

People still call BS on like this identity stuff. Like its mumbo-jumbo. Like, you know like...I don't know.. it's...people on't actively take this class or a class that's on diversity that says we're going to be dialoging all semester, right?

I get it because I used to be like that. Like I used to think that like that's a waste of time. Like we could be learning real stuff. Like, wow, you're getting three credits worth of like Cornell academic approval for this? Right? Then you just have to experience one like formative moment that comes out of this, or one really big change or even small change that just like alters the way you see the world and the way that you connect with people who are different than you.

Actually, yeah so I had a white friend, who was like for me like oddly preoccupied with race. Like she would go to like Black Lives Matters stuff, she had a lot of friends in the black community, she knew like, she was like particularly interested in like...the like African diaspora in the United States, like she had all these interests in the like black experience, and she was really knowledgeable about it. And she would always say to me like "you can do this because you're white," and like "we can go here because we're white," right like "my black friend said blank." She would share these experiences that she had where she was like, exposed to difference. Whereas like I never thought about that. Like I never thought about my whiteness.