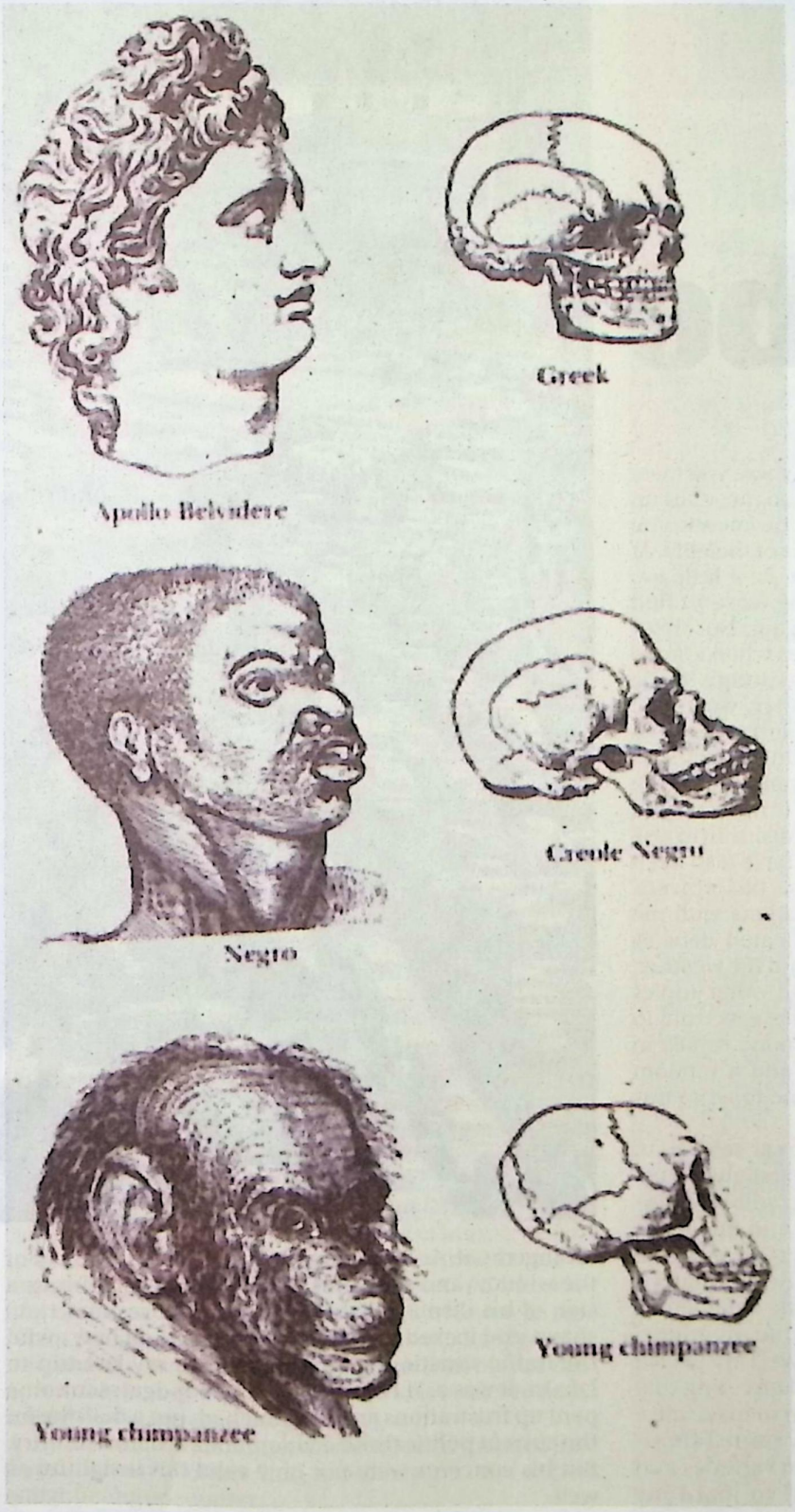


qualifications, particular names or body language in Bangladesh would be discriminated unconsciously.

For instance, if an applicant comes from a poorer family, if his name is identified as someone from a minority group or if their CV photo doesn't look too good, chances of them being hired is minimal. It's all about presentation really and the richer you are, the better you can take care of yourself, the better education you will have, the better you will look and dress and therefore the more likely you are to get the job. Sure, qualifications matter, but the whole package counts more, therefore economical racism is very much a part of this "systematic perspective" of others.

Then there is of course the snob-effect. C. Wright Mills likes to call it the Power Elite, where there already exists dominating groups within the nation (businessmen, economists, political leaders and the military), all competing with each other as well as rejecting any new members willing to join these bubbles of economic blossoms.

The way someone in a car would look at someone inside a local bus to the different ways a waiter would treat a customer in sandals to a customer wearing branded shoes, from the way a colleague would treat others based on their fluency in English to the way a groom or bride's family would judge each other based on money and looks, our opinions are always racial.

W.E.B. DuBois wrote in The Conservation of Races that race is not about appearance but about culture and "a common history, law and religion." Why is it then that Bangladeshis, with their common history of independence and rights, can't even stand to respect each other on a daily basis? Why does the rich-poor dichotomy present itself so loudly in this society (meaning all that yelling at the poor rickshaw-puller, maid, beggar)? How can we remove such ideological ways of discriminating someone without even acknowledging their point of view? We haven't been able to treat our neighbours quiet the way we would want to be treated ourselves, so then how will this country progress as a nation? As one?