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A Hundred Racist Designs

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To build an antiracist future, we have to take a hard look at today's creations.

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This moment feels different.

It seems overnight, the world is overcome with injecting <u>anti-racism</u> into every endeavor. Some colleagues, for the first time, are coping with the weight of the oppressive system. Others, fortunately, <u>have collected countless resources</u> posed to help design a more equitable future.

Unfortunately, racism proves to be larger, more abstract, and more elusive than the objects traditional designers are used to constructing. To some extent, it's not their fault: racism's been designed into our society for hundreds of years. Unfortunately, designers still fail to recognize the countless ways — tangible, yet invisible — that racism has been injected into our technologies.

It's time to do more.

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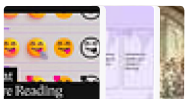1-page. Well-formatted.

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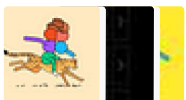
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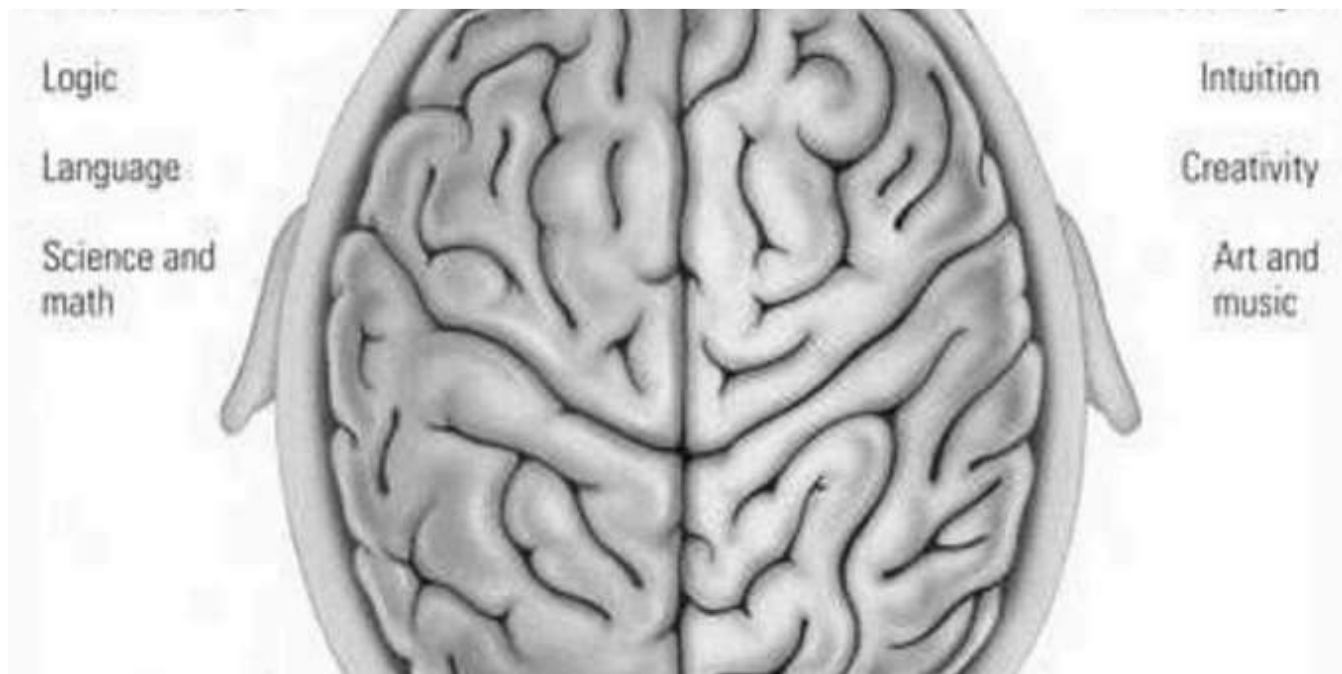257 stories · 699 saves

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