

Psychology of Diversity
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Short Paper Snippets

- Not only has knowing her (17 year old Moroccan house maid) made me realize how economically fortunate I am, but it has also made me realize how severe class differences are in some other countries.
- Prior to my trip [to South Korea], I was of the opinion that Americans were (in a way) supreme to others, and I believed that “outsiders” envied American ways - I was not raised to think this but believe it to stem from the media.
- Before we moved [to Belgium] I don’t think I really had an idea of what was “out there”. I don’t recall if I was even aware of other cultures.
- Being surrounded by lower middle class families with a strong work ethic, I was taught to believe that homeless people were merely lazy and therefore creators of their own negative predicament.
- The five men that who attacked me can be found in every ethnic group; the blame does not fall on the color of their skin, but on the individuals who are categorized as trash. This trash category exists in all ethnic groups, and is the reason for discrimination, crime, and hate.
- My hometown is considered a military area and hence is made up of people from all over the world... Because of this I was forced into relationships with people of different races and socio-economic status than me, which in turn forced me to be open minded.
- Overall, I took away the fact that everyone has their moments of being down and out; it’s the people that make the best of where they are that truly matter.
- ...growing up with such plentiful diversity around me in my everyday life, I am now never the voice of bigotry.
- Everybody is different and should be viewed as such.
- African American is not the only ethnic group that is out here and I should learn more about other; In turn this allows me to learn more about my group.
- She is not racist. She just does not agree with mixing the races.
- I started to feel good about myself and didn’t feel like an outcast; I was simply Hispanic and not white. I realized that it wasn’t a handicap.
- My lifestyle decision has significantly changed my views about how our society functions as a whole. Prior to coming out, I was naive and unaware of the many obstacles that minorities face on a day to day basis.
- She (a fellow worker) stated that she believed the reasoning for racism in the area was not hatred, but lack of experience... She believed that fear of the unknown and a natural wariness of newcomers was the fuel of racism in this particular area.
- (At age six, while fighting over a ball) I do remember exactly what I said to him, but it was something to the effect of “Let go of it Blacky.” The boy, who was of African-American descent, proceeded to hit me, and knock me to the ground. I was very confused. I could not figure out why he had attacked me.
- Many of my African American friends share the same political views as myself and are also seeking some of the same things out of life as myself such as love, self-respect, healthy relationships, and being of service to others.
- This experience (attending a seminar on White Privilege) made me very glad to belong to the white group because I realized that I belong to the most privileged group in America, without even doing a thing, just being born. I am glad to be part of this group, yet it also makes me sad to see first hand how the other side lives.
- If you don’t interact with different types of people then you don’t know about them. If you don’t know about them, then you don’t know how wonderful they can be.
- I didn’t know much about Spanish people before I left, though I had heard they enjoy wine, bullfighting, and flamenco. So, with images of wine guzzling matadors dancing flamenco in my head, I traveled to Spain and immersed myself in their culture.
- (My Anthropology Teacher) was of a different ethnic group and after this event (9/11) noticed that a change in the way people interacted with her and how it had dramatically affected her family. She mentioned that her young daughter had no friends left and actually had rocks thrown at her one day after school.