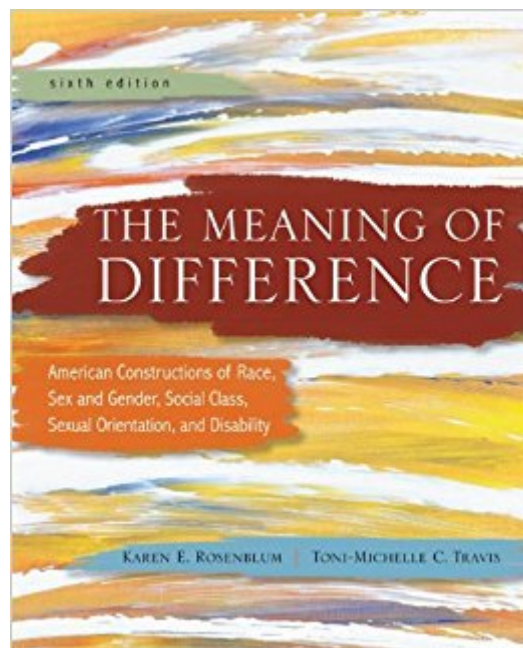


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# The Meaning Of Difference: American Constructions Of Race, Sex And Gender, Social Class, Sexual Orientation, And Disability



## Synopsis

The Meaning of Difference focuses on the social construction of difference as it operates in American formulations of race and ethnicity, sex and gender, social class, sexual orientation, and disability. The conceptual structure of this text-reader comes from four framework essays that address the construction of difference, the experience of difference, the social meaning of difference, and social actions that might bridge differences. Each framework essay is followed by a set of readings selected for readability, conceptual depth, and applicability to a variety of statuses. Boxed inserts throughout offer first-person accounts, many of them from students. The readings in this edition, which include twenty-four new readings and ten new personal accounts, have been selected to speak to contemporary assumptions of a "post-racial" America.

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This book is absolutely fabulous. I had the honor of taking Prof. Rosenblum's class, which is great to use the book that she helped compose. I think this book is great in a scholastic setting, alone it might seem scattered and incongruent. With the class there comes discussions and lectures, also there were associated readings from the internet that helped focus students as well. The most important parts of the book are the framework essays, because they really explain a prominent sociological perspective that this book uses, the social constructionist paradigm. I hope that people can read this book and take away the important aspects from it, but not think that this book is particularly suited for coffee shop reading. It is a textbook meant for a classroom with heavy

interaction from the teacher and students.

We so often long to hear other people's perspectives. The problems are that we don't meet such people, we don't listen/hear if we are told the information, or we just have difficulty getting beyond our own cultural lens. This book gives many of the "other" perspective(s). I found the social class information particularly interesting. It's something to digest and not whiz through. I can't say enough about the wisdom in this book.. if you'll give yourself the chance to listen..

I bought this book because it was required for a class. It was a minorities sociology class that was very eye opening. I liked the material that the book covers and it discusses white privilege best of all.

While the text offers important thought provoking articles and essays on Race Gender and Social Issues, it is not Student friendly text. A text with such a wide array of information should offer a section of review at the end of each reading. By having a review "for students", it ensures an understanding of concepts and objectives. Furthermore, it offers students a place to review when studying for exams. I give the text a 5 star rating for the informative articles and essays but 1 star for none existing review material.

very interesting book. really makes you look at how people treat each other and how we cope with our differences.

This book is great for anyone who is interested in questions like why do we as Americans' see white people and black people differently. It answers questions like this for gender, race, ethnicity and disability. The first chapter is terribly dry but it sets the stage for the rest of the book which is very insightful.(There's a bit of good history in here as well).

I needed this book for a class. I purchased the Kindle edition. It is exactly like the printed edition including page numbers. Easy to use the Kindle software on my Mac. Kindle is easy to use and I needed tech support because I had an earlier Kindle format and I didn't want to lose any of my Kindle information. Tech support was knowledgable and gave clear instructions. This is in contrast to a textbook I purchased from Barnes and Noble in Nook format. Nook Does NOT WORK on a Mac. BUY KINDLE EDITIONS IF YOU'RE a MAC USER. NOOK DOES NOT WORK.

This was a required text for my Diversity class. I like the format and it is easy and interesting to read. Well written. The individual stories underscore the subject being discussed, which crystalizes the concepts offered.

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