

KO	OK, today's date is January 9, 2023, I'm here with my mom...	
DL	Dan'yelle Lee.	
KO	And I'm Makeila Orta. OK Mom what do you identify as? As in your race?	
DL	Um, African American and Asian.	
KO	OK and where are you from?	
DL	Mostly Hawai'i.	
KO	OK and where did you grow up?	
DL	Hawai'i and North Carolina.	
KO	OK and what would you say which place that you'd grown up, Hawai'i or North Carolina has affected you the most? Like to this day?	
DL	Like in a negative aspect?	
KO	No, in a positive aspect. Or negative too if it affected you negatively.	
DL	Um I would say North Carolina probably affected me more negatively and then Hawai'i more positively.	
KO	OK and have you ever experienced racism in either place?	
DL	Yes.	
KO	OK and do you know the meaning of racism?	
DL	Yes.	
KO	OK and what is the meaning of racism?	
DL	Basically, is when a certain person of um whatever ethnicity does not like a different person of ethnicity. Just simply of them being that race.	
KO	OK. And what does it mean to you?	
DL	What does it mean?	
KO	Like not if its important to you but like when someone says the word racism does it like brush of the shoulder, or does it	

DL	<p>No. I take it very seriously. I mean I think racism isn't only just about race. You can be racist towards certain things people say, certain things people do. It's not necessarily skin color.</p>	
KO	<p>Do you think racism will ever go away?</p>	
DL	<p>Nope.</p>	
KO	<p>Why's that?</p>	
DL	<p>Um because people tend to live how they want to live. They're not going to follow anybody else's rule so their going to continue to do what they want. Their going to make their own choices and as long as there's not any consequences then the world will never change.</p>	
KO	<p>Yeah, I agree. Have you ever experienced racism growing up?</p>	
DL	<p>Yes. I have.</p>	
KO	<p>When the times that you did or times that you experienced racism does it still affect you to this day? Like the events that happened? Or what happened.</p>	
DL	<p>Um I wouldn't say that it still affects me but every now and then it'll cross my mind in certain areas or whatnot wherever I'm at.</p>	
KO	<p>Have you ever seen someone that you cared about or even a stranger experience racism and done anything about it? Or do you just look and try to stay away from it?</p>	
DL	<p>Yes, I've been around quite a few there's been quite a few times where I been around where someone was being treated differently because of their race. A lot of when I was young and growing up and then a few times as an adult of course as an adult um as much as you'd want to say something there's just not you never know what's going to happen speaking up and standing up for somebody like that. Its kind of a bad thing to say but um to the victim of the racism what I would do instead of trying to say something to the other person and show them a little bit more compassion to them. Especially if not if their different then your race.</p>	
KO	<p>OK I agree. Have you ever said anything or jumped into certain situations?</p>	
DL	<p>Um no again I would just show that person compassion not unless it was someone that I knew.</p>	
KO	<p>So, if it was a stranger, you would stay quiet?</p>	
DL	<p>Um I think as much as again like as much as I would like to stand up for somebody in today's world standing up for someone could get you put you in a situation. In today's world again you really don't know what the other persons capable of and yes, it's just words it could be something else as simple as you know grow up leave them alone what have you but. Me</p>	

	<p>personally, I wouldn't put myself in a situation like that because racism is something very serious and if you go accusing and pointing at or making accusations of someone being racist then it could just escalate very quickly.</p>	
KO	<p>Do you think racism will get worse?</p>	
DL	<p>I honestly could not say if its going to get worse or not um somedays it looks like it's in the up and up and on the news its people were fighting against centuries ago.</p>	
KO	<p>Are there any anti- racism groups that you stand behind?</p>	
DL	<p>No.</p>	
KO	<p>Okay and do you believe that there's a certain group that experiences more racism than other ethnic groups, like a certain race?</p>	
DL	<p>Yes, black people. Black people will always experience the most racism no matter what a black person accomplishes.</p>	
KO	<p>Do you think it'll get worse for them with the Black Lives Matter protest and police brutality?</p>	
DL	<p>There's really no yes or no to that question because again, you just don't know.</p>	
KO	<p>Okay and is there any advice as your daughter or someone else that you would give that's experiencing racism if that ever came across them?</p>	
DL	<p>Um I would honestly before you accuse anyone of being racist make sure you understand what being racist truly means because it's something very serious, it's a label and you kind of don't want be stuck with that type of label of being a racist when you're truly not.</p>	
KO	<p>Okay, thank you.</p>	
DL	<p>You're welcome.</p>	