

- 1.) I think white silence is probably my biggest issue. Where I am from is a very small-minded, small town and everyone around me, from the people I went to school with (classmates and teachers alike) to nearly everyone in my family, are bounty racists. I, unfortunately, stay silent to these people. It's hard to stand up to my family when I know some of the things they'll say to me and about me when I do.
- 2.) Again, the situations in which I remain silent are those in which I know I am standing up against several people that I see and deal with on a regular basis. It's hard to stand up to my family when I know that they will say terrible things about me and then continue to do so for..forever. They're so set in their ways that I know they will think less of me for being less like them.
- 3.) I think my silence is allowing the people around me to continue to believe that their language and the comments they are making are normal and okay. Then, their children or just impressionable people around them, hear those things and also think it's normal to believe and say terrible things about people different from them. Like when my entire family goes to the Mexican restaurant in my town and my uncle says terrible things about the workers loud enough for everyone to hear.
- 4.) Comfort. I know standing up to the people around me will make me and my relationships with those people more uncomfortable.
- 5.) The people I think are harmed by my silence are the people the disrespect is directed towards and the impressionable people who hear this language and think it's okay or normal.