

"Perception"

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I know that I am not perfect, nor do I think that I am better than anyone. But because of my perception on different things some people think that I think I am better than them. For example yesterday I was involved in a conversation about getting out, starting a business and black ex-convicts. The two individuals both felt like it was a good idea to put their business near their projects, which is in a drug related area. My thought on their idea was that they wouldn't succeed like they think they would.

I explained that if they would like to have a better chance to become wealthy, they should open a business downtown or in a commercial district. Then I told them that if a ex-convict wanted a job that helps he needed at least a GED and some other certificate that was received during their incarceration. They would had to take random drug tests and they all would be in uniforms. Then I told them I wouldn't hire all blacks.

I tried to explain to them that if a person can't utilize their time while incarcerated to better their selves, why should they get the same opportunity when they get out as a person who actually tried to better his/her self. And beside that, who would want to go to a known drug area to conduct professional or any type of legal business.

Of course they told me that I was stupid and that I think that I am better than them. They tried to convince me that because I am black that I need to support the blacks; our communities, and forget about the whites, because they are the reason why we are in prison and why so many black communities are the way they are now. That is their perception

though. My perception is, I messed up while I was in society, but society is still out there and that I got the same opportunities as any person out. I don't care what their race is. I got one thing in my favor and that's free education. I am always going to support my race but we aren't the only one who need support. Every race need support. Really every race need respect. It's crazy that people still have so much hate and racism in them, especially with us, the younger generation, because we are more equal than what we have ever been.

It's just sad how people think that one group of people is better than the next. And it hurts me that some of my people think that I'm a sell-out to my race because I perceive things different from them.