

Race and class

It is clear that the social location of an individual as a Negro ... implies a far narrower channeling of existential possibilities than happens by way of class. Indeed, the individual's possibilities of class mobility are most definitely determined by his social location, since some of the most stringent disabilities of the latter are economic in character.

Thus a man's conduct, ideas and psychological identity are shaped by race in a manner far more decisive than they commonly are by class.

Peter L. Berger, *An Invitation to Sociology*