Code Words for Racism

People talk about immigration as if race doesn’t matter, saying “No, I don’t have anything against immigrants or Mexicans, it’s just the illegal part of it I don’t like.” But these are code words. We experience race in this country through issues like welfare policy, anti-poverty programs and now immigration.

Discussion Questions
1. What is a code word?
2. What do you think Santos means when he says we experience race through policy and programs?
3. What connections do you see between immigration and racism?
4. Do you agree with Professor Santos? Why or why not?