

Afro-Pessimism Bibliography

This listing of reference resources and essential sources provides coverage of afro-pessimism. The counter stone and creating of the term describes the intersection of the diasporic identity and social aspects of blackness. Coined by Sony Lab'ou Tansi's 1990 article in Jeune Afrique Economie, Afro-Pessimism offers a critical perspective of theorizing diaspora identities and Black existence/non-existence.

Scholars such as Saidiya Hartman, Frantz Fanon, Frank B. Wilderson and Hortense Spillers, amongst many others, have dealt with the subject of anti-blackness and Afro-Pessimism. Essential and canonized literature, comparative literature and various primary sources are included.

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Author: Shahadah, Owen Alik	Pub Date: 2005	Call #: DVD 305.896 FIVE
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Search for identity : psychiatrists and sociologists discuss the Black personality

Author: Davidson, Basil Pub Date: 1969 Call #: CAS 305.896 IDENTITY

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Author: Parker, Kunal Madhukar

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Author: Saucier, Paul Khalil

Pub Date: 2015

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Author: Yancy, George

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Author: Fields, Karen E.

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Author: Pillay, Udesh

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Author: Marriott, David

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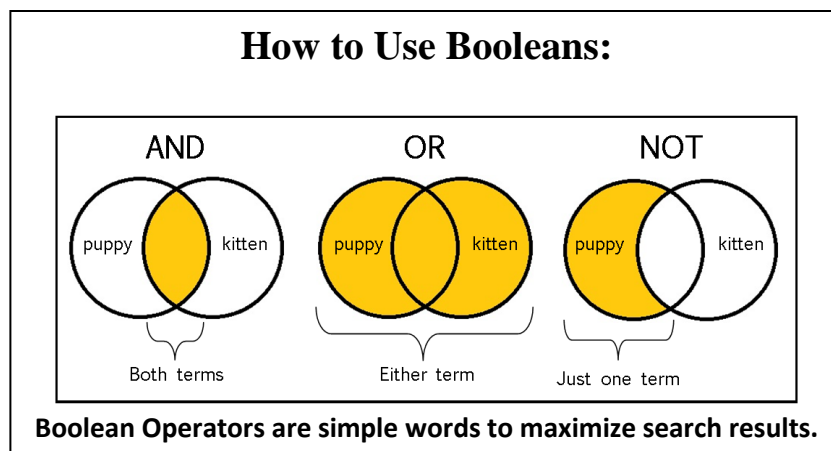
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- Identity politics AND Post-slavery
- Black Consciousness AND Identity politics
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- Black Diaspora Identities AND African Diaspora Identities
- Blackness AND social identities
- “For the culture”
- Race theory
- Racial identity AND blackness AND afro-pessimism
- Afro-futurism AND diaspora identities AND blackness
- Afro-pessimism AND afro-futurism
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