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Introduction to Sociology

Outside Project II: Racism

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Racism is a difficult issue. I conducted several interviews with whites and blacks. There were some varied results. All of the whites that I talked to were happy to help. In stark contrast the black community in general didn't give me the time of day unless they were extremely outgoing or non-sensitive.

There was one person who went to a different country. He found a person in particular who he felt hated whites. He felt uncomfortable and realized what our minorities were going through. Another was nervous about her name being mentioned but cheerfully gave the interview. Another response was extremely 'colorful' let's say, but he may have mixing up racism and discrimination. Other people said they haven't ever been a victim of racism

The above examples may be extremely varied; however they provide genuine looks at different perspectives on the issue at hand. My conclusion is that racism is an extremely sensitive issue that people in general are taken aback by when it comes to talking about it. When it is talked about, Racism is, in general a nervous and defensive conversation. Some people stray from the norm and are cheerful when talking about it. These people in general, probably have not had any runs-in with the issue or been a victim. No one wants to be misunderstood or be considered racist for sharing an opinion. However, these conclusions are an educated guess and I may never know if they are correct.