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Racism Still Exists

What if I was white? Have you ever felt like you didn’t fit in a public place because of the color of your skin? As I was growing up, I began to understand how society stereotypes an

individual by the color of their skin. On a beautiful morning, my boyfriend and I decided to have breakfast at a very elegant restaurant near the beach. As soon as we step foot inside the restaurant the room was full of Caucasian customers and the waiters were Hispanic. Being the only Hispanic customers there everyone kept staring and one individual came to our table and said, “This is a little pricey are you sure you want to look at the menu?”.

In the Articles, “My White Friend Asked Me on Facebook to Explain White Privilege. I Decided to Be Honest” by Lori Lakin Hutcherson and “Why We Protest & Riot: Perspective from the Front Lines” by Karlton Jamal both talk about their personal experience to help us understand the different treatment they get because of the color of their skin. Both Writers share similarities in the type of rhetoric they use, Hutcherson focuses on educating people about white privilege, and the kind of injustice she faced while Jamal's article is a call to action to the youth to protest peacefully in order to make changes in our society as a whole.

Hutcherson's Article gives us a stronger view of how society has grouped people based on their race and color of their skin. Lori describes how unwelcomed it felt to not being able to fit in a nice community where her family was harassed by white boys. “White privilege in this situation is being able to move into a “nice” neighborhood and be accepted not harassed”. The exigence in Hutcherson's article is the Facebook response to her friend about white privilege. The purpose to share her experiences as a black woman in America and how those that withhold white privilege should understand that just because these prejudices aren't happening to them, doesn't mean it doesn't happen at all. Hutcherson engages herself in the audience by explaining situations and clearly giving an answer to the situations and if they have never occurred to you, you have “white privilege”.