

**TED TALK:** My road trip through the whitest towns in America by Rich Benjamin

**WHAT ARE THE THREE QUALITIES BENJAMINS USED TO DEFINE A WHITOPIA?**

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1. St. George, Utah                      2. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho                      3. Forsyth County, Georgia

4. Why is St. George, Utah referred to as Utah's Dixie and what might this nickname indicate?

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5. In Utah, where did Mr. Benjamin have his best interviews and what might this imply?

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6. In Utah, while engaged in one of his hobbies he learned about how the residence really felt about immigration. Which hobby was he engaged in when he had this revelation?

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7. What is the nickname of Couer d'Alene?

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8. Who moved to North Idaho after the L.A. riots and why does it have a huge gun culture?

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9. What is ironic about the nickname of this location and what they are known for?

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10. While Benjamin was in his red pick up truck he counted more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.

11. At the Aryan Nation Convention a member explained to Benjamin the difference between a white supremacist and a white separatist. How was that difference explained and does it make sense?

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12. What do we learn about L.A. Police from Benjamin's visit in Couer d'Alene?

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13. According to Benjamin, what are the four reasons white people move to Whitopia?

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14. What did Mr. Benjamin become part of the society in Georgia?

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15. Why did Mr. Benjamin feel more comfortable in the south, in Georgia than in Utah or Idaho?

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16. Rich Benjamin explains that there is conscious and unconscious bias and it is possible for people to be in whitoopia not for racist reasons but have racist outcomes.

Explain what you think he means:

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17. How can a country have racism without having racists?

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18. Do you believe Benjamin when he says that communities are as racially segregated in 2015 as we were in the \_\_\_\_\_.

19. What does Benjamin consider to be a devastating irony?

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20. We have gone \_\_\_\_\_ as individuals and \_\_\_\_\_ as communities.

21. Mr. Benjamin quotes a “proverbial saying” he heard while doing his social experiment. Fill in the blanks to complete the proverbial saying.

\_\_\_\_\_ black man is a \_\_\_\_\_ guest \_\_\_\_\_ black men is a \_\_\_\_\_.

22. What is your opinion of this “proverbial saying”?

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23. What will happen in the year of 2042?

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24. What is the danger of whitopia?

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25. Write a Reflection on the information you learned from this Ted Talk.

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\*\*Note: This Ted Talk can also be used as an example to help you prepare for your own Ted Talk. Notice the visuals used - what they look like - and no word on the visuals.

**The difference between conscious and unconscious bias.**

conscious bias - explicit bias. Exhibiting discrimination on purpose.

unconscious bias - implicit bias based on stereotypes,