

Sound Off! // Comment Klatsch #7: #RachelJeantel asks: Are you Listening?

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Abstract

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klatsch \KLAHCH\ , *noun*: A casual gathering of people, esp. for refreshments and informal conversation [German **Klatsch**, from **klatschen**, *to gossip, make a sharp noise, of imitative origin.*] ([Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com))

Dear Readers: Today's Sound Off!//Comment Klatsch question was inspired by [Regina Bradley](#), SO! regular, as a follow up to her recent post, "[To Sir, With Ratchety Love: Listening to the \(Dis\)Respectability Politics of Rachel Jeantel](#)" as well as Rachel Jeantel's now famous question to George Zimmerman's defense attorney: "Are you listening?" Bradley's post provoked us to consider how "[Rachel Jeantel's] emotionally charged question 'are you listening?' jolted not only West but those watching the trial. *Were we listening? What were we listening for?*" Let's do our best to listen, to think, and to answer these questions to the best of our knowledge. —**JSA**

Today's SOCK: How do racial ideologies impact listening practices?

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