Racism vs Realism
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Jim Crow laws were laws that limited the rights of Black people. Some examples of these laws were segregated bathrooms and water fountains. Minstrel shows showcased White people with black painted faces mocking Black people. This mockery was not reality. The second image of a sophisticated young Black man is reality. The Jim Crow Era ended when President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Nikole Hannah-Jones argued that segregation was used as a tool for White people to stay in power.