

Gilroy: worksheet

Key concept one: **otherness and civilisationism**

1. Racial otherness, according to Gilroy, was constructed by newspapers in the 1970s and 80s by associating the black community with what qualities?

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2. What does Gilroy mean by the term 'otherness'?



Above: Brexit referendum poster (2016) - widely critiqued for its construction of immigrants as swamping 'others'

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7.1 Think about it: representations of 'otherness' in the contemporary media

- Do contemporary media products continue to produce stories that revolve around 'swamping' themes?
- Are some communities constructed as 'others' by the media? Who and how?
- Are some communities associated with criminal behaviours by the contemporary media?
- Are some communities constructed as having a corrupting influence?
- **Challenge it question:** What evidence could we use to suggest that the media has moved on from the kinds of representations that were created of the nonwhites during the 1970s and 80s?

Your thoughts:

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Charles... the prince
Climate change link to IS

By EMILY ANDREWS
PRINCE Charles has blamed the rise of IS and the migrant crisis on climate change. The heir to the throne claimed on Sky News that there were strong links between a lack of action on green issues, refugees and terrorism. He said climate change had made "a huge impact" on the spread of conflict and terror across the globe. And it was one of the "major reasons" for the conflict between rebels, IS and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The prince, 67, said of the migrant crisis: "One
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EXCLUSIVE: SHOCK POLL

1 in 5 Brit Muslims' sympathy for jihadis

'WAKE-UP CALL' AFTER PARIS BLITZ

By TOM NEWTON DUNN
Political Editor
NEARLY one in five British Muslims has some sympathy with those who have fled the UK to fight for IS in Syria. The number among young Muslims aged 18-34 is even higher at one in four. The figures emerged in our exclusive poll conducted after the Paris atrocities led by French and Belgian jihadis returning from the war zone. Prominent Muslims said the poll was a wake-up call. Labour London Mayor hopeful Sadiq Khan tells The Sun
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Support... Brit jihadi join who went to Syria

Above: Newspapers construct Muslim 'others' as dangerous, violent or threatening.

4. What key historical event does Gilroy suggest accelerated 'civilisationist' perspectives in the media?

5. Which key groups are constructed as 'others' through civilisationist perspectives?

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6. Gilroy suggests that civilisationism has the following four effects on audiences - develop notes for each of the following to help reinforce your understanding of why Gilroy thinks it is problematic.

a. Civilisationism creates a binary world view

b. Civilisationism is racist

c. Civilisationism nurtures cultural incompatibility

d. Civilisationism nurtures fear

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