

Due to time constraints, the transcript only transcribes up to 5:20 within the interview

Transcript of Interview with Jordan Tillman

Interview conducted by Daniel Lala on a discord call, on 1/17/22

Notes

DL:	Hello this is me Daniel Lala, I am doing this for my ethnic studies project. I am currently interviewing Jordan Tillman Wright; Let's go on let's get on to the questions. How do you identify ethnically?	
JTW:	Mixed, my mom is white my dad is black.	
DL:	What was your childhood like? How did your childhood differ from how you see children living today?	
JTW:	It's not crazy different. It's interesting seeing two different worlds, like the best and the worst of both worlds as it were. Like you see like all of the bad things that white people did but also all of the good things, and then you see like all the good things that black people, did all the bad things they did too, and like the good things that come from each and the bad things that come from each. It's kind of interesting watching my parents, like the dynamic between my parents, like kind of deciding what I should-you know what media I should consume. Whether it should be mostly black or mostly white or whatever I've never really paid attention quite frankly. I never really paid attention how other kids were, I just noticed that like other kids maybe had like nicer things all the time and maybe we were little rowdier and more rambunctious than I was, but other than that I really was concerned mainly about myself.	
DL:	That's very interesting. When have you experienced discrimination or oppression in school, work, or the community?	
JTW:	I don't think-not in my memory I don't think that I ever have like-I don't-I mean I guess I don't really get out much, and I really do things very much. But like I never was really called racist names or made fun of because I was mixed. Maybe it's just because of the places that I went to school that wasn't like really a thing' because I didn't really like living in a big city like compared to-like you know if you were to live in Seattle or you know whatever. Like I usually lived in smaller still cities but not as large scale.	
DL:	Not like big cities, right?	
JTW:	More urban for sure. Like Aurora Colorado and a Parkland Spanaway, like that area so kind of area. You know realistically I just went to school with the same with people that were the same as me you know? Black or brown, or you know white. Like it was it was it was pretty diverse, and everybody was pretty much friends with each other. I mean the only bullying I really like you know-the only bullying or like I guess-I don't know.	

	<p>I don't really know if it would be classified as discrimination, but the only like sort of thing that I've ever received was just 'cause of my weight. But that doesn't-I don't really think that counts, so yeah.</p>	
DL:	<p>What are some experiences with microaggressions within this community?</p>	
JTW:	<p>Um... What is a microaggression?</p>	
DL:	<p>Glad you asked. Microaggressions are everyday verbal, nonverbal, and environmental slights, snubs, or insults, whether intentional or unintentional, which communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative messages to target persons based solely upon their marginalized group membership.</p>	
JTW:	<p>And this is like... Have I ever seen this is a community?</p>	
DL:	<p>Yeah like, have you ever seen it, experienced it? Y'know yada yada.</p>	
JTW:	<p>I've seen people made fun of... Again I've never really seen people be made of their race. Mainly because of other things like weight, or looks or... Even if they're I-like special needs, or y'know whatever the...I don't know what the proper- I'm pretty sure special needs is the proper thing but just in case I'm not really quite sure. I don't really know you can classify jokes that are made at the expense of other races. But, because I've only ever experienced that in like, groups where it's like multiple different races all making fun of each other and like nobody's like 'I'm gonna kill you because you made a joke about my race. You made a racial stereotype joke about my race,' but other than that I never really experienced that.</p>	