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“I’m Not Racist” by Joyner Lucas talks about racism in a way we all need to hear it



Joyner Lucas’s new song “I’m Not Racist” has explored racism in a way that has really made an impact in the way we think. We hear all the time about how one race hates another for whatever reason. But to have said it the way he did, brings up new perspectives.

The setting takes place in a empty room with nothing but a table, and two men sitting across from each other. Not to mention, (since this article is about racism) that one man is white, who appears to be an advocate trump supporter, and the other is black.

“With all due respect” the song starts and then begins the bashing. His choice of words are quite harsh to say the least. When you hear the first line, you are almost immediately taken back.

Talking about how he doesn’t respect black people, that they are violent, how they make excuses, and that “black lives matter” is pointless when they keep making poor choices.

“With all disrespect” the black man starts, and tells him how ignorant he is to even dare say those things. How hard black people have it and it’s all because of men like him.

Both sides were meant to be as brutal, rude and disrespectful as possible. It makes the audience tremble a little because you would never think to say these things to one another. But people have definitely thought it. It’s a different approach. A more honest approach. And it’s something that scares people but is a reality check.

“Immediately, its offensive, offensive to everybody... and that’s when a shock factor comes in to play.” said Joyner Lucas in an interview with Genius. He knew how to reach the audience in a way that no one else did.

Racism has been existing for way longer than it should. People are aware of what it is, how it’s affected people and it’s reaction. But they should be focusing more on the root of the problem. And why people feel the way they do. This country is corrupt. All these problems are feeding off each other and it’s like a chain reaction. Joyner lets people know the problems by depicting the opinions of both sides in a brutally honest way. It’s not a pretty song. It’s not something you want to dance to. Its suppose to leave a look of shock on your face. Its a message. An eye opener. And it has definitely left its mark in the music industry.

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