

# The blind side: what would black people do without nice white folks 1

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The Blind Side movie is a film of a teenage boy of African American descent who was adopted by a white family. The adopted boy named Michael Oher of "Big Mike" had been homeless for a while and had learning disabilities. Moreover, the coach at Big Mike's new school discovered that Oher had football skills but lacked confidence and skills. Oher had to meet a specific academic grade to receive the American football scholarship following. The Caucasian family supported Oher by helping him overcome the learning difficulties by using alternative learning methods identified by the school educators.

The main issue tackled by the film is homelessness and illiteracy that affects a significant number of minority communities. The movie wanted to educate the audience that with the right support system, a person facing homelessness or education illiteracy can overcome these challenges and excel in life. For example, despite having economic issues that led to his homelessness, the Caucasian family that adopted Oher admitted him to a school that could provide him suitable educational tools to excel in his academics. One of the teachers discovered that the student had difficulties reading and writing and used an alternative teaching strategy, which helped him excel in his academics.

Similarly, persons facing homelessness and education illiteracy can overcome these challenges if they work hard and remain focused on achieving their goals. Oher knew that his new family was an opportunity for him to grow and succeed in life. For this reason, Oher studied harder and

practiced longer with the help of other people to secure the American football scholarship.

The main character's goal was to secure one of the prestigious American football scholarships in the U. S. A. A significant number of universities scout for young footballers who can represent their institutions, and in return, they support the player with full scholarships. In this case, different universities noticed his football prowess and offered him several deals. Overall, Oher was obligated to decide without the influence of his family. As stated earlier, Oher had the responsibility of choosing one university among many that wanted to offer him a scholarship. The athlete had to make a personal choice without the influence of his new family. Oher undertook a rigorous decision-making process to select the University of his liking. The university representatives had to present their proposals to Oher to persuade him to join their respective institutions. Oher considered different factors during the decision-making process such as the scholarship package towards making a rational decision.

The primary roadblock was Oher's GPA. The athlete had not received the final test score that would determine if he would secure the scholarship or not. Finally, the athlete had to make decisions as an individual without involving other people to avoid disqualification.

The story of Oher's success from an unstable family faced with economic challenges should be a learning experience of many individuals living in poverty or underprivileged in different aspects of life. The disadvantaged

should accept help when offered genuinely. Additionally, people who render assistance should not expect anything in return. Instead, their goal should be to help their beneficiaries succeed in life. Educators should understand their students learning needs and apply suitable teaching approaches to help them excel. Finally, the movie proves that the American dream is still valid for everyone who works hard and concentrates on overcoming their challenges by trusting the system.

Decisions that have been important in my life were buying a house, changing from one career choice to the next. Instead of becoming a teacher I changed careers and went into the fire service. Last import choice I made was going to paramedic school. It was more money, but bigger responsibilities.

My process for making important kinds of decisions was debating if it is worth it. I would start off with pros and cons. Pros, I would decide if it was good for me buying a home or choosing the career of going in the fire service or even going to school. Cons, what are consequences if things would go wrong or what if something happened. After I figured this out, I would figure out my the next step and move on to reach what I needed to do. Applied for a loan for my new home I wanted to purchase.

According to the book they have five steps for an organized approach to making decisions. Step 1: Define the decision clearly. Step 2: Consider all the possible choices. Step 3: Gather all relevant information and evaluate the pros and cons of each possible choice. Step 4: Select the choice that seems

to best meet the needs of the situation. Step 5: Implement a plan of action and then monitor the results, making , necessary adjustments.

The strengths I would consider would be when I was buying my home, is it a good investment? If I wanted to turn around and sell it, I could make a profit. Strengths for my career choice is the ability to stay calm in stressful situations, good communication and interpersonal skills. It is important to be physically fit, have leadership, and be detailed oriented. These are all strengths to have in the fire service. School was more knowledge of the medical field. I could do more for patients as a paramedic than as a EMT.

Weakness I consider for buying my home is money. If something breaks or anything happens will I have the money to fix or repair the issue. For paramedic school it was devoting time, my lack of focus, and making myself study. I would procrastination a lot during school, it was more the lack of motivation. For my job it is lacking confidence on some situations that I would second guess my treatment even though I knew what to do. I can be sensitive at times so that can affect my field I work in. For a paramedic to do their job properly, they must be able to calm the patient and make them feel as comfortable as possible. Doing so requires paramedics to be outstanding listeners as well as compassionate communicators.

All these were important choices in my life that I don't regret making. When I went to paramedic school it was pay increase I received from my work, but it has a lot more responsibility. Even though there are strengths and weakness

for each one of the important decisions I decided. I had to make the right choice that fit my needs and do what was best for me.