

- what happens when we claim "we're all the same?"
- danger in the above notion that race is not existent "we're all equal"
- ethnospecificity (vs. "I don't see")

## Introduction

- "I don't see race multiculturalism" → discourse of Sameness (erases material differences - appears "benevolent" or benign compared to other approaches, such as scientific racism, culturalized racism romanticized difference, overt racial violence)
- (• "you speak English well" - underlying tone "we don't expect that from you")

## What are the limits of "I don't see race" multicult.

- (saved the slaves who were running away)
- "official multiculturalism"
- hx of Chinatown - overt racial excursion (not necessarily victims)
- neighbourhoods - racialized

("ethnic neighbourhoods" - over there, go and "visit" [colonial]. fun, food, festivals)

### Assumptions

- Sameness  $\xrightarrow{\text{better than}}$  difference
- Ethno racial level playing field

) denies real material effects of

(R) Ansell (2006) article

(X) Donnelly et al (2005)

⑧ "But I don't see you as Asian" Bruce Reyes-Chow

The assumption of Sameness: whose sameness get to be "normal"

Cultivating ethno-Specificity (eg.)  
Africentric Alternative School (Toronto) — Public School

Is this segregationist?

— kids see themselves positively in the curric.  
— not forced to go to this school  
(segregation in hx - calls up ~ hx)

His research: ethno specificity in sexual health promotion