

On Racism

I just read a fantastic essay from 2017 on racism at Slate Star Codex titled, "Against Murderism". I highly recommend it and was intellectually tickled by how it ended. The *too long; didn't read* conclusion was: even when real racism is present, it's still likely just a branch, and understanding the root issue is far more important if we are to ever solve any real problems and avoid civil war. In other words, crying "Racism!" is low-IQ and lazy, and says nothing about the real problems that plague society, and humanity. I'm probably guilty in a similar fashion by decrying "Authoritarianism!" all the time, as even that is a branch relative to the, ostensibly, root problem of hitting and traumatizing children. And that's today's two cents.