

Chapter 1 : Chuka Umunna says Labour is institutionally racist | Politics | The Guardian

The Labour Party in government made policy which was racist: the Commonwealth Immigration Act which made Kenyan and Ugandan South Asians effectively stateless whilst permitting free movement for white British people.

Once it meant a person who had been transported to Auschwitz but somehow came out alive. Or a person who had been involved in a terrible car crash but had escaped with only a broken neck. Today it means someone whose nipple was perhaps gently tweaked by a light entertainment star 40 years ago. Or someone who was mildly and almost certainly justifiably bullied at school. It has become for me, when talking about transformative grammar, the elephant in the room. I heard a woman on Radio 4 say: So let me suggest right now that the Labour party is a small room in the large elephant of anti-Semitism. The German chancellor, Angela Merkel, has noticed this particular elephant in the room, stamping around the Fatherland, and she put it down, accurately enough, to the presence of lots of Arabs. The Germans have a little form themselves when it comes to anti-Semitism, of course, and sometimes feel a bit embarrassed accusing other people of the same tendency. But Merkel was surely right, given that she let them all in. French politicians have been saying much the same thing. It is a very large elephant, anti-Semitism, and it has big tusks. The Labour party, meanwhile, continues to pretend that there is not really any anti-Semitism in the party, despite the appalling stories of abuse meted out both to Jewish MPs such as Luciana Berger and non-Jewish MPs, such as John Mann, who had the gall to stick up for Jewish MPs. This is all a confected outrage, the leadership insists. I was kicked out of the party a year or so back for having suggested that the rising tide of anti-Semitism within Labour was a consequence of its growing Muslim membership and also the radical, white, pro-Palestinian far left which of course now runs the party. But how have the whiteys got themselves transformed into racist bigots? It has been a gradual journey for them, I think. And it is honed today by the poisonous stuff these halfwits pick up when they are hanging around the various pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel campaigns, both online and, weary-ingly, outside the Israeli embassy. Take just one example: This stands for Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions, and it aims to denude Israel and Israelis of money, prestige, recognition, employment and, in the end, its existence. But it is explicitly anti-Jewish. One of the things it has been quite successful in campaigning for is stopping Israeli academics taking up posts, or speaking, in western universities. It means only Jewish academics. It is quite clear about this. Arabs who live in Israel are specifically exempted from their repulsive bullying: And the British far left, not terribly bright, goes along with this business and eventually starts parroting it itself, eventually recycling the old conspiracy myths, the blood libel, the Jews controlling everything. Including one site which reproduced articles from The Daily Stormer, an American neo-Nazi publication. Tickets are on sale now.

Chapter 2 : Is the Labour Party's problem with racism beyond repair? - Telegraph

The racism that women describe is clearly connected to ideological and political mechanisms in which reproductive stratification, that is the differential ways in which particular people are encouraged to reproduce and others' reproduction, is replicated (Colen).

A doula is a person who provides support during pregnancy and post-partum care. The photo was taken as she had arrived at the hospital because she was in labor. Michelle looked beautiful sitting in the wheelchair. Josie sent me the picture about five hours after it was originally taken, because she was so distraught about the way Michelle, who was on Medicaid, had been treated during her labor and delivery. She was so beautiful. Josie told me that Michelle was probably about 8 centimeters dilated when she arrived at the hospital. But upon admission, Michelle was told she was less, which justified administering Pitocin, the synthetic version of Oxytocin, a hormone that is naturally produced by the body, that induces contractions. Because she was on Medicaid, Josie believes the labor and delivery staff told Michelle she was only allowed to have one person in the room with her; they made her choose between her mother and her doula. They told her there was a cord prolapse, which is when the head is really high and the umbilical cord comes down. Eventually, Michelle gave birth. And, although she did not have a lot of bleeding, the doctor said, she had clots and aggressively went in to remove the clots. Aggressive entry after a birth can cause infection. The article focuses on societal racism and racial bias in the health care system and the role that doulas play in helping Black women give birth. Just eleven days later, on April 22nd, Governor Cuomo announced that New York State was going to reimburse for doula coverage. Was this a win? Black women have the highest rates of premature birth in the US, according to the March of Dimes and I argue that their adverse outcomes are plagued by vestiges of the past. Some of their medical experiences reflect what Saidiya Hartman calls the afterlife of slavery which are skewed life chances, limited access to health and education, premature death, incarceration, and impoverishment Hartman Interviewing forty-seven people—including college-educated, mothers, fathers, doulas, midwives, birth justice advocates, doctors, nurses, social workers, and March of Dimes personnel, between and —revealed how Black women view the medical system during their pregnancies, labor and deliveries. These are the circumstances which reflect variations of medical racism in the form of diagnostic lapses and obstetric racism. Instead, the MTC develops increasingly sophisticated technology that drives its utilization. In other words, the technology becomes its own justification. Without insisting on structural changes in the MTC, such as offering better reimbursements for fewer interventions, and without supporting preventive strategies, racism will not be interrupted. Although as a doula, Josie could and should be in the delivery room, medical racism has no place there. Her manuscript *Pregnancy, Prematurity and Race in the Afterlife of Slavery*, is scheduled for publication in early Ginsburg and Rayna Rapp. University of California Press. *The Violence of Care*: New York University Press. This account is used to upload posts by guest contributors to the blog.

Chapter 3 : Labour and racism: Annie Phizacklea: blog.quintoapp.com: Books

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But an opportunity for labor to reverse its fortunes looms large in the Black Lives Matter movement , the largest wave of anti-racist struggle in recent memory. If American labor is going to reverse its declining fortunes, it must begin with attacking American racism. Racism is the lynchpin that holds corporate America together—as well as the shoals upon which American labor has sunk for centuries. Racism in America—past and present, from the colonial to the Trump era—divides workers so to prevent an effective united front. The American labor movement must seize the opportunity presented by the current upsurge and put its institutional support behind the anti-racist movement. It is more than a moral matter. Activists in the labor movement must recognize that the question of which must take priority, anti-racist or labor struggle, is a false one. The two are inextricably intertwined and mutually dependent. The labor movement will never succeed without fighting and eradicating racism. Likewise, we cannot eliminate racism without eliminating the material inequality upon which it feeds. Racism is not a mere idea floating in the cultural clouds; it is an ideology rooted in and dependent on material inequality along racial lines. In the question of ending racism and economic inequality in America it is not one or the other, but both or none. Colonial elites implemented racist laws largely in response to unified worker resistance. Only after these rebellions did the colonial ruling elite implement the racist and caste-hardening Slave Codes, codifying American racism by prohibiting whites to be employed by Blacks, criminalizing the touching of whites by Blacks, establishing separate judicial courts and more. In the face of labor solidarity, early wealthy Americans laid the foundation for centuries of institutionalized racism to divide and conquer discontented American laborers. Multi-colored labor solidarity was to be destroyed at all costs. As the colonial planters clearly recognized, racism shifts the discontent of white workers from their exploiters to their Black coworkers. In hyper-oppressing one section of workers, wealthy elites squeeze even greater profits from Black and brown workers while undercutting the potential unity and power of all workers. Railway owners undermined the famous Pullman Strike of by hiring scores of African-American workers. The union paid the price for their racism: DuBois explained the failure of the Radical Reconstruction of the post-Civil War era—and its potentially historic alliance of Black and white Southern workers to democratize the South—in precisely the same vein: The race element was emphasized in order that property-holders could get the support of the majority of white laborers and make it more possible to exploit Negro labor. But the race philosophy came as a new and terrible thing to make labor unity or labor class-consciousness impossible. So long as the Southern white laborers could be induced to prefer poverty to equality with the Negro, just so long was a labor movement in the South made impossible. The effort thus failed to make inroads into the South, and unions suffer the debilitating consequences of an unorganized South to this day. The list of potential examples is long. Time and time again, worker organization in America sunk on the shoals of racism. Racism continues to divide workers and cripple the American labor movement. Conservative politicians have launched massive legal attacks against unions across the country, but how do these conservative politicians who attack unions get elected in the first place? In part, white working-class voters fueled by anti-immigrant, anti-Black, and Islamophobic scapegoating elect them. In other words, racism. It is obvious that immigration laws that leave millions of workers in the U. Through vitriolic, victim-blaming rants about lazy Black welfare recipients and a "culture of poverty" in Black communities. White workers are statistically much less inclined to join a union than Black or Latino workers, but why? Racism thus leads to the laws, economic conditions, and attitudes that make organizing unions so difficult in contemporary America. Rampant racism in America has paved the path for American capitalists to gut the percentage of American workers in unions to eleven percent and shriveling. But overcoming that racism is not impossible. This is where the opportunity presented by a rising anti-racist movement comes in. The Black Lives Matter movement is waging war on American racism. Primarily, unions can mobilize their still-sizable membership of 16 million workers for anti-racist struggles. Where there is anti-police brutality, anti-mass incarceration, anti-ICE or any anti-racist protest, unions should turn out their members and lend their heft to

the cause. Second, unions have an unparalleled ability to reach white workers for anti-racist political education. Unions should directly engage their white members through education on the anti-worker function of racism. Union leaders will meet internal resistance to committing time and resources to anti-racist struggle, but internal battles on this issue are necessary and will lead to the tough conversations members need to have. But the crux is that unions must mobilize all of their resources and energy in the anti-racist struggle. Unions cannot understand anti-racism as merely solidarity work; anti-racism must be understood as a union issue itself. Better yet, anti-racism must be understood as the union issue of our immediate time. Contracts must be negotiated, new organizing drives must be pushed and internal organization must strengthen, but unions will make no paradigm-changing advances until they help vanquish racism in America. Accordingly, local and International unions should dedicate vast staff and financial resources to anti-racist mobilization and education. Anything less, any other organizing activity, is akin to doing petty house repairs during a raging house fire. The house of Labor will soon be mere ashes if we do not help confront racism in America. What could this look like in practice? Unions should mobilize large numbers of rank-and-file members not a symbolic few in union t-shirts for anti-racist demonstrations to have a serious impact. Unions should create training programs that promote advancement of African Americans and Latinos into union jobs, particularly higher-level positions long-denied due to discrimination and aggressively police any discriminatory hiring practices by employers. Unions should practice affirmative action in filling staff and leadership positions, and invest in training programs that prepare minority rank-and-file members for them. Union contracts should serve as models of racial justice legislation, such as prohibiting asking job applicants about their criminal record and providing job protection for workers in need of leave to resolve immigration issues. Unions should invest in national membership education programs on racial justice—the labor movement cannot fight racism if its rank-and-file is not prepared to do so. Racism is the lynchpin that holds American capitalism together despite all its inequality and misery. If labor can help remove the pin, we can watch it crumble. You can contact him at [andrewtillettsaks \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:andrewtillettsaks@gmail.com). More by Andrew Tillett-Saks [View Comments About this Blog](#) "Working In These Times" is dedicated to providing independent and incisive coverage of the labor movement and the struggles of workers to obtain safe, healthy and just workplaces.

Chapter 4 : Labour must drop charges against anti-racist campaigner

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He was honest and succinct about the reason why. Last night, a statement from the Oxford University Jewish Society began to circulate on social media, claiming to give an insight into how this problem with Jews was actually manifesting itself. They stated all Jews should be required to denounce Zionism and the state of Israel, and that those who refused to do so should be shunned. We have received further reports of anti-semitism in OxUniLabour and are appalled at such shocking prejudice. And it will take time to verify the validity of each of these claims. Now there are calls for the University authorities and the Labour party to intervene. Such intervention is inadequate. The police need to be called in and if it is true students have been harassed in the way described, people need be arrested and they need to be prosecuted. Then the senior administrators of Oxford University, who have now clearly lost control of their establishment, need to be sacked. At which point attention needs to turn to the Labour Party. PA It would be nice to be able to write that these reports are shocking. That they are an aberration. That they are anathema to a political party that has a long and proud tradition of combating prejudice. They should be, but they are wholly predictable. Nor are they an aberration. They are reflective of a perpetuation of and tolerance of anti-Semitism that starts at the top of the Labour Party, then steadily works its way down. And are they no longer anathema to Labour or its heritage. A few weeks ago I wrote a piece talking about the hypocrisy of the reaction to the historic racism of Oliver Letwin. About how when it came to bigotry, the Labour Party and the wider Left consistently fail to practice what they preach. Labour is now openly practicing what it preaches against. One of which is this. Labour does not have an anti-Semitism problem, Labour has a racism problem. Not quite as bad. It is as bad. Gathering a gang to go up to a Jewish student and call her a filthy Zionist is the same exactly the same as gathering a gang and going up to black student and calling them a filthy n****r. They are now being used as human shields by a lot of people who are racist. And that shield has to be stripped away. Or the collective endorsement of racist policies such as the boycotting of Jewish speakers or goods. Or the casual racism expressed and tolerated at demonstrations or campaign meetings. Or the racist harassment of Jews on university campuses. Labour is a racist party now. The final thing Labour has to understand is this. Yes, his own tolerance of racism has exacerbated it. But everyone in the Labour Party has tolerated it. Ask anyone about the racism embedded in the Labour Party and they will shrug. But what can we do? If shrugs won votes, Labour would win every election with a seat majority. It needs to stop shrugging. First, Jeremy Corbyn needs to put out a statement apologising for his past relationships with holocaust denier Paul Eisen and convicted racist Raed Salah. Obviously these moves alone would not rid Labour of its racism. They would essentially be political statements. And they would send a clear signal that bigotry in all its forms will not be tolerated. So what are you going to do about it?

Chapter 5 : Labour conference: Corbyn on anti-Semitism and racism - BBC News

Labour does not have an anti-Semitism problem, Labour has a racism problem. I've been as guilty of this as anyone. My articles are littered with references to "racism and anti-Semitism", as.

Share via Email Ken Livingstone, who has been suspended from the Labour party for a further year, but not expelled, over his comments that Hitler supported Zionism. But there is arguably now an exception to this basic ethos of sensitivity: When the allegation is antisemitism and a Labour politician is being accused, the dynamic is often reversed. A presumption can take hold that the offence cannot have been committed because the left is opposed to all racism. The offence is pushed back on to the people who thought they had been offended. It is reconfigured as a plot to discredit political foes; part of a hidden agenda connected to Israel-Palestine. Thus the ancient racist narrative of kosher conspiracy and shadowy machination thrives even among those who imagine they are policing racism. Even aside from the grotesque misreading of history, this kind of language is deeply offensive. Its rhetorical purpose is to imply intellectual or actual Jewish complicity with the perpetrators of their genocide, diminishing the crime of the Holocaust, and so undermine the moral foundations of the state of Israel. Regardless of the rights and wrongs of Middle East conflict, that is a malicious way to handle matters of enormous complexity and cultural sensitivity. He has had every opportunity to moderate his language, rephrase his opinions and seek conciliation. Instead he has chosen gleeful defiance. He and his supporters have dismissed the row as a plot by enemies of Jeremy Corbyn, a smear campaign to discredit the leader and his friends. Leave aside the internal wrangles that have tortured the opposition for the past two years. The party recognises definitions of the term that include vindictive revisionism of the Hitler-as-Zionist variety. Most Jews think it was hurtful. But a Labour committee has decided not to mind their pain. Mr Livingstone was found guilty of bringing the party into only minor disrepute, such that only suspension is required. Mr Corbyn has suggested further disciplinary action might be taken, although it is unclear of what kind. How has it even come this far? Labour has heard every credible source say that one of its members has perpetrated and stoked prejudice against the Jewish community. It says his actions were wrong, but he is still in the party. An ugly conclusion is inevitable:

Chapter 6 : The Labor of Racism – anthropo{dendum}

Corbyn: Labour an 'ally' to Jewish people Jump to media player Jeremy Corbyn says he wants Labour and the Jewish community to "work together and draw a line" under anti-Semitism issues in his party.

Chapter 7 : Why the Labor Movement Must Join the Anti-Racist Struggle To Make Black Lives Matter

Institutional racism is now so embedded within Labour that if it weren't so disgusting it would be comical. Remember, this is the party that saw the publication of its whitewashed report into.

Chapter 8 : Racism In The Labor Movement.

Some of the most racist labor leaders and opponents of organized labor cloaked their racism in "principled" anti-communism, while some communists in the labor movement were among the most committed to integration and equality for black workers.

Chapter 9 : Watch: Labour's Chuka Umunna Says His Party is 'Institutionally Racist'

Labour isn't anti-racist. It is anti-race: content to bomb and kill non-white people on a mass scale internationally, while economically and politically attacking white people in its own country. Divide and conquer by engineered racial conflict is the Labour brand of racism.