Together ! Were Better!

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International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Racial discrimination destroys the best in all of us. To help you do your part in eliminating racism, we've put together a list of ideas for action. Look them over and choose the ones you think would work for you. Some will require more time, preparation and personal involvement than others because they deal with people's feelings on sensitive matters. You'll need to seek out community leaders. Consult others with experience in promoting positive race relations. Do the necessary research. Decide what you want to achieve, then write and tell us if your efforts made a difference.

ONE. Organize a discussion in your community, workplace or school on what we can do to eliminate racial discrimination.

Two. Learn about another group of Canadians by studying their history, literature or art.

THREE. Join, or help start, a community group which promotes better race relations. Volunteer for an organization which helps new Canadians get settled here.

FOUR. Support efforts in your workplace to combat racism and eliminate discrimination.

FIVE. Take the time to make friends with someone from another racial background.

SIX. Do a "roots" project, with each student in your class tracing his or her family tree.

SEVEN. Make a display, or create a cassette or videotape, presenting the different groups in your classroom or school. Show what each one has contributed to Canadian life.

## Debunking Rushton My

by Augie Fleras

Biological theories of race and evolution have come and gone, and in all probability will continue to appear and disappear in the foreseeable future,

From the 19th century doctrines of Social Darwinism, to the "Scientific" Racism of Jenson and Schockly during the 1960's, claims have been forwarded which purport to link biology, race, and intelligence and arrange them in an evolutionary hierarchy that asserts the supriority of one race over another.

Now, just as Canadians have become increasingly unsettled by reports of racial incidents in Toronto and elsewhere, a professor of psychology from the University of Western Ontario, Philippe Rushton, has entered the fray by unleashing a storm of controversy regarding issues pertaining to academic freedom and the genetically-based determinants of human behavior.

According to Professor Rushton, Orientals are superior to whites who in turn are superior to blacks. On the basis of measurements involving skull and genital size, Orientals as a group are shown to be more intelligent, more family-focused, more law

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