

RACISM: IGNORE IT... AND IT WON'T GO AWAY.

This spring we surveyed 235 visitors before they started their tour and at the conclusion of their tour. We included questions about current social and cultural trends. Two of the questions were:

Are prejudice and/or racism problems that exist today? If so, why?

Of 235 participants between the ages of 10 and 87, 199 said that prejudice and/or racism were problems that exist today.

Listed here are some of the reasons they think that prejudice and/or racism exists today.

"I believe there is still a lot of hate for people who are different." *Terez, Age 23*

"Maybe it will always be." *Bruce, Age 28*

"People are not educated or stuck in the past." *Jessica, Age 30*

"Some people think they are perfect and better than people different from them." *Mandy, Age 12*

"Racism is a problem today because other people are still treating others unfairly." *Hannah, Age 12*

"White people often call black people the 'n' word." *Mehhi, Age 12*

"Every day we hear a story where a person judges someone on what they see." *Mikayla, Age 11*

"People are still judged by the color of their skin in public and private places." *Nia, Age 11*

"The Jewish shootings last week and the Mississippi civil rights statue lynching." *Vanessa, Age 43*

"The Florida trial of Travon Martin and George Zimmerman." *Rosalind, Age 37*

"People will never think everyone is equal." *Sean, Age 13*

"There is always at least one racist person wherever you go." *Teresa, Age 13*

"People persecute others all the time, like being gay." People get bullied. *Kloe, Age 13*

"People judge before they get to know them." *Halen, 14*

"People are mean to each other every day." No name given.

"People saying things about skin color. The KKK are both prejudice and racist." *Robert, 14*

"There is still prejudice and the ability to sway one group to feel one way about another." *Andrea, 39*

"Yes, a lot of people are still racist but are less open about it than before." *Nnamdi, 14*