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>I wouldn't, because it isn't. Angry =individuals= is not the same
>as =institutional= power. Racism is an institution and a gang of
>local teenagers aren't an institution.
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>-- Julie.

Julie,

You fail to understand what is meant by institutional racism. It doesn't mean that the racist group is an institution. It means that the racist attitudes and behaviors are so ingrained into the culture that it is no longer perceived as being racist.

The "Ru Paul" an "Diana Ross" inferences and innuendoes used by white members of this newsgroup serve as a perfect example of institutionalized racism. Perhaps, it would be easier for you to understand it, if I referred to it as "cultural racism."

It's the kind of racism an African American woman experiences when she walks up to the Estee Lauder counter at Macy's, and the white clerk makes eye contact with her but pretends not to notice her, and then darts off to attend to a white customer.

So, the gang of teenagers that think it's "cool" to exhibit the racist attitudes they've acquired from their parents is an example of institutional racism.

It's very insidious, hurtful and ugly.

Roberta Angela Dee