

## **The Experience**

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It's about the looks, the stares, simply because of your skin color.

It's about being scared to go to a rural area, in fear of your dignity as a human being.

It's about the feeling of not fitting in.

It's about having all your history be compressed in one month.

It's about the "momma, why don't I look like her?"

It's about the generational trauma.

It's about your people constantly being killed.

It's about the fear of the police.

It's about crying to your family about your first racial profiling experience.

It's about being upset over the fact that you don't have the same opportunities as others.

It's about creating a "norm" that shouldn't be normal at all.

It's about the African American experience