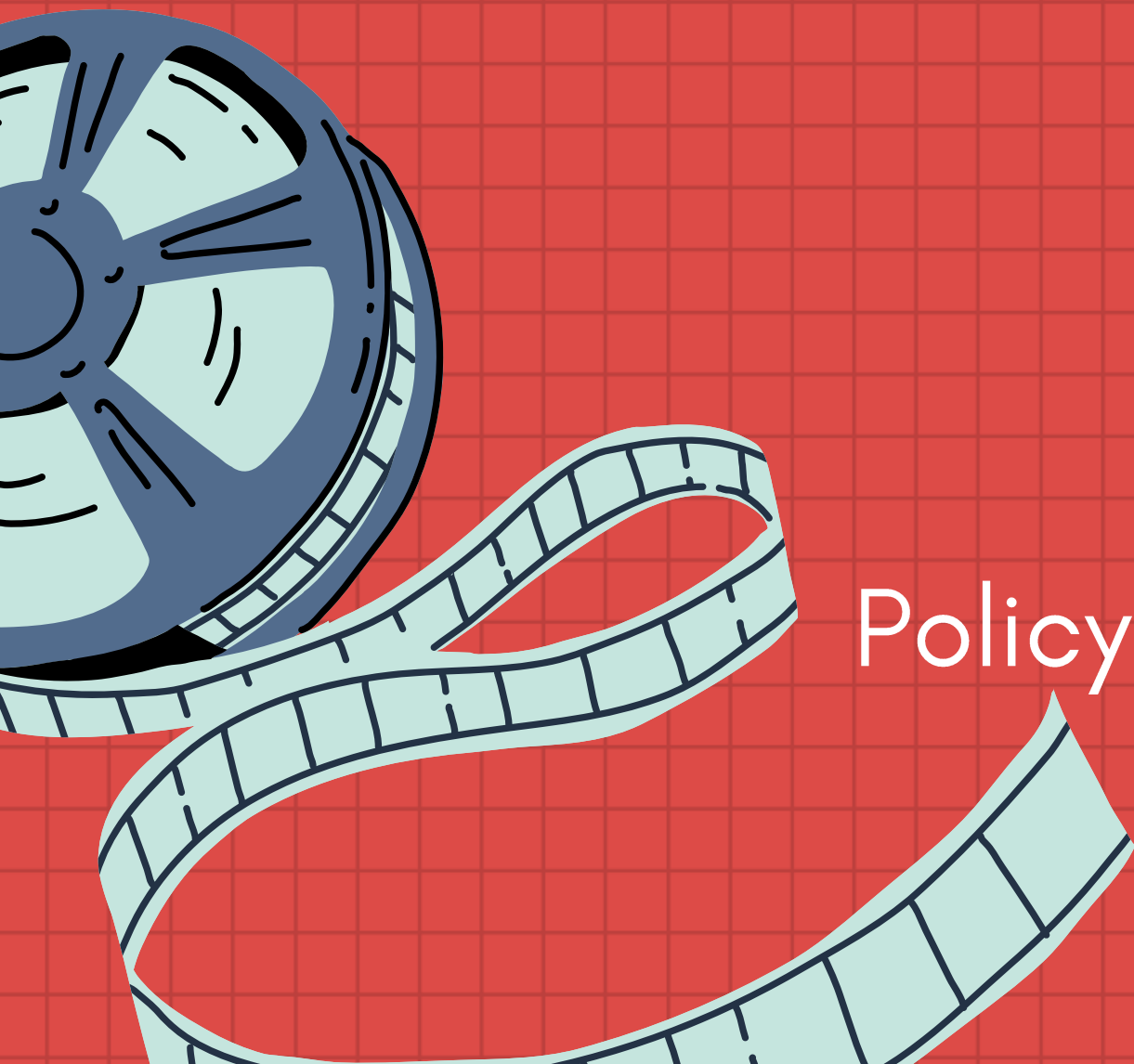
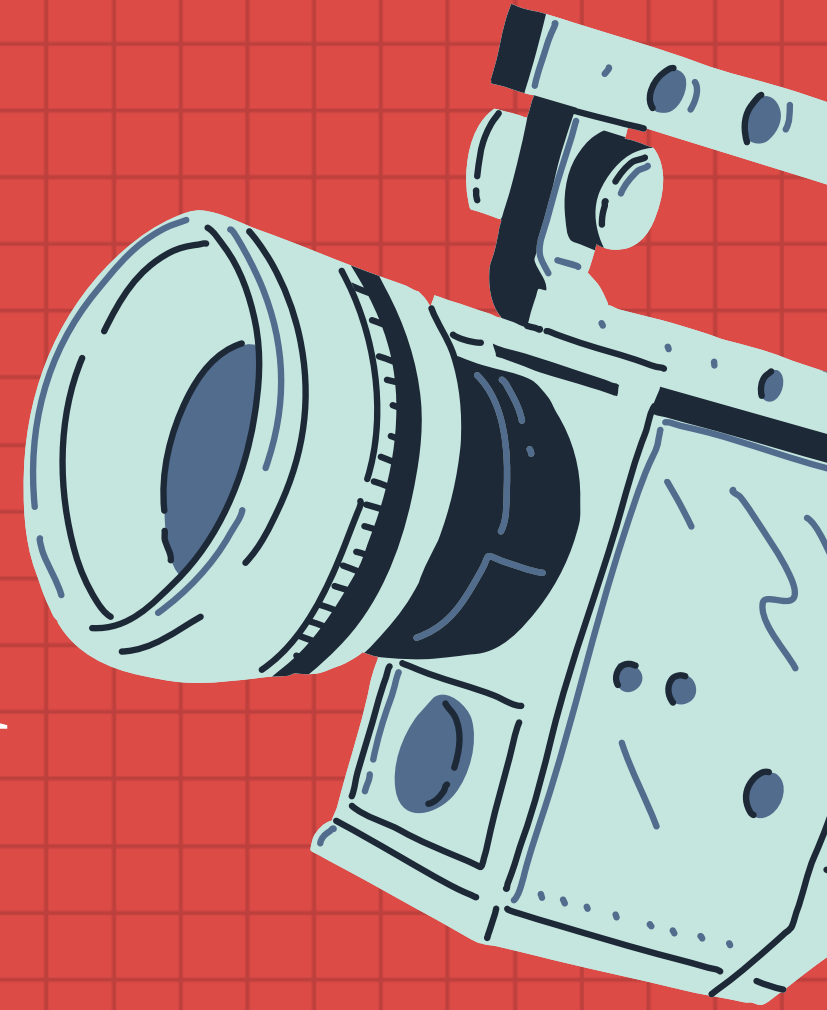




# Who Are You? Growing Up Mixed Race



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**What are you?**

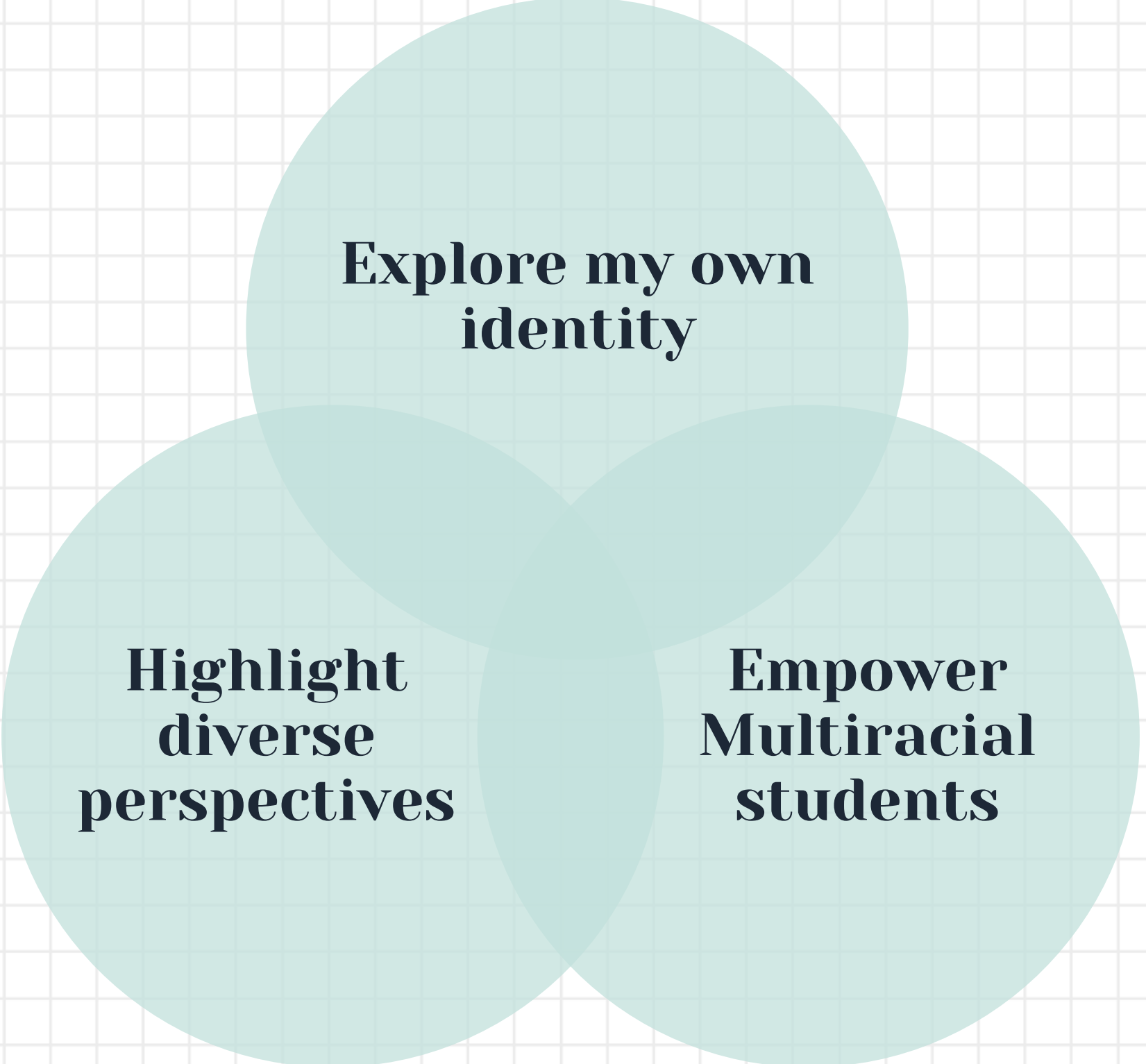
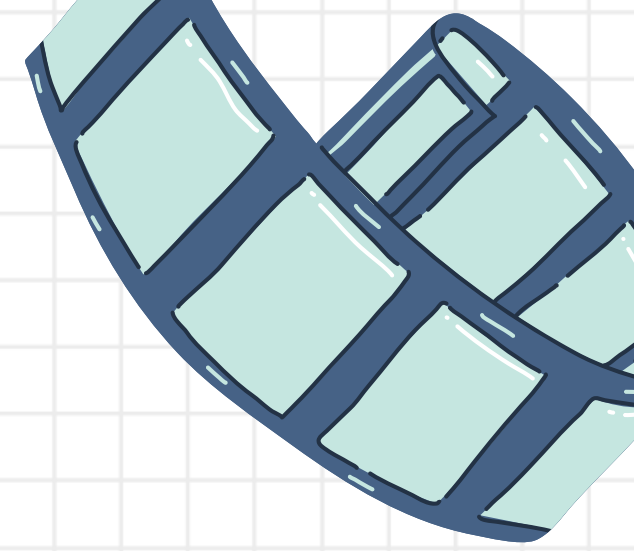
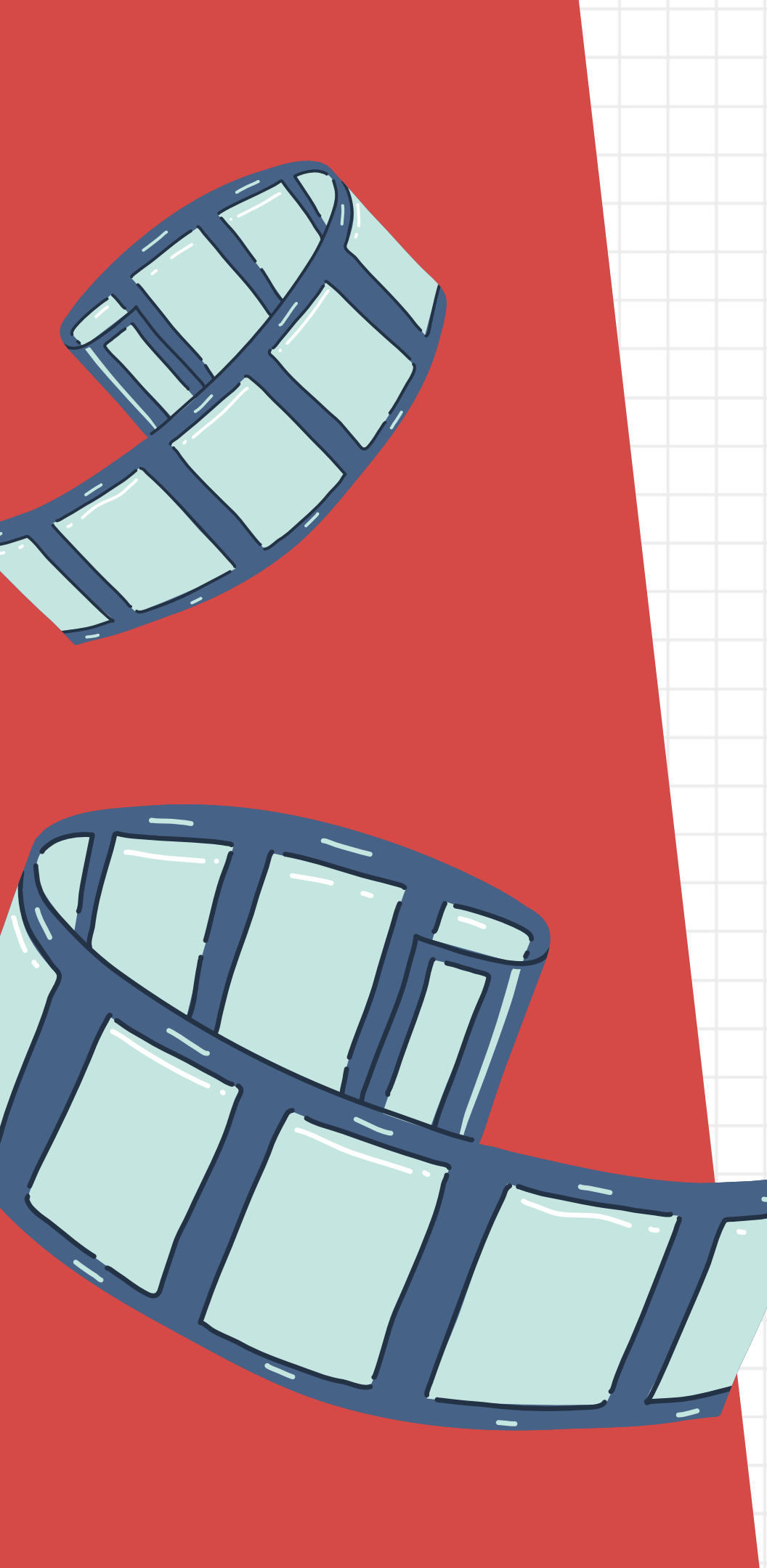
**You're interesting  
looking**

**Pick a box**

**Oh, that's a  
good mix**

**You'll have cute  
mixed babies**



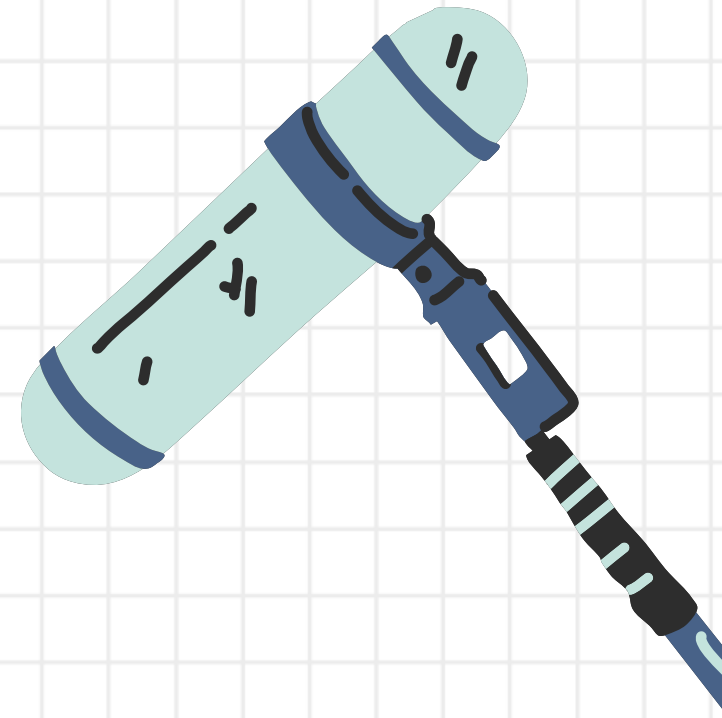
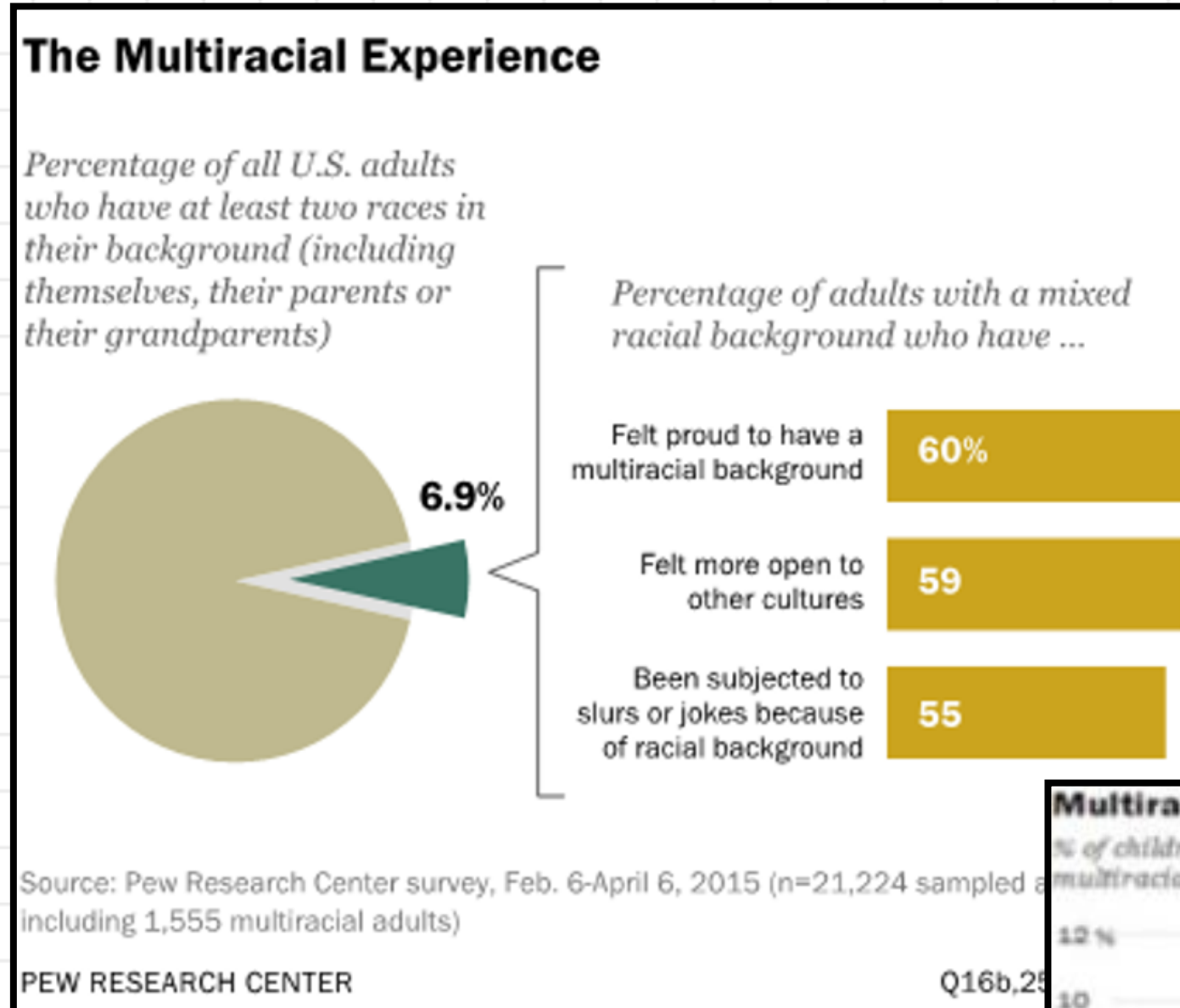


**Explore my own  
identity**

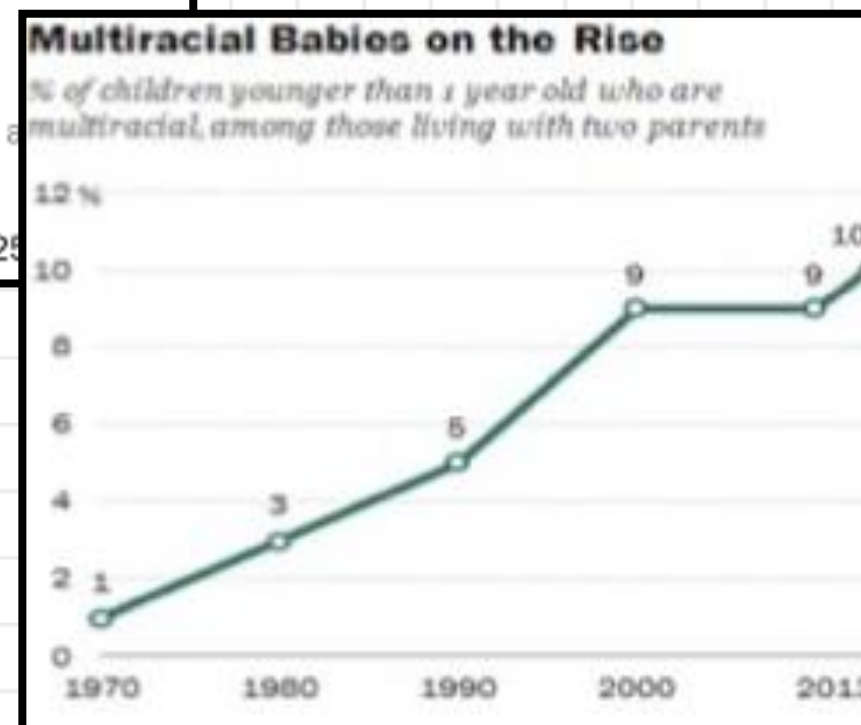
**Highlight  
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perspectives**

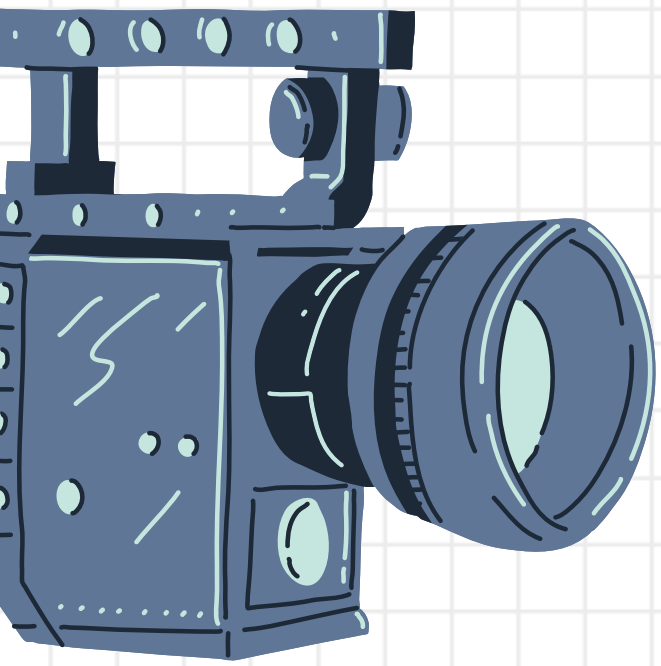
**Empower  
Multiracial  
students**

# Intellectual/Conceptual Foundation

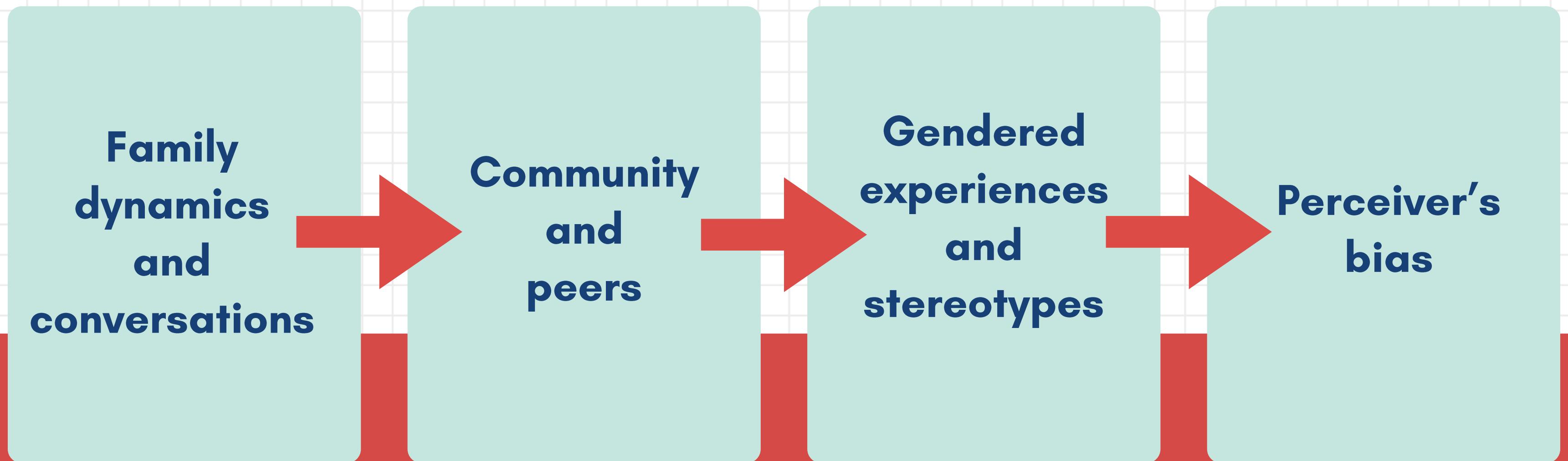
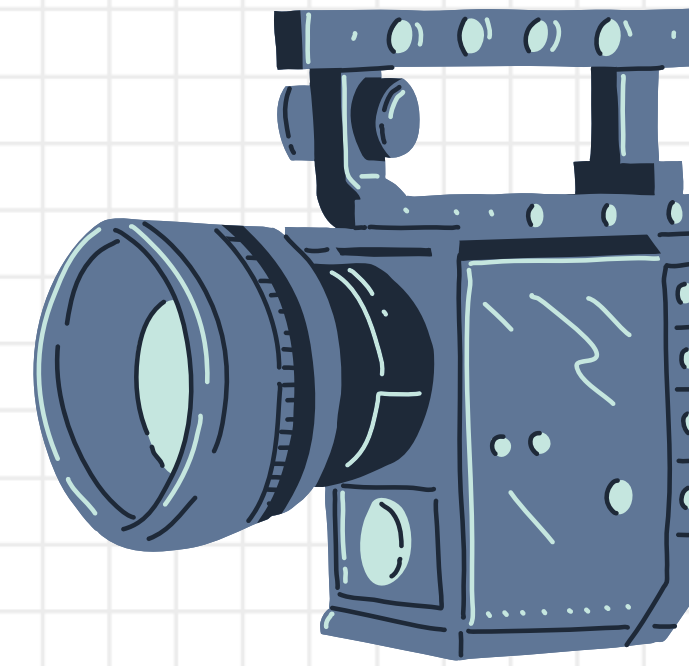


- As of 2020, 10.2% of Americans identify as Multiracial and growing 3x faster than any other racial group
- Identity denial leads to higher levels of stress, depression, and substance abuse
- Race as a social construct





# Racial Identity Formation





# Film and Finding a Third Space

1

"One Drop Rule"  
hindered  
formation of a  
Third Space for  
Multiracial groups

2

Fetishization  
and  
Decentering  
Whiteness

3

Representation  
and identity  
formation

# Timeline

1

Summer/September

- Research
- Draft interview Qs

2

October

- Hire film student
- Film

3

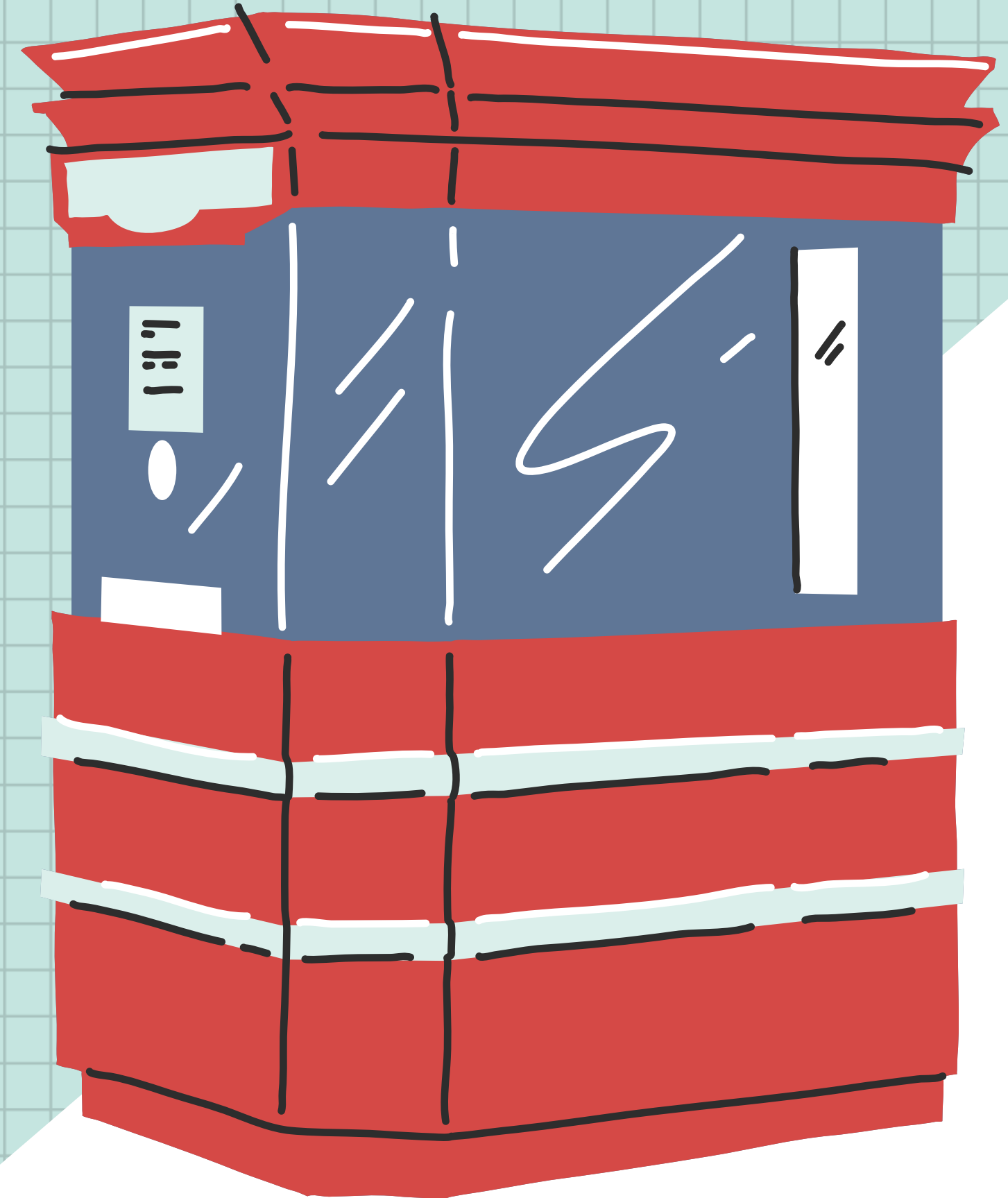
November

- Video editing
- Outreach

4

December

- Outreach
- Screening Event

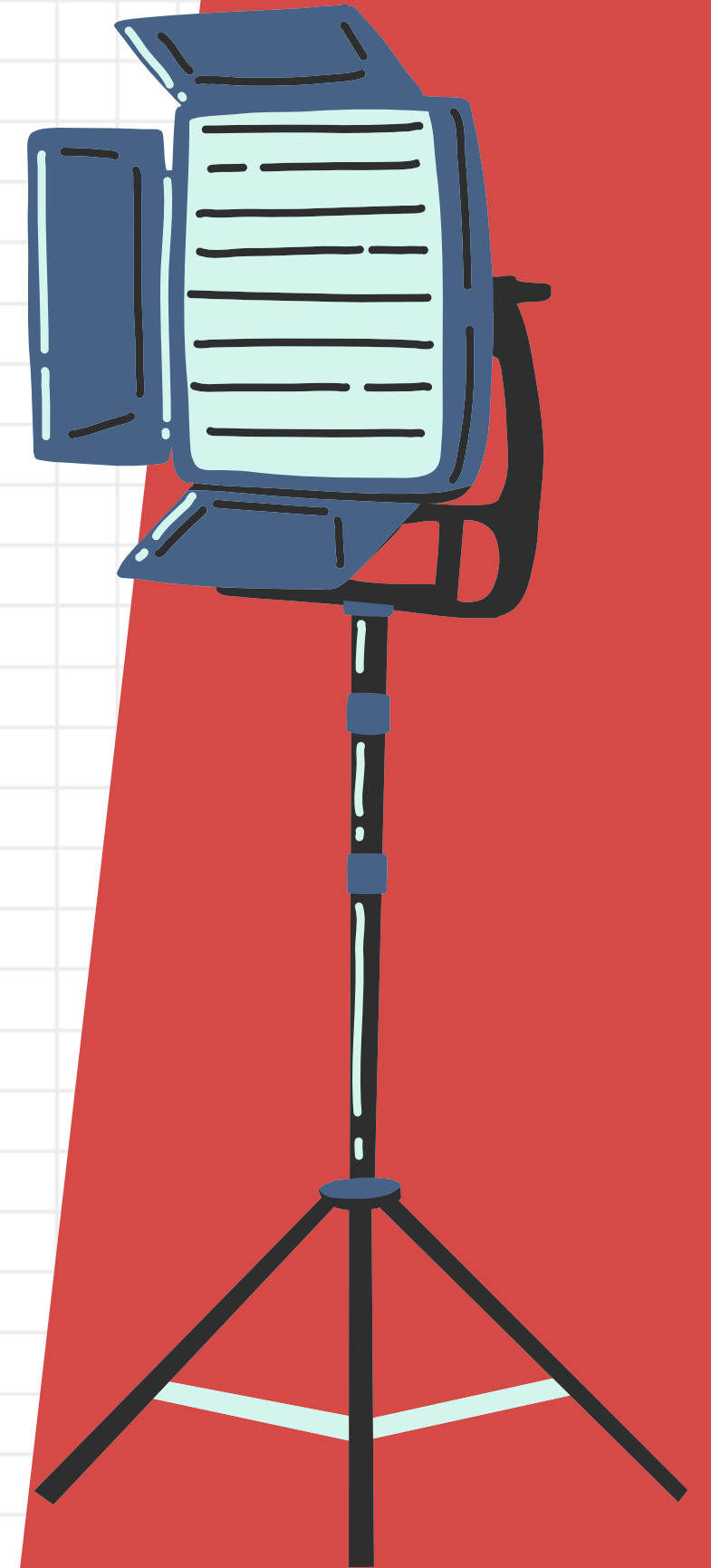


# Feminist Leadership

Intersectionality of Race and Gender

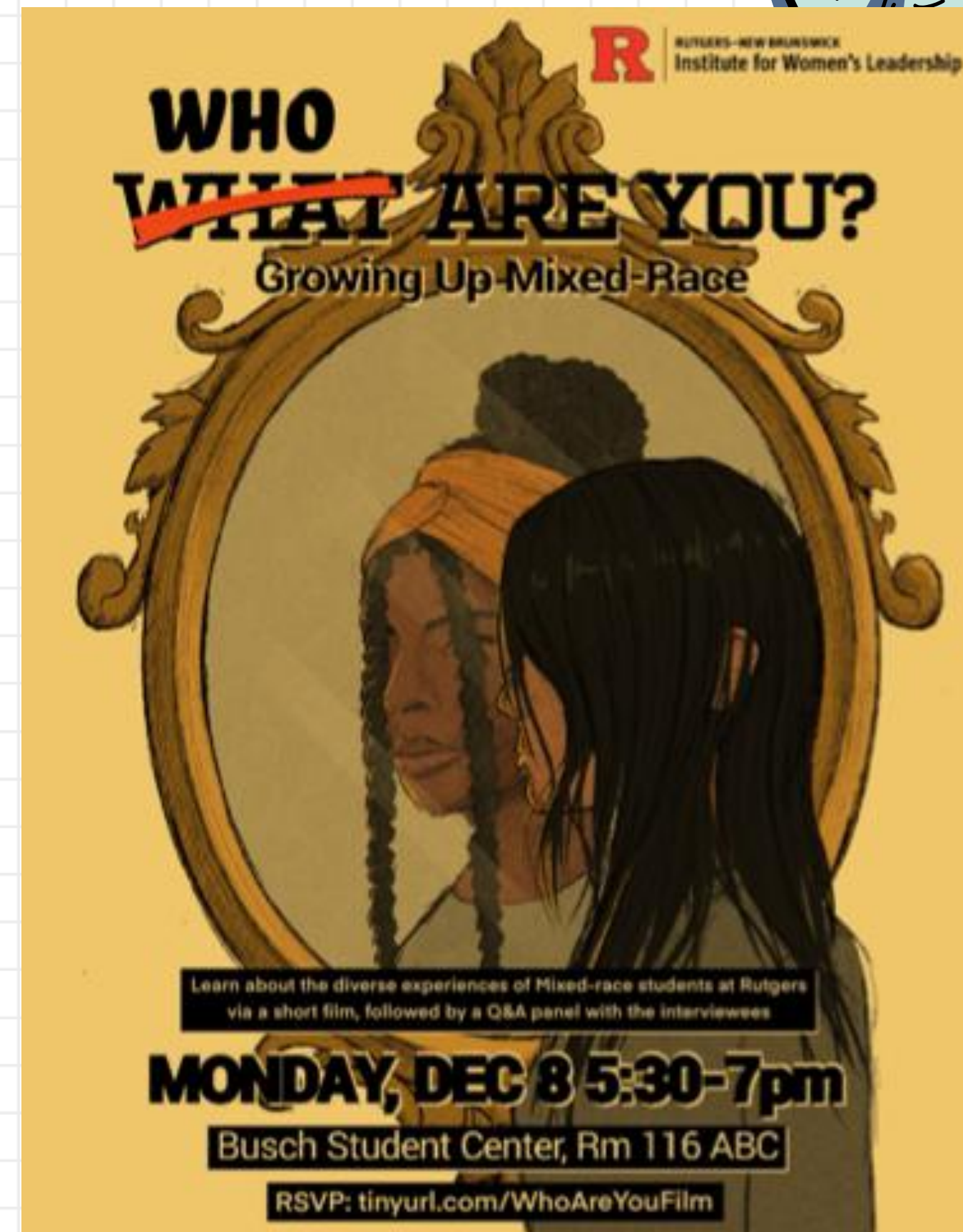
Feminist Interviews

Collaborative Leadership



# Outreach

Department/Club/Center	Contact
WGSS listserv	Nimrah Saeed (email)
WGSS Undergraduate Director	Kyla Schuller (email)
IWL Newsletter	Sasha Taner (email)
Center for Social Justice Education & LGBT Communities	Lindsay Jeffers (email)
Center for Latino Arts and Culture	Monica Madera (email)
RU Fusion Club	Nico, Maya (text)
Rutgers University Film Productions Club	Cecilia (text)



**WHO ~~WHAT~~ ARE YOU?**  
Growing Up Mixed-Race

RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK  
Institute for Women's Leadership

Learn about the diverse experiences of Mixed-race students at Rutgers via a short film, followed by a Q&A panel with the interviewees

**MONDAY, DEC 8 5:30-7pm**  
Busch Student Center, Rm 116 ABC

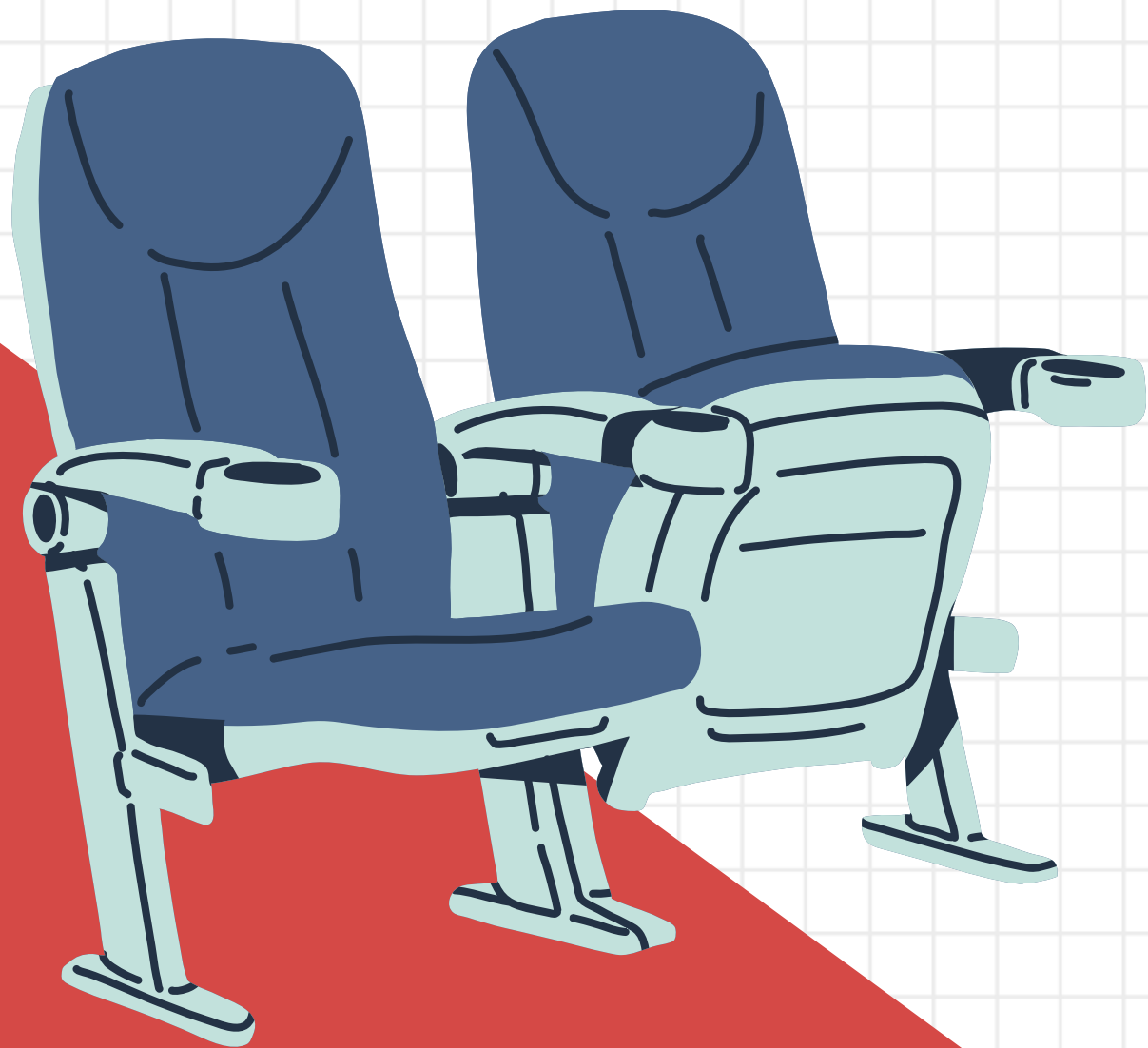
RSVP: [tinyurl.com/WhoAreYouFilm](https://tinyurl.com/WhoAreYouFilm)

# Screening Event



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-0vXe1xKT0>

# Project Impact

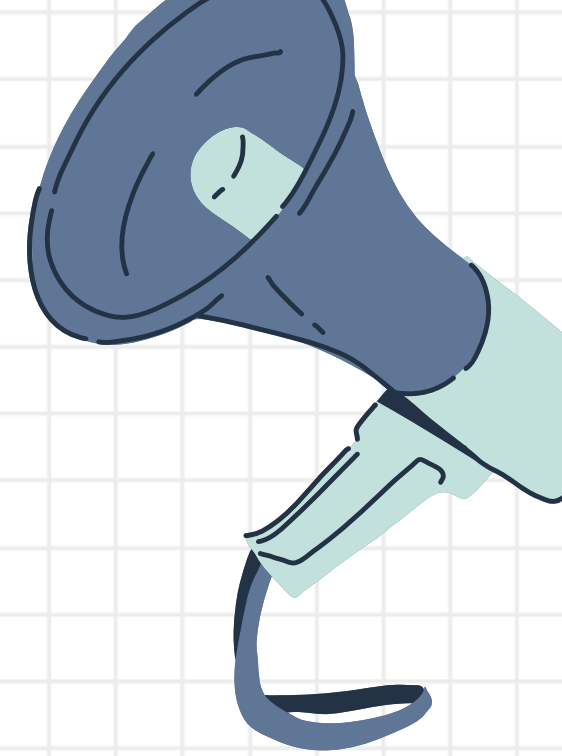
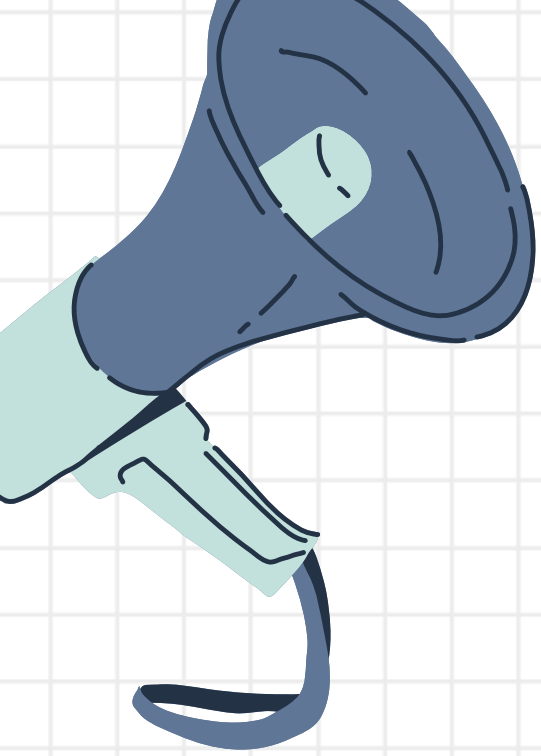


“That **you are so much more than your race** and people asking what you are. That mixed race people sometimes feel that it can be difficult to find spaces you belong in because it may feel like you’re don’t completely fit into one identity.”

“Was happy to see that perhaps times are changing and **mixed is more common and accepted**”

“it made me ask myself the questions and helped me understand feelings that I haven’t been able to voice explicitly”

“I really liked the **personal feel of the film.** It was similar to a podcast style which I enjoyed.”



# Insights



**Research: Social  
psychology,  
sociology, history**



**Filmmaking Skills:  
Interviews, Exec  
Producer, Director**



**Adaptability and  
Leadership**



**Outreach and  
Communication**

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