

See - Me For Me

As a dark skinned Native American raised by a White stepfather in predominantly White communities - I stood out like a sore thumb and can now point this out, due to the current events, bringing racial profiling to the forefront . Which is something I suffered and endured throughout my life, as the White environment I grew up in, as a whole discriminated against me simply because of my dark brown skin !

My greatest problem was having been indoctrinated with a White mentality and not comprehending my being labeled a minority by the majority within the White community . As I entered high school the inbred racism instilled in me, by my White indoctrination, became apparent to me and it took me awhile to judge people for who they were, and not by the color of their skin ! Even as I, was continually being discriminated against by the majority of those, I identified with culturally. I had a hard time realizing and understanding my own vulnerability in not being White . Which lead to more problems as I continued being racially profiled and discriminated against by the White majority ...

Today - due to the current events that brings racial profiling to light - I am hoping people will begin to judge me for the man I am and not by the color of my skin ! I have tried hard to fit in as a person of good conscious and moral character even as I made mistakes in judgement, in using drugs, in my attempts to block out the blatant discrimination I been up against my entire life due to the color of my skin ...

Besides the mental and verbal abuse - I would very often be physically accosted due to not realizing the danger I was actually in as a minority - I have never viewed myself as a minority and from an early age learned how to physically defend myself with being athletically inclined adding to my problems when winning most altercations - since I almost always found myself being labeled the instigator due to being the minority ! Thankfully I did have some promenade white guardian angels to intervene with the law - people that knew my nature of simply being a happy go lucky sort not looking for trouble - which followed me everywhere ...

Today as I witness the current events openly targeting brown skinned people - it makes it easier to explain the undercover discrimination I have endured my entire life as a victim of racism - even though it hardly matters anymore - since there is no justification for racial profiling ... Milo ' One Eagle ' Rose