

‘Racist yet accurate’? Can a basketball team win a championship with 3 white starters?

[W]e can all agree that LaVar Ball has a bad case of Idiot Mouth. But just because Ball says something doesn’t mean it’s total hooey.

“Realistically you can’t win no championship with three white guys because the foot speed is too slow,” [Ball said](#) in rehashing UCLA’s demise in the NCAA Tournament.

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Ball was peddling in stereotypes, but that doesn’t mean his statement was incorrect.

“It’s both racist and accurate at the same time,” Jon Entine said. He’s the founder of the [Genetic Literacy Project](#), a foundation that focuses on genetics and media. Entine has written seven books on the subject, including “Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports And Why We Are Afraid To Talk About It.”

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A lot of factors explain the statistical discrepancy because a lot of factors go into the making of a great basketball player, [b]ut does genetics have anything to do with it? Don’t ask.

“Racial differences are the third rail,” Entine said, “and we are in an era of hyper-political correctness.”

It’s perilous to say white men can’t jump and black men can. [No matter how you phrase it], the disapproving gasps will come.

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