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Anthropology 101 Extra Credit - AAPA Statement on Race 10 points maximum

The AAPA is the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, the largest and oldest national professional organization for people in this field. It was founded in 1930! As representatives of this profession, they release statements addressing issues of concern in our culture, offering their evidence-based perspective.

Part One

Go to <http://physanth.org/about/position-statements/biological-aspects-race/> and read the AAPA Statement on Biological Aspects of Race (American Association of Physical Anthropologists, 2015[1996]). The AAPA statement was written by a committee of physical anthropologists to address how the concept of race as thought of by the public does not match what anthropologists have found. Note that the document was first written in 1996. In the nineteen years since that statement was issued, the anthropological view of race is still uncommon in the public.

Part Two

Reflect on race, anthropology, and our culture. Answer each part of the question.

- a. How does the public view of race differ from the anthropological view?
- b. Why does the public view, which has less scientific support, remain so common in the culture?

Your reflection should be at least 300 words, and written as an organized paragraph. Turn in your completed assignment on Canvas or in class on the due date.

Grading

A full score will be given to a reflection that addresses all of the required points. The breakdown of the assigned score are:

- Addresses both of the prompt's questions in detail (8 points)
- College level writing: organized and free from spelling and grammatical problems (2 points)

References

American Association of Physical Anthropologists. (2015 [1996]). AAPA statement on the biological basis of race. Retrieved from <http://physanth.org/about/position-statements/biological-aspects-race/>



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