

# Racial Autobiography

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My earliest memory of race was when I was in middle school and I noticed how I had friends in every color and I loved it, In Puerto Rico we come in every colors and theres no separation. A negative experience I went through with my friends was when went on the path train and a man had to state the obvious that im Dominican also, I don't know if he was strong, but he was just stating how he hates Dominicans and how were loud and annoying and screamed at me to shut up, and I hadn't said a word the whole train ride. I became racially conscious in a way when I watched the movie "hairspray" it was such a great movie and made me see how people of color were treated, I realized that to people the color of my skin matters and I didn't want it to, I didn't want to have to change the way I am to make other people comfortable.

I learned more about race diversity growing up in school, how my people were slaves to the spaniards and how were a mix of african, native indian and the spaniards. But I learned more about race diversity when I got to florida, and we started studying how black people were treated in the u.s. and everything they were retrained from, everything they had to go through, that's when I really woke up and realized theres people out there that actually exist that have a problem with people just because of their color.

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Something that concerns me about my racial past is that I wont be listened to the same way

because I'm a women of colors but that just tells me I haver to be louder, that I have to be proper before being judged.

My racial past encourages me to prove people wrong, to show them that people my color aren't what they think, that we are people too.

I do racial justice because its not right to be judged or treated the wrong way because the way I look, or to no be able to do that because of my color.