

The People Behind Stereotypes

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Marz Reece Transgendered

Q: What is your race and ethnicity, and pronouns?

A: White; pronouns He/They

Q: What are typical stereotypes that you face or hear about you or someone else?

A: A typical stereotype I face as a trans person is people go around saying that if you're a trans man or woman you should stick to being that because as a trans man I wear makeup, but I get told 'hey, you're a man, you shouldn't be wearing makeup.'

Q: Have the stereotypes that you stated affect you as a person, as well as has it made you who you are today?

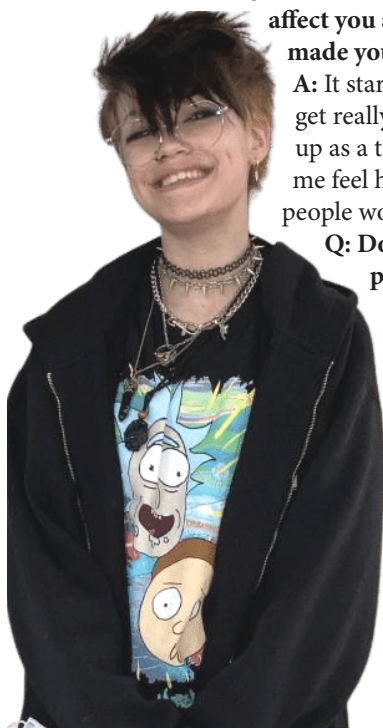
A: It started to affect me because I would get really dysphoric when I wear makeup as a trans man more because it made me feel happy, so it would hurt when people would say you can't wear makeup.

Q: Do any of the stereotypes you've provided make you want to make a change or prove the stereotypes wrong?

A: Yeah, it makes me want to change people's minds that you can be trans and do things of the opposite gender.

Q: In your opinion, what do you think causes one to start stereotyping on one another?

A: I think it's really the community, a lot of people can be toxic and also has to do with how people grow up to hear.



Tahliyah Smith Afro-American Female

Q: What is your race and ethnicity, and pronouns?

A: Black, Afro-American; pronouns She/her

Q: What are typical stereotypes that you face or hear about you or someone else?

A: For being an Afro-American women, we are seen as angry or aggressive.

Q: Have the stereotypes that you stated affect you as a person, as well as do you think it has made you who you are today?

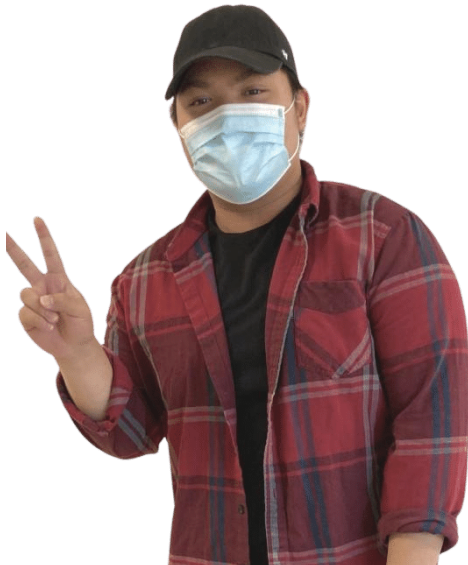
A: Probably, like last year it did affect me as a person because I was too afraid to speak up so I wouldn't portray that stereotype, but now I realize that stereotype does not define who I am. So I learned how to speak up and not care about what other people stereotype me as, if I'm angry I will show you why I am, so I can fix it.

Q: Do any of the stereotypes you've provided make you want to make a change or prove those stereotypes wrong?

A: At the end of the day, it's still going to be a stereotype for black women, but show why something makes you angry and give the facts.

Q: In your opinion, what do you think causes one to start stereotyping on one another?

A: America has always had it out for black people, that's it; being a black woman or person of color in general.



Victor Deo
Asian American

Q: What is your race and ethnicity, and pronouns?

A: Asian American, Laotian Taidam; pronouns He/him

Q: What are typical stereotypes that you face or hear about you or someone else?

A: A really common stereotype about Asian Americans is that we're really good at math or really intelligent.

Q: Have the stereotypes that you stated affect you as a person, as well as do you think it has made you who you are today?

A: It has kind of made a difference, I noticed that some days I can be very egotistical and think I'm almost the smartest person alive, like proving the stereotype right, but it has affected me like a mix because I do feel great at times, but other times it makes me feel uneasy due to people expecting so much from you.

Q: Do any of the stereotypes you've provided make you want to make a change or prove those stereotypes wrong?

A: I have no problem with the stereotype that I've listed, but it should be taken lightly because not everyone of our race is going to be on the same level or be able to deal with the pressure to meet the standard. There could be a change, but it's the way how it would be responded.

Q: In your opinion, what do you think causes one to start stereotyping on one another?

A: I think it's the patterns they pick up from the individual.



Karla Vaquiz
Latina

Q: What is your race and ethnicity, and pronouns?

A: Hispanic/Latina; pronouns She/Her

Q: What are typical stereotypes that you face or hear about you or someone else?

A: Just being an immigrant you can get many comments on how we could all be dangerous and label us as illegal when the right term is undocumented.

Q: Have the stereotypes that you stated affect you as a person, as well as do you think it has made you who you are today?

A: It used to affect me because I felt like people would always be judgmental instead it just pushed me to be better than them. They always say we come here to take jobs, we're lazy, we're bad for the economy, but if we were in their shoes with their equal privilege we'd be doing more than them.

Q: Do any of the stereotypes you've provided make you want to make a change or prove those stereotypes wrong?

A: Yeah, if I could I would give equal opportunities to the undocumented that the privileged take for granted or don't even take at all.

Q: In your opinion, what do you think causes one to start stereotyping on one another?

A: Lack of awareness and the environment they grow up in because some won't go through the experience of the unprivileged or witness it.



Melissa Daniels
Female Educator

Q: What is your race and ethnicity, and pronouns?

A: Euro-American; pronouns She /her

Q: What are typical stereotypes that you face or hear about you or someone else?

A: Most of the time women are assumed to be serving, weak-like, afraid to speak up, which if they do speak up it's perceived as being bossy or shrill. Most women are also seen in a caring aspect or motherly roll.

Q: Have the stereotypes that you stated affect you as a person, as well as do you think it has made you who you are today?

A: I think so, I do feel like in the teaching profession, since it is mostly women dominated, so there is a big assumption of you have to make sure to take care of everybody and sacrifice things. I would say I have just become more aware of it.

Q: Do any of the stereotypes you've provided make you want to make a change or prove those stereotypes wrong?

A: I think there should be more women in a leadership capacity to help reshape that narrative.

Q: In your opinion, what do you think causes one to start stereotyping on one another?

A: I think it's unconscious biases that you learn from a young age, and those can be developed from like the shows that people watch to even the clothing that is available. For example, like infants for girls they're like a sweet side and the boys are like dad's strong boy.