Subject: Re: Ban on white men becoming firefighters Posted by Spoony on Sun, 27 Jan 2008 09:00:10 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Sun, 27 January 2008 02:32I don't think it's actual racism, at least by most peoples definition. There are laws that say their workforce has to be X percent minorities. They apparently were majorly not hitting the numbers and had too many white guys, so they had to temporarily stop hiring any more until the ratio would allow it.

I think that is a better solution than firing some of the existing employees just to shuffle the race ratio around.

Same goes if they had to temporarily ban hiring black men. "Racism" has nothing to do with it. It's simple math and them following the law of keeping the proper ratio of minorities in their workforce.

Of course like I said, people will still say its "racism" just because race is a factor. IMO "racism" is due to some sort of discrimination based hatred or dislike, not because of a law that is meant to *protect* minorities against those that may discriminate by not hiring them.

Turning somebody down from a job based on their skin colour is racism.

You can't excuse it by saying we need 15% ethnic minority employees or w/e. Simple question: Why do we need a "proper ratio of minorities" in any particular job? Nobody has ever, ever answered that question successfully.

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You know the saying two wrongs don't make a right? You're basically saying "one almost certainly fictional wrong excuses a genuine wrong".

Aside from that, white people are fast becoming the minority in many English cities.