



Black Lives Matter!

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Black slavery!

Black slavery is one of the massive stages that has happened in history, luckily one that we don't have anymore!

This time was when White people used the people of colour to be their slaves, if the slaves didn't do what they were told correctly and up to standards they would have been beaten and sometimes even killed. The main work for black slaves would have been working on tobacco, rice and indigo fields. They grew crops on cotton, this is also known as cotton picking. The slaves would have had to do many different jobs and everything they were told to do, the slaves were paid very very little amounts of money.

This would have been a horrible time for a black person to live in. Black slavery only stopped in December 1865, it was stopped because of the war.

What is Racism?

The definition of Racism: Racism is the belief that groups of humans possess different behavioral traits corresponding to physical appearance and can be divided based on the superiority of one race over another. It may also mean prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against other people because they are of a different ethnicity.

What you say can be racist, here is just some examples:

1. Calling a person of coloured the 'n word'.
2. Excluding someone because of their race or background.
3. Telling someone to "go back from where they came from".
4. Comparing a coloured person to black slavery.

Where do you draw the line?

<https://www.facebook.com/BBCOne/videos/2712720052283417/>

Watch this video of a girl who has written a poem of her experiences!

George floyd!

Millions of people experience lots of racism everyday. One of the most well known racial incident happened in America, last year in 2020 involving George Floyd and a police officer. Here is the story:

On the 25th May 2020, officers arrested the innocent 46 year old black man George Floyd who was a bouncer originally from Houston, Texas but lost his job due to the Pandemic. There was a report made to the police of a fake \$20 bill being used in a store by George Floyd at around 8pm from the shop Cup Foods. A store employee reported it to the police. In the call the employee said he demanded the cigarettes back but Floyd said refused to do so.



The employee also claimed that George appeared drunk and not in control of himself. Shortly after the call, at around 8:08 two police officers arrived. George Floyd was sitting in a parked car with two other people around the corner from the shop. After the police approached the car one of the officers Thomas Lane, pulled out his gun and ordered George Floyd to show his hands. There has been much evidence that Mr Lane put his hands on Floyd and pulled him out of the car. George actively resisted to be handcuffed, Mr Lane explained that George was being arrested for 'passing counterfeit currency'.

Police say that Floyd was repeatedly apologetic after the police approached his car. The police asked Floyd to show his hands 10 times whilst he was in the car. It was when the officers tried to put George into the police car that it was a massive struggle. George stiffened up, fell to the ground and told the officers he was claustrophobic.

George lay on the ground face down still in handcuffs. George was in much distress when the public started to film what was happening.

He was restrained by an officer who had his left knee between George's neck and his head. For more than nine minutes the officers knee was locked onto Mr Floyds neck. Bodycam footage shows that George shouted "I CAN NOT BREATHE" more than 20 times, he was also pleading for his mother and begging "please, please, please". "Your going to kill me man". Officer Chauvin said to George "Then stop talking, stop yelling, it takes a heck of a lot of oxygen to talk". Georges Floyds nose started to bleed and the public shouts at the officers. Around six minutes in George becomes non-responsive. The public shouted at the officers to check his pulse, they did and couldn't find one. George was rushed to the hospital and was announced dead.

MAN KILLED

My story of being a mixed race girl!

My name is Marli McNab. I was born in Dorchester and have a Belizean dad and British mum. I am half Black Caribbean and half British, this makes me mixed race! In my lifetime I have experienced lots of racism, I'm only 12 years old and in my first year at secondary school. I wanted to spread awareness of Black Lives Matter and show how much it means to me. I have been called and told many nasty racist things, I have been called The 'N word', I have been told to go back to the cotton picking farm where I came from, I have been told that my skin looks like poop and have been chased around a playground by someone making monkey noises and actions. People often touch my hair without asking which is really annoying and uncomfortable. This just makes me feel that I am different to other people because of the way I look.

Even though some of these things don't sound bad, they do hurt badly. They make me feel worthless and not welcome because other people don't approve of the way I am as a person. Sometimes I even feel as if I need to change the way I look and do certain things because people hate on the way I already do things. Hearing about all the racism that's happening around the world makes me feel nervous because of what people think about me. I feel scared that something bad, like what we see in the news, will happen to me. I am terrified that people will tell me that I don't belong because of the way I look. Being me is hard and I'm sure many other people can understand how I feel, and the people that don't should feel lucky that they are not made to feel this way.

I feel that 'white privilege' does exist in the society I live in. My white friends do not have to put up with the experiences I have had to deal with. I stand out from the crowd and am judged by everyone all the time including by adults as well as children. People assume that I am fierce and a bully. I am constantly judged every single day and have to work and try harder than my white friends just to be accepted and prove my worth.

One thing I tell myself everyday is Marli keep your head up you are strong, powerful, talented and beautiful in your own ways and if anyone hates on that then that's their problem not yours because you are amazing!

“White feelings
should never be held
in higher regard
than black lives.”
—Rachel Cargle

Parade

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BLACK LIVES MATTER
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL
LOVE IS LOVE
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS
KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING



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now understand more about Black
lives Matter!