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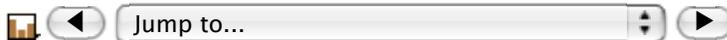
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Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Monica Li - Monday, 3 March 2008, 02:33 PM

I just want to say:

Please let people be who they want to be! Can't everyone just accept people for who they are. You don't need to like them but do not prejudice people after how they are looking, their skincolour, group of people etc.
Now I'm even talking about to accept some racist. They can't help that they don't like people from other countries. You can't force people to like people they don't like, that is wrong. Then you are exactly the same like the racist. You don't like a group of people and prejudice them and some people even try or force racist to change their minds.
For example would you accept someone who force you to hang out with old, sick people when you don't like them. Or if someone take you to a metal concert when you hate metal. And I think people from other countries must accept that not everybody have to like them.

I think everything is okey if you don't hurt someone. Everyone have the right to think in what way they want about things. If they want to kill, Who cares? If they just don't do that. Violence is always wrong, don't start a fight it doesn't matter if you are racist or not.

Everything was worse earlier in history. But human learns and a lot and people realize that we can't act like children. There is discrimination now but it is not accepted anymore. More people are against it.
I don't know how the discrimination is today. And actually I DON'T CARE. And I think no one should care. Of course I don't like it. But please ignore people who can't accept who you are and if they do some bad things to you, report them or fight back.

Respect is very important for me. But I don't respect people who can't respect other.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Thomas Kuusk - Monday, 3 March 2008, 04:50 PM

Monica, I can hardly believe what you are writing here. Are you actually saying that we should ignore racism and other types of discrimination? I'm sorry but that is shocking to be honest with you. What if we had ignored Adolf Hitler for example, or the slavery in the US, do you think that would have turned out good then?
And "they can't help that they don't like people from other countries"? What the hell is all that about? It's pathetic, in my mind leastwise.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Monica Li - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 11:33 AM

I don't think that you have read my post so closely bacause I meant that even racist like all other humans have the right to think whatever they want, EVEN "bad" thoughts as long as they are not comitting any bad stuff.

The only thing you know about a racist is that they don't like coloured people. What do you know about their personality. Maybe some of them is very nice and actually respect people they dislike 🙂

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by william lätt - Wednesday, 5 March 2008, 05:19 AM

I dont think racism is only about discriminating coloured people. It could anything else, in any culture that treats a minority badly.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by william lätt - Monday, 3 March 2008, 05:32 PM

A lot of your..... "opinions" you have written here is against each other. First of all, how can you request people to accept racists and then say "Respect is very important for me. But i dont respect people who cant respect each other" ? Racists dont do that. (but theres a lot of fascist elitistic ****s out there that dont do that either to, not gonna mention anyone here now hehe)

Dont want to upset you, but think again. Because this dont make any sense.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Laura Vernikoff - Monday, 3 March 2008, 08:04 PM

Hi everyone,

I want to remind you all that nobody on this forum should be directly attacking another person. You may not like everyone's ideas, but we are all learning together. It is fine to ask questions and even disagree strongly with others' IDEAS, but under no circumstances should anyone be attacking a PERSON.

These are certainly hard topics to talk about, but they are important. Please keep

discussing with an open mind and a kind attitude towards your fellow students, even when you disagree with their positions. If you are not exactly sure what a student is saying, ask for clarification before attacking their position.

If you have any specific concerns, or are unsure how to handle something, please come talk with us. There aren't many easy answers out there, but we are here to help you any way we can.

Thanks.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Monica Li - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 11:37 AM

Yeah you are right 🙂 I just meant that you shouldn't prejudice. How do you know that all racist can't respect coloured people. some of them are maybe pretty nice ;)

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Thomas Kuusk - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 03:49 PM

Well I did not react on the part where you stated that racists have the RIGHT to think whatever they want. I do realize that it's impossible to prevent people from thinking in different ways. However you can still reflect on if it's the right or wrong thing to dislike someone because of their origin, which of course is wrong, wrong and nothing else. But as I said this was not what I reacted on in my first post so it's not what I want you to reply on. I think you have already btw.

However, I did react when you said that we should ignore discrimination ("I don't know how the discrimination is today. And actually I DON'T CARE. And I think no one should care.")
Again, if you look back in time a bit, we have some dreadful history with racism involved. And we still have several, less heavy, but similar situations today. What if no one had cared then? What would have happened?
You said in your second post that racism doesn't have to mean violence. Sure, but if we just ignore racist thoughts, then eventually those thoughts will develop into violence whether you want to or not. That's why I consider it to be important to oppose racist thoughts as well, not just direct violence.

And then your words "they can't help that they don't like people from other

countries". I don't understand that at all. Every human has got the capacity to decide whether they consider discrimination to be right or wrong. Racism is not something that just turns up in your head without your knowledge. It's just up to every person to make their opinion; is it the right thing to dislike a person because of his or hers origin or is it not? Everyone has their own responsibility there.
So yes, they can help it. Humans are hardly some kind of primitive, helpless creatures, are we?

Please answer my questions.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Monica Li - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 05:07 PM

Of course I will answer your question. Thomas, please don't think that I'm against you or something because I agree with you.

No, we shouldn't ignore racism. But I'm not talking about history and I'm a person who just cares about right now at the present time. Sorry, but I don't know so much about the history. But in another why can't we just live for present time? Today it's a lot less racism/racists than what it was before.
What I mean is that there are a small group of racism today and a very big group people who is against racism and they are prejudice the racists and I think this small group can't do anything except to express themselves by talking.

The sentence I write was maybe a little wrong :S
"I don't know how the discrimination is today. And actually I DON'T CARE. And I think no one should care"
Sorry but I think that my definition of discrimination was wrong.

What I meant was Racists can say bad things to coloured people and I think that the coloured people should ignore that, I think that they should be proud of whom they are. If you are proud, why should you care about people who can't respect you? That's why I said that you should ignore stupid people who tell you things you are proud of for example where you are from. Of course black people are perhaps not proud of that how they were treated. But I think that if you can't "love" yourself who can? People who are being unfair treated today can get support!! And a lot of people want to support them. That is the different between before and now, I never said that you should ignore and not help people who are being unfair treated.

You asked "It's just up to every person to make their opinion; is it the right thing to dislike a person because of his or hers origin or is it not?".

My answer is yes. You can dislike people, stuff whatever, with whatever reason you want. You have the right to try to explain for the racists why they shouldn't dislike people because of the origin but not force them to do that. The racists are not doing any wrong to choose what they want to believe in.

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Re: Accept everyone, even racist!!!!
by Luke Zeller - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 04:59 AM

This is an interesting topic.

Everyone seems to agree that racism or prejudice is "bad." What we seem to be exploring here is whether or not an individual has the right to maintain racist or prejudice thoughts.

This brings up a very interesting idea: If we believe that prejudice is a "bad" thing, then how do we handle people who are prejudice? Because, if we are treating them differently just because of their thoughts and beliefs aren´t we just being prejudice against them? Now we are caught in a catch-22.

Is all prejudice bad?

What would it mean to accept someone who has prejudice?

What does it mean to "accept" someone?

Can we be "prejudiced" against someone who is "prejudiced"?

Who gets to decide what is "prejudice" and what is not?

It seems as though everyone cannot help but have certain implicit prejudices because we have been born and raised in a society that values certain things. We have seen in this forum how different cultures have different opinions and thoughts on a lot of matters. Through the media we are exposed to and the people we interact with and the country we live in, we have different values and beliefs.

How can we continue to think about all of this?

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The new accept everyone :) - Monica´s post
by Luke Zeller - Tuesday, 4 March 2008, 05:08 AM

This is Monica´s post that I just moved here:

Okey. The response I posted yesterday made a lot of people upset and I'm sorry about that.

But I think that you misunderstood me because I didn't mean that racism is okey.

My definition of racism is people who don't like people from other countries. It doesn't have to contain violence or unfair action against coloured people.

What I wanted to say yesterday was that I Think people have the right to THINK what they want but haven't the right to DO what they want.

People have the right to WANT to kill but not the right to do that.

That's why I'm thinking that SOME racist is okey if they just have bad thoughts because you can't force them to LOVE coloured people if they doesn't like them.

That's why I think that you even should respect SOME racist. You shouldn't prejudice people and I think that even racists are people. All people have the same value even racist.

I hope that this response makes more sense for you.

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