

Content Warning: the memes collected in this document promote violence, racism, xenophobia, and homophobia.

They have been collected as a supplement to an [article on hateful memes](#) at *Pharos: Doing Justice to the Classics* and have been annotated to prevent their distribution from spreading hate.

Yes Chad memes

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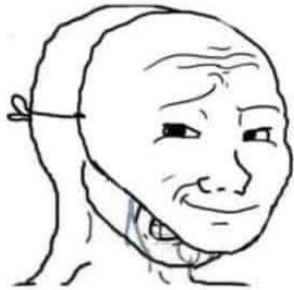
What the fuck is a white race?

OMG based and groyp-pilled
Roman here to save the
White race

Neofascists assume Romans were "white";
ancient societies did not (for the most part)
link identity and skin color



Caesar haters



caesar was bad

caesar fanboys



noooooooooooooooo

Rome lovers



Caesar killed one million of gauls and enslaved another one

Celebration and justification of genocide



Imao that's why I like him, Germans and gauls deserve that treatment

“NORMAL” PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT HISTORY



There is no good colonization,
all colonization and imperialism is bad.
All of them brought genocide and stole land.

“Withered Wojak”
makes it shameful
to recognize
historical violence



Yes Ma'am, I'm sorry for
what my ancestors did.

ME TALKING ABOUT HISTORY



Nooo! Romans were genocidal
and pro-slave society!

Sanitizing
history of
violent
conquest as
“civilizing”



“Gigachad”
represents the
pinnacle of toxic
masculinity

Romans gave us sanitation, medicine,
education, wine, public order, irrigation,
roads, sanitation and public health.

Those guys civilized us.

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White nationalists claim Augustus as Nordic ancestor



Augustus



Tiberius



Caligula



Claudius



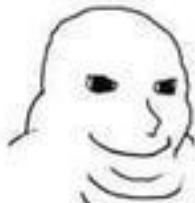
Nero



Vitellius



Vespasian



Domitian



Hadrian



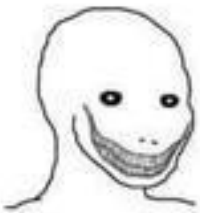
Marcus Aurelius



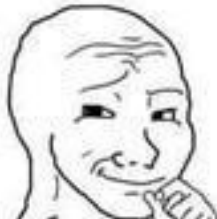
Commodus



Pertinax



Septimius
Severus



Caracalla



Elagabalus



Severus
Alexander



Maximinus
Thrax



Aurelian



Diocletian



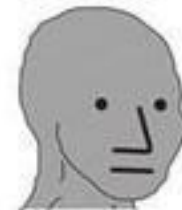
Constantine



Julian



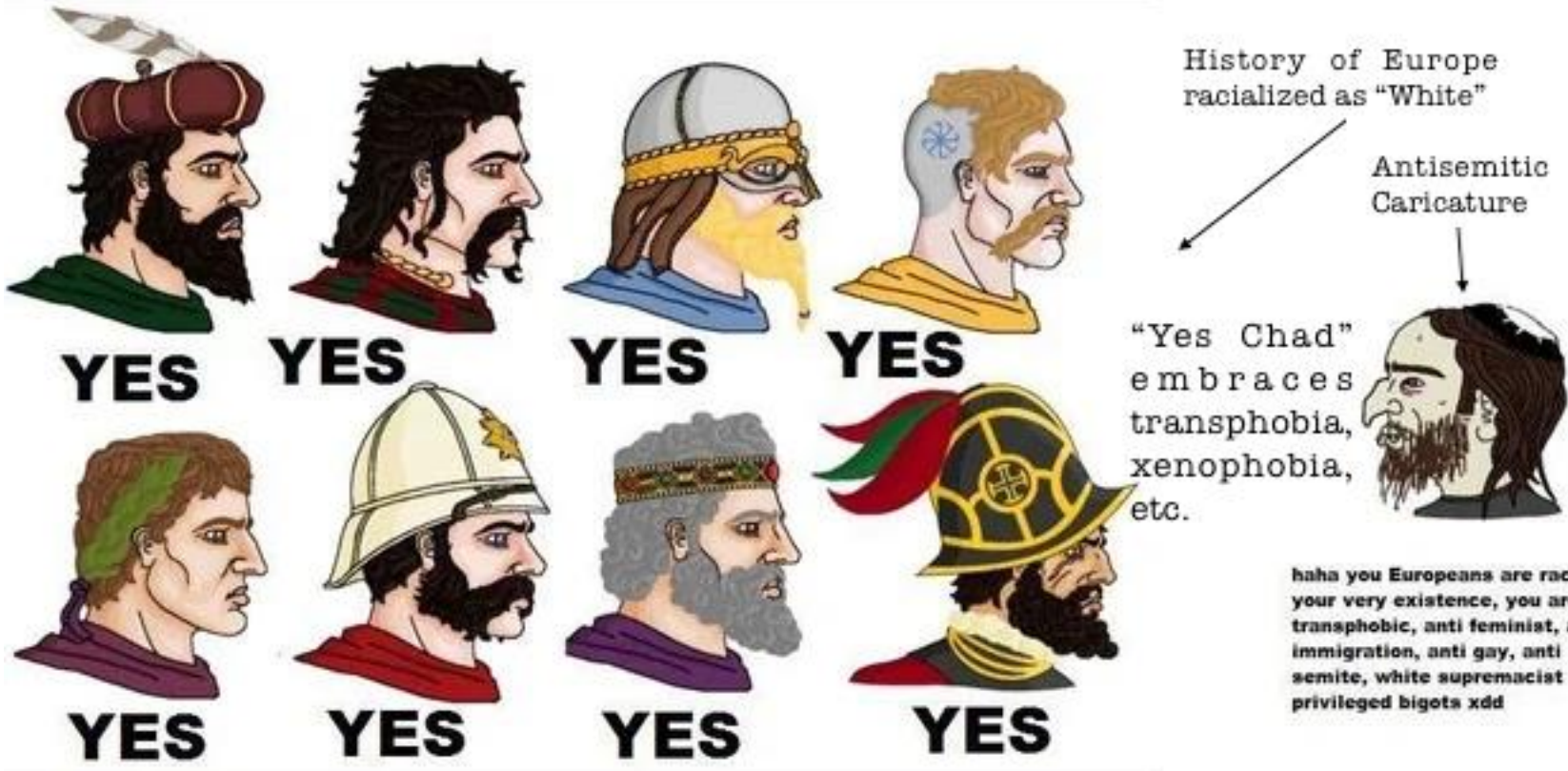
Honorius



Arcadius



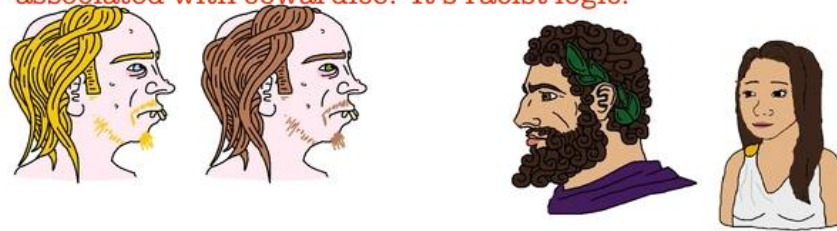
Romulus
Augustulus





Those who are too black/dark are cowards; witness Egyptians...

This is an authentic quote from a work attributed to Aristotle: note how blackness and the feminine are both associated with cowardice. It's racist logic.



Those who are too white/pale are cowards as well; witness women...



The color that contributes to bravery must necessarily be in the middle of these two. (Aristotle, Physiognomonics)

Learning about Rome in school.

Implication is that experts hide the best parts of history from you



Learning about Rome through my personal readings.

Implication is that expert interpretation or contextualization is unnecessary and an impediment



Learning about Rome through memes on Twitter.

Claim that memes — many of which are racist — are better sources of information than the formal study of history

