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“I’m Not Racist” by Joyner Lucas Talks About Racism in a Way We All Need to Hear It



If you thought racism was a sensitive subject to talk about, then just take a listen to Joyner Lucas’s song “I’m Not Racist.” but fair warning, it might leave you in shock. Normally when we talk about racism, we try our absolute hardest to steer away from comments like, “I don’t have pity for you black n**gas” or, “you lazy as f*ck and you’d rather sell drugs than get a job and be straight.” but on the contrary, those are just some of the lyrics you’ll find in his song.

But maybe this is exactly what we need to really make an impact on the problems of racism. All this time we have been trying to ignore all this harsh tension when maybe we need to face it head on in order to really change things. Joyner’s song is extremely offensive, yet the majority don’t seem to feel offended when listening to it. Instead the response is surprisingly positive. With comments left under the youtube video like, “now that’s what I call ‘a

conversation about race” and “this isn’t just a rap song, its nothin but true sh*t that happens in life and history.” people are able to look pass the literal meaning of the lyrics and see the bigger picture.

CNN wrote an article about the song, talking about how, “It's driving a conversation about the state of race relations in America. A really, really, *really* raw conversation, and just how far apart blacks and whites are in how they see things in this country right now.” So many people are afraid to admit that a lot of the points Joyner makes in his song are actual opinions they might have. And instead of ignoring it, a better solution is to educate yourselves on it. Really do your research on why these problems occur and how one thing causes the other. Black people don’t sell drugs because they want to, but because they don’t have equal job opportunities. And that is just one of the many problems that occur in this country. There are real issues in society that create tension and misunderstanding between races. As said in his song, “but there are two sides to every story, I wish that I knew yours.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43gm3CJePn0>

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