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Source #1: *You Name It*: by Kathryn Schulz

The naming process called the binomial nomenclature was brought about to society by a man named Carl Linnaeus. The way in which the people of this time period decided to name things was based on religion basing “each entity in accordance with its imagined proximity to God” (Schulz 57). Linnaeus’s naming system consisted of a clear and precise identification of a species. “Linnaeus listed every organism then known to exist, and personally coined names for more than twelve thousand species of plants and animals” (Schulz 58). While in the process of naming over one and a half million species, Linnaeus decided to also classify homo sapiens, humans, into sub-categories. The aspect of this topic that is found the most disturbing is “not how [Linnaeus] categorized us among other animals but how he categorized us among ourselves” (Schulz 60). In the first edition of “Systema Naturae”, Linnaeus gave four distinct variations of humans based on colors. However, he had noted in “ ‘Philosophia Botanica’ that ‘color is wonderfully variable and hence of no value for definitions.’ But what applied to flowers apparently did not apply to humans” (Schulz 60). During the time period of Linnaeus “the era was hardly free of racial prejudices;... exactly what Linnaeus absorbed and then presented as scientific absolute” (Schulz 60).

Analysis

- Why was the source created?

this renaming process. The debacle over renaming North American birds all began in 2020 when a white woman lied to police claiming that a black birdwatcher had threatened her while at the park. “Names tell us something about who we are, where we come from, how we signify in the larger world. Names carry social and cultural resonances” (Renkle). This quote from Renkle is deemed as important considering its mentioned very quickly again. The naming of the birds will share the progress being made in the ornithological community of North America which is a step in the right direction.

ANALYSIS

- What does this source teach us?

This source was beautifully written to show how a topic that may appear so miniscule to one may lead to something Earth- shattering that may dramatically affect others.

- How does the source help us understand something about our problem?

This source helps me understand that ultimately the renaming process can proceed with buildings in the United States and also locations. In our own wicked problem , this article opened my eyes to possibilities and the small steps that might need to start rolling sooner rather than later.

- What was the purpose of the source?

The purpose of this source was to give slight hope towards the possibility of renaming other daily aspects of life in the near future.