

"They"

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They try to place me in a box
They try to tell me their thoughts
They try to get me to see it their way
They try to tell me what to say
They try to make me less than,
But not by words, but by
Passive aggressive acts, man.
They scream Trump this, Trump that
Trying to go back to wearing KKK hats
They don't want brown
They don't want black
They don't want anything that's not...
Never mind, scratch that.
They remind me that I am not like them,
They write it in chalk as if I actually care about, them.
Black, Brown, Yellow, Green
No matter what you say your words don't have mean-ing
You can try to be passive
You can try to make me quit
But we ARE the majority
And ya'll ain't s**t

Many things that were said in the reading rang truth in different ways. One of the things that is true even now that was true 6 almost 7 years ago is that there is a certain ethnic group that continues to feel that they are superior than the rest. This is something that has not changed, not only throughout the years of school but in this nation as a whole. For some reason the non-colored people feel the need to put down and belittle anyone else that is not of their own ethnicity. This adds to what Kong was saying because she mentioned that one person said, "Those n____grs are ungrateful." Using this belittling and derogatory term just shows the way that white people think about people of color, specifically black people. A current example of this would be recently with the election many white people feel this sense of entitlement to where they can tell any ethnicity anything they please. When they wrote "Build the Wall" or "No Sanctions" in front of the Raza Resource Centro and around campus that was to target the Hispanic people, or more specifically the Mexican people. Nothing has changed. The same thing that was happening almost 7 years ago is happening today and again the administrators are doing little to nothing to make up for and handle the situation. They believe that sending out an email explaining how they will handle the situation should put us, people of color, at ease but it does not. Words that are followed by empty actions mean nothing. Making it to where students do not feel safe to express their opinions or safe to be in their own skin is not okay. In addition, not doing anything to stop it is not okay. Not educating students and showing them their level of ignorance is not okay. Ignorance is not bliss and as far as administration goes pretending to handle the situation and then actually handling it is two totally different things. Once we finally we fed up to the point where we will no longer be civil and patient we will take action into our own hands and that point they will be forced to listen and comply and take action on what we have been wanting from the beginning.