

Psychology of Diversity Short Paper Snippets
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1. "This is when I realized that African Americans were just as racist as white people supposedly are..."
2. "We may all be very different in many ways, but we have much more in common than we have differences."
3. "I never encountered him (an African American room mate) dealing with a big racist issue, but I saw some of the stereotypes people have toward African Americans in the way he was treated at certain times."
4. "I would like to bring up the fact that African-American people "generally" tend to act as though the world owes them something, this may be a stereotype, but I have encountered it myself and believe it to be true."
5. "To be able to go through this (Catholic Filipino-American Funeral) with an open mind and the not knowing made me realize that other ethnic groups mourn in different ways."
6. "I never thought of my family as being rich before this. We're middle class by the national standards, but depending on where you are, people have different definitions for class"
7. "I do not know if it was the racism in the town that kept African Americans from staying there, or the lack of them living there that seemed to help propagate the racism."
8. "...I was again the ethnic minority at P.G. Community College, where I was often the only 'white chick' in class."
9. "It made me somewhat sad to know that P.J. had to deal with the stereotypes that white people place on the African American people. For example, because P.J. drove a nice car, everyone assumed that he dealt drugs."
10. "I watched people talk about how terrible Muslims were, and how we should kill them all and then the world would be a better place. I was also upset about 9/11, but did we really need to kill more people in the world?"
11. "...being from Alabama, everyone thought I should be barefoot with overalls on and multiple other things that go along with people's view of Alabama."
12. "I guess that is lot of the 'American' in me along with the thought that if someone wants to live in a different country, they should learn the language of that country."
13. "To have someone get liquored up and say things that demean what it is to be African American, or to have someone you know laugh, or worse yet, to have others just stand there and say nothing to him (the drunk), as if they would have laughed had I not been there, tells me that although there are many white people who are nice and do not share that view, there are many who still have issues."
14. "...I, in particular, never understood why the 'good church farin' folk' would cringe when they saw the little white girl riding bikes with all the 'colored kids'; which is the term they frequently use to classify my friends."
15. "They (Corsican Restaurant Owners) taught me that food and family were the most important things to them, which ended up being the main idea among all the places I visited."
16. "I have seen that more and more people are waking up and smelling the coffee, because it (race and prejudice) is not as big an issue as it was 20 years ago."
15. "I think that by playing sports with people of different races gives one a different type of bond to the person, because you all rely on one another to do your job."
16. "I have learned from these experiences that the Mexican population is much more appreciative of the rights and freedoms of America than Americans are."
17. "I don't even want to live and work in the United States! I just think everybody is the same in this country. In addition, there are so few people who even realize that there is anything out there other than the good ol' United States."