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unearned rewards for whites while imposing impediments to asset accumulation, employment, housing, and health care for minorities.

Reaching beyond the black/white binary, Lipsitz shows how whiteness works in respect to Asian Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans. Lipsitz delineates the weaknesses embedded in civil rights law