

1. I think it depends on which group of friends we're talking about. When my friends from high school said something racist, I just rolled my eyes and walked away or tried to tone it out. However, with my friends from college, I'm more likely to say, hey what you said sounded offensive, maybe you should think about what you said.
2. Bouncing off that, for my friends back home, I think I excuse it more because I consider them just a product of their raising. Racism and white supremacy are all that town knows. In this situation my excuse has always been, this is how they were raised and what they were taught and I'm not going to change their mind.
3. In high school, I definitely thought it wasn't worth it. Because I didn't want to face the backlash and all the hateful things they would have to say about me. At the same time, though, I also had the thought that there's no way I was going to change their mind because of how deeply rooted those thoughts are.
4. I don't love speaking up at all, but I'm definitely most comfortable speaking out to people in my circle now. My friends and acquaintances in college over my family or anyone in high school,
5. No one beyond my family. I can no longer surround myself with that negativity unless bounded by blood
6. My younger cousin just turned 18 and he is one of the most racist people I know. I did and do try to call him out when he says something racist. He's the type of person who calls people the N-word in just casual conversation. I try to teach him better so he's not taking that hatefulness into the world and passing it onto his little sister. Doing this makes him angry, his parents angry and my parents angry. I really don't want him to be an awful person though.
7. It's frustrating but not surprising. I think everyone should want to learn how to be the best person for everyone.
8. Current events have really given me the opportunity to share what this book has taught me with my friends.
9. I'm a follower. If no one else is doing it, I don't feel a need to do it either.