

# Reflection on white like me

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Reflection White Like Me is a documentary that details how racism in America has been redesigned and reintroduced in more sophisticated but less overt ways than it was in the days of slavery. After the Civil War, there has been a growing perception among the Americans, particularly White Americans that racism has been eradicated from America. Media and popular culture has played a major role in instilling this belief in people. However, fact of the matter is; racism has reborn in America in new ways. It is evident in policies, rules and regulations, eligibility criteria for opportunities, and criminal justice system, among other aspects of society and government. To this date, African Americans die younger, earn lesser, educate lesser, and have a majority of representation in prison compared to the White Americans. My personal experience in America only reassures me of all that I have seen in the documentary. Racism is embedded in the thought process of Americans, particularly the victims. While White Americans generally spend a carefree and trend-setting lifestyle, people belonging to other races and communities still try hard to behave in such ways that would prove the stereotypes associated with their respective races and communities false. While I am totally against racism, part of me believes that in an increasingly multicultural society, it is not possible to completely eradicate racism unless the people sitting at the top are united and committed to eradicating racism from the society. Apparently, America has come a long way away from racism outwardly, but inwardly, the war among races is still going on.