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Bias Perceptions Grow Amid Racial Progress

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shows this group isn't likely to stay on the sidelines.

"The problem is that for these people who really think that the order of society should be a particular way what they experience by perceiving bias is that they should do something to re-establish that order," she states.

Wilkins says demographic projections showing that white Americans will become the minority in the next few decades is contributing to the idea that white people are under attack.

She says while fighting back against this perception is hard, the best way might be to downplay the idea of competition between different groups of people.

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