

## **Chapter 5. Racism**

**First Narrative:** Many of us may not believe that racism still exists in this modern world. Believe it or not it does. I am a victim and this is my testimony. At the beginning of this school year an incident occurred in Toronto. More specifically, an incident of racism took place in my school. It was lunch time and I was waiting patiently in the queue to buy lunch when all of a sudden a boy came behind me and said sell to me first because I'm white. I glanced over my shoulder and quickly I couldn't see his face. I was really shocked, angry and crushed and really hurt. I just ignored him to prevent a quarrel. After this incidence I just kept asking myself this question: What if it had been another black student with less patience? What might have happened? Why would you act so inhumanely to me? Is it because I'm black? If you hate black so much than why do you still have your black pants and dress in your closet? Than why do you still have your black hair on? Black is a colour just as white. You being white does not make you any different from me being black because we both breathe, eat, sleep and reproduce. I still have this question: What if you were born black? Would you hate yourself? I don't think so. What should victims like you and I do? First of all we should educate the racists. I am suggesting this because people who are racist are people who have never travelled out of Toronto, let alone Canada.

Although Toronto is a multicultural city, some people who are racist have no clue as to how they should relate to people who have different skin colours and culture. Let them know how similar you are to them. If you can personally talk to them I suggest you can find your parents or other students to talk to them on your behalf. But most importantly, report these issues of racism to the authorities. You can report issues of racism to your teachers, guidance councillors and the principal. Why should you and I report to the authorities? Personally, both the victim and you are protected by the same Canadian laws. You both have the same rights, including human rights. Most of the time people think that, people think that if they report that you are racist they are going to loose a friend. Wake up. No real true friend would be racist against you. You won't even loose a friend because you don't have that friend. If you are able to overcome your racist, you are able

to boost your self confidence and self image and you will be able to fight for the bright future that you deserve.