

Are You Afraid To Be A Negro?

THEODORE HERNANDEZ ASKS THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION

**Lack of Unity, Selfishness and Cross-Purposes Among
Negroes Militate Against Us—"New" Negroes Say
They Are Not "Race" Men, Says Writer.**

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It is appalling to note the great distaste with which many Negroes broach the subject of race. There is a wholesale turning away from such considerations that leads to no advantage. On the contrary, it is indicative of complete surrender. If you want to be unpopular, start a discussion of the race question in the presence of Aframericans who claim to be modern, or rather, New Negroes. Should you ask

why the question is so distasteful to them, they will tell you with vehemence that they are not race men and are, therefore, not interested in discussing the shortcomings and trials of the race. They cannot say convincingly why or how they came to be that way. As a matter of fact,

they do not know. They are only unwitting puppets of an inter-play of inimical forces that shatter their personalities basically and leave them individuals without status, ruthlessly tossed about on the sea of indecision. May we not glance briefly at some of the factors producing this pitiable type of Negro?