the presenter means by Whitopia operating on the level of conscious and unconscious bias?

7. What do you think the presenter means when he says people can be in Whitopia, not for racists reasons but it has racist outcomes?

8. Why do people feel pushed to form a Whitopia?

9. What are the ideas that pull people to a Whitopia?

10. What is the final warning Rich shares with the audience regarding the increase of Whitopias?
