

*American Re-Education*

Single-Channel Video

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3 Minutes and 52 seconds

*American Re-Education* is a single-channel video piece that explores representations of blackness across popular media creating a timeline from early cartoons, films, sporting events and political news coverage that weaves together a story remixing the intersection of blackness and American popular culture. The featured images, however, are digitally altered using glitch aesthetics to highlight the distortion experienced when seeking representation in popular media. The audio is a collection of crowdsourced reflections on American History education, race, and identity. When conducting research for a text-based component of the project, the artist created an online questionnaire that received responses from various online participants, many of whom chose to remain anonymous. These text-based reflections are juxtaposed with popular visual representations of black people in the media, referencing important sources of exposure and subsequent internalization of prescribed societal roles: the education system and mainstream media.