

# Do white people have melanin?

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People are coming around and asking the right questions. If white people have melanin (that's not white), are "white people" really "white"? The body doesn't produce a white pigmentation or a white equivalent to melanin.

Every human naturally has melanin. Some people who perceive themselves as "white" produce very little melanin. A few additional thoughts:

- **Adaptation** didn't produce melanin. Melanin is the primary pigment that determines the color of a **mammal's** skin, fur, and eyes. Humans (an animal) didn't change colors to adapt to their environment.
- **Race** doesn't determine one's ability to produce melanin because **race** isn't a product of nature. Race is an invention like a car, microwave, telephone book, or Facebook. On another question regarding one black parent and one non-black parent. I pointed out that:
  - Mendel's laws of inheritance still rings true. Each person inherits 50% of their DNA from each parent.
  - Black isn't dominate, black is **normal**. When both parents express normal genetic traits, you get the child that nature intended. When you don't, you get genetic diversity and a unique phenotypic expression.
  - Explains why, during Mendel's experiment, purple plant mainly produces purple but sometimes white. But, white always produces white. Human reproduction mirrors

the purple plant experiment.

- **Humans produce melanin.** Gene mutations (errors in DNA sequencing) can impact melanin production. But, there's nothing in nature that produces a distinctly “white person.” The social construct we call “white people” are the result of a failure of the body to produce *enough* melanin so that a color is observable to the human eye.