Brown V. Board of Education and the effect on disability

- Derrick Bell
  - Argued that racial equalities cannot be easily reversed through legislation
- W.E.B Dubois
  - Does the Negro Need Separate Schools?
- Park V. The Commonwealth
  - Argued that because the Court found for African American children, it could no longer segregate on the basis of sex, age, or disability
- Mills V. Board of Education
  - Found that disabled students must be given a free education and training that is appropriate for their learning capabilities

DisCrit
Captures how conceptions of normality are upheld by the interdependency of racism and ableism
What do you associate each of these words to?

DisCrit 7 Tenets

- Focuses on how racism and ableism are connected
- Values multidimensional identities, acknowledges that a person cannot be separated into identities as all of them shape how one experiences the world
- Identifies race and disability as social constructs meant to categorize people
- Prioritizes hearing the voices of marginalized populations as they are often excluded from academic research
- Investigates the history of disability and race have been used to deny rights to POC’s, Disabled People, and particularly Disability POC’s
- Recognizes the Whiteness in the advancement of disability rights. When gaining status as a disabled person, it is often reserved for the White, middle class
- Requires activism; challenging and changing systems through resistance
What barrier are obvious in higher education thinking from a Discrit framework?

If the system is fractured into factions, is there a reason to make it whole?

SIU
- Teach it in the classroom, student deserve to be exposed to different theoretical perspectives on why things are the way they are and how we got here
- As a research institution, we should support critical race scholars at SIU. Their work frames what and how we need to teach in the classroom.
- Not immune to systemic racism
- Most have not been exposed to CRT, suggests the need for learning opportunities for employees
- Removal of standardized testing scores, creation of V.P. for Antiracism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position, system mission changed to include antiracism
Questions??

Closing Quote, Food for Thought

If we aren’t intersectional, some of us, the most vulnerable, are going to fall through the cracks

-Kimberle Williams Crenshaw

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