

## Chat Transcript for ARF: The Prep School Negro

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*Welcome to WORLD Channel's WatchTogether, Chat Together of The Prep School Negro from our flagship documentary series, America ReFramed. Joining us is The Prep School Negro's director, producer and subject AndrØ Robert Lee; former private school educator Joan Countryman; The Atlantic writer Judith Ohikuare; and Alibra Johnson and Michael Brown. What is their connection to one another? All of the panelists are former prep school graduates; AndrØ and Joan of Germantown Friends School, Judith of the Chapin School; and Alibra and Michael of William Penn Charter School.*

- Sharon Wong

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*Tonight, we will be screening the film in its entirety as well as the post-film conversation between AndrØ and. Let's start the The Prep School Negro now & AndrØ be shy with questions, comments and your own experiences, whether it be as a current or former student, educator, parent, sibling, friend or classmate, of the ivory tower.*

- Sharon Wong

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*Hello*

- Janeen

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*Correction: AndrØ and Judith*

- Sharon Wong

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*hello everyone!*

- Alibra Johnson

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*Hey Alibra*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Hey, all! Thanks for joining in.*

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- Judith Ohikuare

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*Thanks so much to WORLD for doing this!*

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- Anonymous X29A

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*Hi everyone! Hope all is well*

- Mike

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*Hey Mike and Judith*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*hi mike!!*

- Alibra Johnson

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*Is it playing? My screen is spinning.*

- Anonymous RJ56

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*What up Everybody. I am so glad you are here*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*hey andre and alibra*

- Mike

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*This is rather exciting*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*be very proud andre, I didn't forget*

- Alibra Johnson

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*Philly*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*West Philly*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*very exciting, still my first time seeing this verison*

- Alibra Johnson

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*West Oak Lane*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Is it playing?*

- Janeen

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*it is--maybe refresh your browser?*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*It is playing. Try refreshing.*

- Sharon Wong

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*dumb question - how do you refresh your browser?*

- Katie

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*it is playing for me! how are you lib?*

- Mike

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*its playing*

- Alibra Johnson

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*the little curved arrow at the top of the window*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Thank you!*

- Katie

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*GFS is Germantown Friends School*

- Sharon Wong

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*My family was surprised when we walked with the camera crew. I had told them a few times*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Mr. Lee, wondering if you had it to do over again, would you have grabbed the "golden ticket?" Would your Mom and Sister agree with you?*

- Anonymous X29A

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*they didn't know you were coming?*

- Alibra Johnson

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*This scene was our first day of shooting*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*If anyone is having difficulty with the screening, click on the "Help & System Test."*

- Sharon Wong

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*I would do it over again. My mom and sis would also agree I should do it over. I think they would have been much more involved.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*That's a powerful scene to capture your first day Andre!*

- Monika

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*It is*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Thanks Monika. I knew something powerful was happening from the beginning*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I have had this title since 9th Grade*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Just as Dana*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*wow*

- Alibra Johnson

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*til this day my dad doesn't understand how powerful that title is*

- Alibra Johnson

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*My sister is a Queen. She took on the responsibility with no question*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*question...*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*That Room...*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*my room is s storage room to now lol*

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- Alibra Johnson

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*The focus of the film was intended to be about black students in private schools but became personal. Looking back, can you imagine the film as being anything different from what it is now?*

- Sharon Wong

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*The film is not anything I imagined when starting. It became something oh so different*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I agree*

- Alibra Johnson

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*The film is exactly what it should be. It showed itself to me in the process and in the edit room*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Mike and Alibra, were you surprised with what the film became?*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Couldnt watch on my mobile..on PC*

- Janeen

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*Adre, what does your sister do for a living, it seems such a labor of love to care for mama yet i can see how her life is tied to the house*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*Robin works at Aramark in Philadelphia*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*when I agreed to do this project, I thought it would be something small, im still astonished at what it has become..and the impact ive made*

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- Alibra Johnson

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*how is robin? tell her I said hi!*

- Alibra Johnson

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*She is a concierge*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Charlotte Baker is amazing*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Truth*

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- Dana

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*Robin is great*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*That's Matt Goodrich. His mom drove all of us arroung*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*around*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*When you returned to GFS, did you find there was more support for scholarship students than when you attended? Has this helped students today or is there more that can be done to help?*

- Anonymous X29A

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*Most things have changed at GFS. There is still a ways to go, but its better*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Do you have any regrets?*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

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*I love this archival footage - and the basketball/reading program*

- Monika

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*Do you relate to AndrØ,his sister or mother? Share your story.*

- Sharon Wong

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*The film has been helpful and I find students to be a little bit more support*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I remember the day Andre came to PC and revealed his idea for this film, and since day one I have been committed because I knew how powerful this film could be. but with that being said I had no idea it would blow up like it did*

- Mike

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*Andre, thank you for this story, which is also my story. I too graduated from GFS in 1979. I grew up in Germantown and attended GFS FROM 7th through 12th grade on an ABC SCHOLARSHIP. For years I felt I missed it. Missed the lesson, the concept, the impact..SOMETHING. THank you for helping by sharing your story. Val Babb GFS'79*

- Anonymous 6I0K

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*thanks for doing podcast earlier today Andre - happy to share and be a part of this event*

- RIISE

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*Lovely*

- Joan Countryman

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*i love that moment--i think teachers love knowing when they've had an impact on their students*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Dave Felsen. OMG*

- Anonymous 6I0K

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*David Felsen taught me to do a Lay-Up...Don't laugh Michael!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*that is something that always amazed me,,,i can leave my stuff on the floor...all day..and no one touches it!*

- Alibra Johnson

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*Andre, can you play ball now?*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*The school had the best intentions, but were not aware.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*True.*

- Valerice

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*WEST OAK LANE!!*

- Janeen

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*Though the film circles around AndrØ,please open questions up to our other panelists, Alibra, Michael, Joan and Judith about their prep school experiences.*

- Sharon Wong

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*I got an email from The Factory Owner. He is happy with the film and has been supportive. I never imagined that would happen*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*haha! best line ever "I think you actually said that aloud one day" "what? I did?" uh-oh... ;)*

- Hollie



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*Will there be time for discussion after the film?*

- Katie

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*the economic disparities can be astonishing - tuition is more than what your father's company pays my mother...wow!*

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- RIISE

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*Alibra and Michael - are you both in college now?*

- Monika

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*Joan!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*JOAN!!!*

- Dana

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*It's Joan Countryman!*

- Sharon Wong

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*yes I am..I going to CCP right now...I took some time off after graduating HS*

- Alibra Johnson

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*I am Asian, when I went to a private school kindergarten for the first time, lunch made me sick every day for a month. Chop Suey - ugh -- what was that? For obvious reasons, no one wanted to sit with me at lunch!*

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- Anonymous X29A

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*I am not anymore, I went to St. Francis Univerity. I am currently the MCC Specialist at Manheim Philadelphia*

- Mike

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*I have lots of questions, but will ask after the film!*

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- Katie

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*This is fascinating.*

- Anonymous RJ56

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*Ah yes - the dreaded exclusive dancing class.*

- Anonymous 5V5A

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*The benches!!! Flashbacks!*

- Valerice

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*what did they assume she can dance did not need classes?*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*rosh hashanah. That really happended*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Kristin Haskins is a fashion designer and was featured on Project Runway*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*that's so cool*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*middle finger :o*

- Janeen

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*I had a very different experince at The lawrenceville School*

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- Anonymous UVGI

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*No wonder I recognized her.*

- Sharon Wong

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*aawww that hat those girls were rocking their fashion like that*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*Alibra, looking back did the documentary help you appreciate the community you called home? I ask as I reflect back on the personal story you shared from your bedroom window.*

- RIISE

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*Why do we have to read a black book???*

- Janeen

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*What was Lawrenceville like? I went to boarding school in MA.*

- Anonymous RJ56

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*Joan, When did you first feel like a guest in a strange house?*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Invisible, not belonging and isolated seem a common identity for a lot of students in the same situation.*

- Sharon Wong

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*Looking back was very helpful*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Never experienced that Sharon. I m sorry that happened to you.*

- Janeen

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*there was a culture shock for both sides*

- Anonymous UVGI

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*I say often say making this film saved my life*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I love Alibra's Sneeze.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*RIISE, the doc really did help me appreciate what was back home...the fact that I only lived 10 min from PC and it was two different worlds was crazy..*

- Alibra Johnson

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*Gazuntite*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Even when I went to West Chester University which was a big culture shock...never felt like an outsider until the KKK came to campus :O*

- Janeen

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*"Like jumping in Cold Water"*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*In some ways not until after I graduated. I felt different all the way thru, but I started in 3rd grade and picked up the idea that I was doing something for the school.*

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- Joan Countryman

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*Brea!*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*We celebrate you Joan. You are a pioneer. Thank you for paving the way and opening doors*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Mike!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I was accused of talking white when I would come home to the projects in brooklyn*

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- Anonymous UVGI

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*It's Mike!*

- Sharon Wong

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*Mike, I know, but tell us the teacher's name*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*EZZO!!!*

- Alibra Johnson

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*This scene... I could write an essay on it*

- Monika

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*Kudos to this teacher for going **THERE** with race!*

- Nicole

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*yeah, it's definitely both sides, though. a friend recently said to me--just about 2 months ago--"judi, i've never heard you sound so... so much like you're from brooklyn!"*

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- Judith Ohikuare

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*Brea is right personality is big introverts seems to do well in an exclusion kind of enviroment because they need less of people contact*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*The Fire Next Time...one of my favorite reads!*

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- Nicole

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*I know its hard imagine being called white by your darker skin peers. Everybody gotta label somebody because you different*

- Janeen

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*but i do agree with brea that there's the reality that just demographically, you will often have to learn how to navigate certain spaces*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Mike makes the main point. Thank you*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I was so impressed with Mike's response in the classroom*

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- Monika

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*USVI, I'm from Bklyn too. Didn't have that experience (being accused of "talking white"), but boarding school was a culture shock, no question.*

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- Anonymous RJ56

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*yeah*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*thanks everybody*

- Mike

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*Mike: Was it difficult to be that honest in front of your classmates?*

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- Sharon Wong

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*But Judith, what do you think about Brea's point that she doesn't "see" race?*

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- Monika

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*a real black person? always wondered what that was*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

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*I can feel the discomfort in the room when Mike is laying his truth*

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- Anonymous G4KG

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*the breakdown of the different neighborhoods is really interesting, too*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*bad part of Mt Airy??? Is there such a place lol*

- Janeen

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*and how that works*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*"Real Black versus Fake Black" My answer: There is no such thing as the Black Experience. There is the Experience of Being Black*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*well said, Andre*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

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*idk janeen lol*

- Alibra Johnson

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*I have a son at Cushing Academy right now. my other son went to Bridgeton in Maine. Direct result of me attending Lawrenceville*

- Anonymous UVGI

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*Brea was in a lot of pain. She asked me to tell everyone that she is ok*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Sharon: there was tension in the room as their always is when racial conversations spark, but when i feel strongly about something i have no problem speaking my mind*

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- Mike

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*Always interesting how class and race intersect...*

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- Anonymous RJ56

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*Wow! I remember that house shame!*

- Anonymous 8JCO

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*I do remeber the magazine type homes*

- Anonymous UVGI

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*Thats right I want my friends to be comfortable and I was never ever ashamed to bring my peoples to my home. That my parents worked damn hard for*

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- Janeen

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*Fave Line: "I Rep North Philly to the Fullest!"*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*When we shot these scene I felt deeply connected to Alibra.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*is it weird for you all to hear/see yourselves as you were then?*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*...this is arousing so many mixed emotions. Unfortunately, a lot of hard ones.*

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- Valerice

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*but then again I didnt have friends with sprawling Mainline or suburban homes lol*

- Janeen

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*do you feel differently about anything?*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Great camera work here, Andre!! Really enjoying the images + honesty.*

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- Nicole

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*There's a nice parallel here to Alibra looking out her bedroom window and Andre talking about dreaming out his bedroom window*

- Monika

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*The Black Table....*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Yes, I do*

- Valerice

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*Joan, AndrØ, Judith, Alibra and Michael all graduated during different decades but have experienced the same or similar issues. With the current dialogue of black achievement gap in the nation and films like The Prep School Negro (which has inspired Manhattan Trinity School Allowed to Attend ) what do you foresee changing?*

- Sharon Wong

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*I really don't like the way I used to talk...I start laughing when my scenes come*

- Alibra Johnson



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*Indeed. We still have a lot to learn about race and our history.*

- Joan Countryman

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*American Promise has been getting so much air time -- this has so much more depth Thank you!*

- Anonymous MEB1

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*Where did/do people sit at lunch?*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I kinda wish I went to a mixed high school. I would have like to experience different races*

- Janeen

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*i think people sit where they feel they will be the most accepted*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

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*Brea needed to have this conversation.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Alibra makes a great comment*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*this hurt me when I saw it....*

- Alibra Johnson

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*ugh this is heartbreaking..I dont want her to have an identity crisis. Im about to cry*

- Janeen

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*Poor thing. She's so cute. I've been at the segregated lunch tables--in the 80s. But we would joke about the situation. Both Black and White kids would joke about it. I found that very satisfying.*

- Nicole

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*i never knew she felt like that..*

- Alibra Johnson

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*Oh, God, the black table..I wish we had a black table at my prep school. .I remember sitting in the library at my high school*

- Anonymous X1H9

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*Powerful words from Brea. Wish she could have joined us tonight.*

- Sharon Wong

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*Ditto Janeen*

- Valerice

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*Mike breaking it down again*

- Monika

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*Beautiful Alibra*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*there was only one other black person in my class when i started at my school, so there was no black table*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*but andre knows me...I would have sat wherever I was welcomed in other words wherever I wanted(smug look)*

- Janeen

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♥ 1

*those glasses Andre!!*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*Can we talk about Andre's awesome 80s fashions and glasses?*

- Monika

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*one did sort of develop in a year or so after that, but because i had great friends that i had made, i still sat with my friends, which included people from different groups*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Andre you were so brave to put pics in of the younger you. I don't know that I would! Hahaha...but it's terrific seeing your world. Kudos!!*

- Nicole

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*Hahaha....love the real here! :)*

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- Nicole

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*HUH?!?! lol*

- Janeen

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*lolol*

- Anonymous X1H9

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*Andre, would GFS let you show this during reunion or an assembly in May?*

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- Valerice

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*my video keeps crashing -- do you think pbs will have this online?*

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- Anonymous MEB1

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*I feel so close to all the students: Brea. Michael. KJ and Alibra. You have been on this journey. Thank you for sharing. You have changed people's lives*

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- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*but--there was also "the sporty table," like alibra says, and other tables*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Judith - still the situation for my son's 4th grade clas - the only one - not enough to fill a table lol! Not sure that impacts him yet*

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- RIISE

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*I feel for Brea. She's right. There's not just one way to be black. That said, the "black table" and affinity organizations were a safe place.*

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- Anonymous RJ56

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*We had the jock table it just happened that most of the jocks were black. there was also the nerd table that black guys were at*

- Anonymous UVGI

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*Yes Valerice. I will show the film I can. Email [info@theprepschoolnegro.org](mailto:info@theprepschoolnegro.org)*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Great moment in the film*

- Joan Countryman

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*The teacher was Florence Battis. I love Florence.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Anonymous MEB1: The Prep School Negro is streaming via WORLD Channel's site at <http://worldchannel.org/programs/episode/prep-school-negro/>*

- Sharon Wong

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*They had "Lil Africa" at West Chester Univ...that was the equivalent to the black table*

- Janeen

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*its my privilege Andre, it has changed my life*

- Mike

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*lol, oh mama, no you did not steal my thunder!!*

- Anonymous G4KG

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*any time there's a parent/child conflict about culture, i get nervous. those issues can be so hard to deal with*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*I was surprised to hear my sister say this*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I love the Marburys*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*andre--true--it's not just parent/child but child/family*

- Judith Ohikuare

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*Hollie, did you take that picture?*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:36:04 PM

*nice hoodie, Andre! ;)*

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- Kate P.

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*probably LOL*

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- Hollie

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*i have a white family too. and my family was the chinese family for my non-chinese friends.*

♥ 1

- Jean

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*I love Carolina Friends*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Joan Countryman ? - as you reflect on your pioneering days at GFS, do you feel students today in pvt school have it easier or do the same challenges you experienced exist today?*

- RIISE

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*Id love to see a piece about Joan Countryman*

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- Janeen

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*Jean is part of the advisory group for the film*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*I like Mr. Marbury's voice.*

- Anonymous RJ56

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*Did you feel a longing to be apart of the Marbury family*

- Anonymous YAD1

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*Hugh and Elise*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

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*Many of the challenges are the same.*

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- Joan Countryman

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*Anonymous that was a good question*

- Janeen

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*Joan Countryman was my math teacher at GFS, and though I knew that she was the first african american to graduate from GFS, but I remember not really understanding what that meant until the movie. I just thought there were other black students and she happened to be the first to graduate. Opened my eyes. She also managed to teach me math and have me GET IT, so you know there is some serious talent there. Joan, your presence at GFS was pivotal for me. Seeing teachers that looked like me made the experience much better. I wish I'd talked to you then about your experiences and mine.*

♥ 6

- Dana

7:37:51 PM

*Andre, have you encountered any other Black men with your same experience?*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:38:03 PM

*I felt a deep longing. I was really seeking love and understanding*

♥ 3

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:38:48 PM

*i had a couple families..lol*

♥ 1

- Alibra Johnson

7:38:54 PM

*Anonymous 0B0Z: I have meet Thousands of men who have called me their twin*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:39:08 PM

*Tell your people you love them*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:39:08 PM

♥ 1

@Alibra I adopted a couple white families too

- Monika

7:39:10 PM

Andre, I love the changes you have made tho film. Great choices. So very much in depth and I am having a who different experience of it.

- Anonymous 8JCO

7:39:11 PM

I love West Oak Lane man

- Janeen

7:39:23 PM

♥ 2

My Mom is the best

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:39:28 PM

I remember when my brother "prepped" me to speak to his white family. I was so offended.

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:39:32 PM

And a hoot!

- Dana

7:39:36 PM

i was at lawrenceville in the 70's. it was where i learned to take people as individuals

- Anonymous UVGI

7:39:40 PM

I can seriously feel your sisters pain if i saw my brother in another fam so comfortable and at home than with me :(

- Anonymous G4KG

7:39:41 PM

WOW

- Judith Ohikuare

7:39:42 PM

ain't no papers...love that- blood should be thicker than water. but family does not always mean blood.

- RIISE

7:39:46 PM

♥ 6

*In my day we never saw ourselves among the adults. That's a difference that I'm proud to still work on - more teachers of color in these schools.*

- Joan Countryman

7:39:49 PM

♥ 2

*I could watch clips of your mom all day. She's great*

- Hollie

7:39:53 PM

*Andre, what actions did the school take to help you be proud of your black heritage?*

- Anonymous PX2B

7:39:57 PM

*Whoops. Forgot to include that the comment is from Rosemary. SO different since Head-Royce showing.*

- Anonymous 8JCO

7:40:23 PM

*this is such an interesting moment, too.*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:40:24 PM

♥ 1

*goodness to be prepped to speak to a family. I would have been like Yeah I forgot Im busy*

- Janeen

7:40:29 PM

♥ 1

*Amazing questions and comments so far. Keep it up!*

- Sharon Wong

7:40:51 PM

♥ 1

*this experience isn't just challenging or simply new for the kids--the whole family experiences it in big and small ways*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:40:53 PM

♥ 2

*oh i'm crying*

- Jean

7:41:29 PM

♥ 1

*Anonymous PX2B: Joan Countrymen, Charlotte Baker, Rot Farrar, Elizabeth Alexander were the handful of Black Teachers there. They gave me literature and told me to walk tall. They surrounded me with love and demanded the best of me*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ



7:41:37 PM

*How did folks keep from getting or staying angry.*

- Anonymous X29A

7:41:40 PM

*i wish i understood that more when i was a student. i saw that for my parents, but didn't get it for my siblings*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:41:46 PM

*Dr. Joy Lawson Davis says kids of color, particularly in indy schools, need all the signs of love, affection and praise from family - the Mindset theory does not apply here.*

♥ 1  
- RIISE

7:41:51 PM

*i think your sister is amazing, andre.*

♥ 2  
- Judith Ohikuare

7:41:58 PM

*Did you feel like you had to give up your family to succeed at*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:42:04 PM

*I wish my computer would stop buffering. I missing good stuff*

- Janeen

7:42:04 PM

*gf*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:42:05 PM

*Robin is incredible*

♥ 1  
- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:42:21 PM

*@x29A--have outlets*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:42:29 PM

*Robin was worried this would conflict with Scandal. I had to make sure it did not*

♥ 3  
- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:42:36 PM

*ha*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:42:37 PM

*hahaha andre!*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:42:39 PM

*kudos to robin!*

- Alibra Johnson

7:42:43 PM

*@RIISE What is the Mindset theory?*

- Monika

7:42:43 PM

*This father scene still hits my core.*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:42:48 PM

*I was so afraid*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:42:48 PM

*but yeah, having outlets in school and outside of school helped*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:42:56 PM

*I think ALLL of us are grateful for that!*

- Dana

7:43:03 PM

*That sign. I wish I had it*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:43:10 PM

*I feel like I'm watching my family's story. We just didn't get the closure you did Andre. Was it difficult to get this vulnerable?*

♥ 3

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:43:13 PM

*Andre go give Robin a big ol' hug, lol, I know scandal is the devil breath each Thursday*

♥ 2

- Anonymous G4KG

7:43:36 PM

*but there's no perfect answer for everyone. i spoke to a guy who got into a ton of fights because he was so alienated and frustrated--but he had great teachers, a few, that helped him through it*

♥ 1

- Judith Ohikuare

7:44:10 PM

*I wonder why my teachers never helped me through my journey*

- Janeen

7:44:38 PM

*Did you feel as though you had to leave your family in order to fully assimilate into the culture of GF*

- Anonymous YAD1

♥ 1

7:44:39 PM

*Thank you Robin for your honesty.*

- Sharon Wong

♥ 1

7:44:46 PM

*Anonymous 0B0Z this was the hardest thing I ever did in my life*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:44:53 PM

*"Black People."*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

♥ 1

7:45:28 PM

*Anonymous YAD1I made the mistake in thinking I had to leave my family behind*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:45:45 PM

*Janeen, Who's responsibility is it really? that's the question I really wanted to answer watching this*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:45:57 PM

*The CDDS*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

♥ 1

7:46:19 PM

*In a New York Time article*

*(<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/21/nyregion/for-minority-students-at-elite-new-york-private-schools-ad> AndrØ stated that he lost a major connection with [his] family.*

- Sharon Wong

7:46:26 PM

*What did your dad think of this film, Andre?*

- Jean

7:46:44 PM

*Why didn't you stay in touch with your DAD*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:47:00 PM

*@Monika - Carol Dweck's book Mindset references not giving praise for results but for effort as part of building resiliency*

- RIISE

7:47:04 PM

*Painful, but we are so grateful that you could share your parents with us.*

♥ 2  
- Joan Countryman

7:47:06 PM

*I dont know ANON but I wished I had some help. When your a child going through you only see that you are going through something like maze and a teacher could have helped me say this is the way you can navigate through this*

♥ 2  
- Janeen

7:47:07 PM

*your daddy jusr ooozes with honesty well the whole fam is laying it all out*

♥ 1  
- Anonymous G4KG

7:47:08 PM

*This is where I was VERY confused. My dad and Andre's Dad did the SAME job, and my dad was home by 1 pm daily, never worked a Saturday or holiday!*

- Dana

7:47:22 PM

*That disconnect with family can be a tricky slippery trail.*

♥ 2  
- Valerice

7:47:36 PM

*those glasses at graduation lol*

- Anonymous G4KG

7:47:44 PM

*@RIISE Thank you*

- Monika

7:47:58 PM

*Anonymous YAD1: My Dad did not stay in touch with me. I tried, but he was not able to. I have forgiven him*

♥ 2  
- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:48:40 PM

*Ouch.*

- Nicole

7:49:01 PM

*that hurts!!!*

- Anonymous UVGI

7:49:09 PM

*How special all of these moments are. Two adult men finally talking. Respect.*

- Nicole

7:49:18 PM

*that was painful*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:49:19 PM

*@Andre did you ever get that television? LOL! On a more serious note, is your Dad in your life now?*

- RIISE

7:49:19 PM

*Andre is Robin as forgiving as you? if so give her double hug !*

- Anonymous G4KG

7:49:31 PM

*cute*

♥ 2

- Jean

7:49:48 PM

*Andre, I'm glad you have forgiven him. He look like he has a lot of pain in his eyes.*

♥ 2

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:50:05 PM

*that hit him*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:50:08 PM

*I ws wondering the same. How is your relationship with your dad now?*

- Anonymous RJ56

7:50:13 PM

*I was able to tell my Dad I love him before he passed away in 2010. Jean, he loved the educational version of the film. He did not see this version. I forgive my Dad and have moved forward. See this lecture/sermon I gave about Forgiving him: <https://vimeo.com/84779335>*

♥ 3

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:50:25 PM

*This disconnect is hard to watch.*

♥ 2

- Valerice

7:50:35 PM

*very*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:50:43 PM

*looking for a boy you got one and you barely took a second look at him when you stepped, Daddy seriously*

♥ 1

- Anonymous G4KG

7:50:58 PM

*Thanks Andre.*

- Anonymous RJ56

7:51:00 PM

*But it is a conversation that many black men never get to have with their fathers*

♥ 2

- Dana

7:51:05 PM

*How come your sister did not take that journey with you to a prep school*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:51:08 PM

*This is so poignant after the President's speech today about fatherless sons.*

♥ 2

- Nicole

7:51:19 PM

*How did your relationship with your Dad shape you as an adult?*

- Sharon Wong

7:51:43 PM

*Dana so true hard convo to have but \*Le sigh\**

♥ 1

- Anonymous G4KG

7:52:11 PM

*I have decided the man I needed to become. I do not have to be him. I am a strong man that has a lot of him in me.*

♥ 5

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:52:15 PM

*This almost made me cry. I had to fight for a year to gain joint custody of my son. I knew how important it would be for both of us. This brings it home.*

♥ 4

- Anonymous YAD1

7:52:19 PM

*I am still on the path*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:52:31 PM

*Love it. My Dad does that with weapons. Hahahah...*

- Nicole

7:52:41 PM

*Dad and his weapons*

♥ 2

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:53:05 PM

*@andre of what was left on the cutting floor what experience do you wish could have made the final cut?*

♥ 1

- RIISE

7:53:11 PM

*The irony of Robin holding a large butcher knife as she laughs*

♥ 1

- Monika

7:53:19 PM

*Hahahaha Monika!*

- Nicole

7:53:21 PM

*lol love me some Robin!*

♥ 3

- Anonymous G4KG

7:53:22 PM

*Yes!*

- Nicole

7:53:23 PM

*RIISE that is a very long answer*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:53:31 PM

*The fork on the wall!!!*

♥ 1

- Valerice

7:53:59 PM

*@andre you can share over lunch soon*

- RIISE

7:54:02 PM

*RIISE: more scenes of ME!!!! LOL!!*

♥ 1

- Dana

7:54:06 PM

♥ 3

*Our people are so beautifully resilient. We walk around with so much pain, but we endure even though.*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:54:10 PM

♥ 4

*The biggest part left out was the story of girls in Private school. Its is MAJOR story to tell*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:54:21 PM

♥ 3

*Robin is so wise. I have so much respect for her.*

- Monika

7:54:37 PM

*i would have loved to see that andre*

- Alibra Johnson

7:54:37 PM

♥ 1

*@Judith you should make that film!*

- Monika

7:54:37 PM

♥ 1

*@dana, it was great meeting you at pbs premier!*

- RIISE

7:54:38 PM

*Andre, my brother and I both got scholarships and went to prep school. He adjusted so well (white family) and I really didn't. I'd love to know more about the guy vs girl experience*

- Anonymous X1H9

7:54:46 PM

♥ 3

*I d still would like to see a doc on Joan*

- Janeen

7:55:01 PM

♥ 1

*Joan..Shall we?*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:55:02 PM

*True Andre!*

- Valerice

7:55:14 PM

♥ 2

*Sure!*

- Joan Countryman



7:55:24 PM

*YAY!*

- Janeen

7:55:25 PM

*Andre, I hope you have a public screening in NYC again soon. When would that be?*

- Nicole

7:55:28 PM

*i agree. the article i wrote referenced american promise--and i understand that men/boys across the board have academic challenges--but girls have their own unique experiences*

♥ 1

- Judith Ohikuare

7:55:36 PM

*everday I become more grateful that my dad is and was always in my life!! It truly has driven me to always be there for my sons*

♥ 2

- Anonymous UVGI

7:55:38 PM

*i'd LOVE to see that (and be involved if you do!)*

♥ 3

- Judith Ohikuare

7:56:14 PM

*i love that moment. siblings remembering each other's crazy scars*

♥ 1

- Judith Ohikuare

7:56:16 PM

*@andre that's next for RIISE network @judith will email you ...where my girls at?!*

♥ 2

- RIISE

7:56:17 PM

*Judith, Joan and AndrØ need to make a film about girls in private school*

♥ 6

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:56:31 PM

*awesome*

- Janeen

7:56:36 PM

*brother sister love nothing like it!*

- RIISE

7:56:40 PM

*Robin is just fantastic*

♥ 2

- Judith Ohikuare

7:56:48 PM

*every time I see this scene I look at my hand*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:56:54 PM

*Please, document the experience of girls in private school, and how race and gender interact!*

- Anonymous TNGT

7:56:58 PM

*wow, the burden Robin has had and still continues to carry:) love her*

- Anonymous G4KG

7:57:00 PM

*she contributed to your success, too. she had to grow up a lot, too*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:57:03 PM

*Whew! Strong stuff, Andre and Robin*

♥ 1

- Joan Countryman

7:57:05 PM

*Yay big Sis!!! It's never to late!!!!*

- Valerice

7:57:06 PM

*This is so moving.*

♥ 2

- Anonymous RJ56

7:57:19 PM

*i'm trying so hard not to cry*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:57:24 PM

*haha*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:57:36 PM

*"...both men and women struggle in the same ways - but I think it looks different." - from Judith's article*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

7:57:36 PM

*WOW TEARS*

- Anonymous UVGI

7:57:40 PM

♥ 8

*I was raised by strong, deep and powerful women.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:57:42 PM

♥ 1

*your sister is hurting. She feels like your caretaker who was left behind.*

- Anonymous YAD1

7:57:44 PM

♥ 3

*this scene makes me want to reach out to my sibling*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

7:58:03 PM

♥ 2

*Boy is your sister Robin a strong girl*

- Janeen

7:58:12 PM

♥ 1

*woman*

- Janeen

7:58:28 PM

*One word: PROUD!*

- Sharon Wong

7:58:33 PM

♥ 6

*Reach out to your siblings, and family and tell them you love them*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

7:58:52 PM

*When I talk to my brothers -- they are a lot older -- it is as if we grew up in different families.*

- Anonymous X29A

7:59:04 PM

♥ 1

*Robin is strong, yes, and vulnerable which makes her irresistible*

- RIISE

7:59:40 PM

♥ 3

*thanks for sharing that quote sharon--and a guy said that. both sides recognize it, but (in my experience), girls tended to more silent about their struggles--they were usually less social at school, whereas the guys were often WAY more socially involved, even if they were having difficulty*

- Judith Ohikuare

7:59:42 PM

♥ 1

*Andre did you move to NY to get away from Robin and Mama tell the truth and shame the devil :/*

- Anonymous G4KG

7:59:42 PM

*that mirror situation was crazy*

♥ 2

- RIISE

7:59:49 PM

*that's anecdotal, but it's what i saw*

♥ 1

- Judith Ohikuare

8:00:13 PM

*You make these conversations seem easy, but they're soooo difficult. Does a camera make it easier,lol*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

8:00:24 PM

*Judith, that was definitely my experience*

♥ 1

- Anonymous X1H9

8:00:38 PM

*@RIISE--YES. it's okay to be vulnerable, something i am still learning. i really admire robin's ability to open up as she did. and for me, writing that article was an attempt to do so*

♥ 2

- Judith Ohikuare

8:00:46 PM

*Anonymous G4KG: I was running from everything trying to figure out what/who is the man I needed to become*

♥ 3

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:01:19 PM

*Running to yourself...*

- Anonymous YT3G

8:01:24 PM

*Thanks :) wanted to be sure since Robin wondered and I did too why go so far but it is a journey you needed to make*

- Anonymous G4KG

8:01:28 PM

*The quote is by Collin Williams, who attended all-boys Collegiate School.*

♥ 1

- Sharon Wong

8:01:29 PM

*kate P that hoodie was comforting...*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:01:47 PM

♥ 1

*@judith I'm a witness to the silent experience with through my daughter - seen as too strong, and often confused as angry. won't let her own their intimidation*

- RIISE

8:01:53 PM

♥ 2

*Some issues are unique to being a Black prep school student in a White school, and some issues are universal. Thanks for sharing both.*

- Anonymous OOT7

8:01:56 PM

♥ 1

*and he's currently a PhD candidate at UPenn in education*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:02:53 PM

♥ 1

*Thats Tiny singing my Mother's favorite song...*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:03:00 PM

♥ 2

*I moved away from my family and never really came back or felt I wanted to come back to the chaos. I sometimes felt like an outsider to my own family. When I went through a terrible divorce, my mom moved in with me and said not a word of my long absence. It's that love that knows no boundaries.*

- Anonymous YAD1

8:03:02 PM

♥ 1

*Andre, was the mural in your room taken from the school's logo and motto "Behold, I have set before thee an open door"?*

- Rob

8:03:11 PM

*That day...Phew...I usually leave the room for these scense*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:03:22 PM

*nothing like the black church*

- RIISE

8:03:29 PM

*SN, how come Robin looks so pretty and together in the hospital enviroment where pple always look so tired :)*

- Anonymous G4KG

8:03:34 PM

*I was wondering how you could re-watch. It would be impossible for me.*

- Nicole

8:04:03 PM

*I just noticed your father attended*

♥ 2

- Monika

8:04:04 PM

*oh, these next scenes are hard*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:04:08 PM

*This reminds me of my experience at a prep school and I am a white woman.*

♥ 2

- Judy Mccabe

8:04:10 PM

*Anonymous G4KG: because Robin is and always had been a natural beauty*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:04:15 PM

*now that's legacy right there, that envelope*

♥ 1

- RIISE

8:04:27 PM

*My mom had all my report cards and letters I had written in college.*

♥ 1

- Anonymous YAD1

8:04:38 PM

*i have that envelope*

♥ 3

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:04:41 PM

*Mine, too*

♥ 2

- Joan Countryman

8:05:11 PM

*The Revelation. What was your initial reaction about the therapy your mother was receiving?*

- Sharon Wong

8:05:13 PM

*OK I hope this come on PBS because my computer keeps buffering...Great Job Andre and everyone involved...Applause All around*

- Janeen

8:05:17 PM

*Everyone should go to Therapy*

♥ 4

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:05:26 PM

♥ 3

*Wow! I'm so glad she saw the therapist.*

- Nicole

8:05:32 PM

♥ 1

*this was a great movie! THanks to DR. Donna for sharing this with me a few days ago.*

- Anonymous B7RE

8:05:34 PM

♥ 2

*Bonne Nuit everyone*

- Janeen

8:05:40 PM

♥ 7

*although i did not like the reference to a tough dude, i am proud that your mother did what many in communities of color won't - seek therapy*

- RIISE

8:06:07 PM

♥ 4

*@judy--and that's what intersectionality is about. there are plenty of shared experiences depending on race/gender/class. but i do think that womanhood and femininity is handled different according to one's race., whether you're asian, hispanic, black, and on and on*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:06:18 PM

♥ 1

*How is the therapist able to talk about this? Is he not breaching confidentiality?*

- Katie

8:06:18 PM

♥ 1

*RIISE, I thought I misheard that*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

8:06:59 PM

*Stephen Rook spoke in general terms. He did not share deep stories*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:07:10 PM

♥ 2

*i would be a hot mess (weeping wailing in the bathtub for days on end ) to find all this about her and see trully this unconditional love in silence, she loved in actions and not words*

- Anonymous G4KG

8:07:24 PM

♥ 2

*Yeah, if you listen, he is not actually saying anything that was said in a session*

- Dana

8:07:27 PM

*G4KG--so true*

♥ 1

- Judith Ohikuare

8:07:31 PM

*Anonymous G4KG: I was. I really was*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:07:58 PM

*I'm so loving this community right now @Andre- the ability to talk about what resonates and get feedback on the dime, with out being shushed!*

♥ 1

- RIISE

8:08:07 PM

*Love Robin.*

♥ 1

- Nicole

8:08:09 PM

*I am connected with Robin*

♥ 5

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:08:17 PM

*She's beautiful.*

♥ 4

- Nicole

8:08:30 PM

*The Dollar Store!*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:08:35 PM

*I love my sister*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:08:42 PM

*Woolston!*

- Dana

8:09:06 PM

*Temporary Andre, next visit it will be better than Dollar store :)*

- Anonymous G4KG

8:09:18 PM

*Does your sister have kids ?*

- Anonymous YAD1



8:09:18 PM

*i wish i had the kind of sibling relationship that you have with your sister.*

- Jean

8:09:25 PM

*Robin Made made that change on her own.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:09:25 PM

*love Robin's big chop - beautiful shaped head! I connect with her on that alone!*

♥ 2

- RIISE

8:09:27 PM

*this is great. i love that you were both able to visit with some joy, and together. i think she would have loved seeing you both there*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:09:33 PM

*I feel like one of the many profound takeaways from this film is the importance of staying connected with family, especially for those of us that felt separated by education and privilege*

♥ 3

- Monika

8:09:36 PM

*I was moved deeply and knew we had work to do*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:10:01 PM

*I wish I has said Quotation and not Quote....*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:10:17 PM

*You are a KING - love the quote. Pick up your crowns children!*

- RIISE

8:10:20 PM

*"Your crown has been bought and paid for."*

♥ 6

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:10:41 PM

*Wear it proudly!!!!*

- Valerice

8:10:40 PM

*Nice!!!!*

- Nicole

8:10:42 PM

♥ 1

*oooh, imma put that quote in my back pocket*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:10:43 PM

*Beautiful*

- Anonymous A4ZM

8:10:50 PM

♥ 2

*Phew. every watch takes so much from me*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:10:55 PM

♥ 1

*<3 So proud of you Andre!*

- Hollie

8:10:57 PM

*Thank you!*

- Anonymous TNGT

8:11:00 PM

*So profound and beautifully done*

- Anonymous A4ZM

8:11:06 PM

♥ 2

*This scene moved me, even though I may not get along with my mother and feel as though sometimes she may not do the best things for my well being, we'll always love each other no matter what*

- Anonymous 70BI

8:11:07 PM

*Thats Caroline*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:11:12 PM

♥ 2

*Thank you for your honesty*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:11:24 PM

*Dana!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:11:28 PM

♥ 1

*We have so much work to do but Andre you are an inspiration. Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

- Anonymous A4ZM

8:11:28 PM

*lol*

- Dana

8:11:34 PM

*Stay online for a great conversation with Andre and Judith Ohikuare!!*

♥ 1

- Monika

8:11:37 PM

*It cannot be over, is it? Andre*

♥ 1

- Anonymous G4KG

8:11:39 PM

*And A Good Judge Too!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:11:42 PM

*Dang, it's over! Thanks for including me in the credits @Andre - a pleasant surprise! I'm honored!*

♥ 1

- RIISE

8:11:45 PM

*Don't go anywhere! Up next is our post-film conversation with AndrØ and Judith with America ReFramed's host Natasha Del Toro, a private school alumna herself. In December of 2013, Judith wrote the article, [When Minority Students Attend Elite Private School](http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2013/12/when-minority-students-attend-elite-private-school) (<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2013/12/when-minority-students-attend-elite-private-school>) featuring P.O.V. [American Promise](http://www.pbs.org/pov/americanpromise/) (<http://www.pbs.org/pov/americanpromise/>) and her own prep school experience. Let's take a look!*

- Sharon Wong

8:11:47 PM

*It's not over!!*

♥ 2

- Monika

8:12:02 PM

*Wow!! Andre, this version with additional footage adds so much to the conversation. Thank you!*

♥ 1

- Rob

8:12:06 PM

*Judith is brilliant in the talk back*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:12:08 PM

*Andre, thank you for making that film and for sharing it.*

♥ 1

- DMat

8:12:24 PM

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*Dame Dash...dropping knowledge*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:12:33 PM

*knowledge...*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:12:35 PM

*Real talk!*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:12:38 PM

*lol*

- Alibra Johnson

8:12:48 PM

*Mike*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:12:54 PM

*That's Gangsta*

- RIISE

8:12:56 PM

*This Mom Daughter Hug!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:12:56 PM

*lol @ Dame*

♥ 1

- Anonymous 0B0Z

8:12:59 PM

*aww*

♥ 3

- Alibra Johnson

8:13:07 PM

*brings back memories*

♥ 4

- Mike

8:13:22 PM

*This was great. What can social workers working with organizations placed minority students in independent schools do to support these students? Any and all suggestions welcome!*

- Katie

8:13:22 PM

*That's My Mama!*

♥ 2

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:13:26 PM

*haha! love it*

- Hollie

8:13:31 PM

*I've missed meeting for worship.*

- Valerice

8:13:32 PM

*Very impressed with transition from present day prep school students to Andre's past and resolution.*

- Nicole

8:13:39 PM

*Katie: Listen to the talk back*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:13:44 PM

*thanks for inviting me!*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:13:55 PM

*Thanks for being there*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:14:19 PM

*This is a great post doc interview @andre @judith*

♥ 2

- RIISE

8:14:43 PM

*RIISE: Indeed!*

- Anonymous J5J5

8:15:04 PM

*We are Testifying in this TalkBack*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:15:11 PM

*The whole America ReFramed team was excited about this conversation with Judith and Andre*

♥ 2

- Monika

8:15:15 PM

♥ 1

*Why do we always have to leave our communities to achieve that "something else"*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

8:15:38 PM

♥ 1

*Anonymous 0B0Z: We don't!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:15:59 PM

♥ 3

*Judith give me back my hair style i rock with pride and thought i was unique i guess not anymore:(*

- Anonymous G4KG

8:17:14 PM

♥ 1

*The entire family must go to the school!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:17:15 PM

*Parent Power is what RIISE is all about!*

- RIISE

8:17:37 PM

♥ 1

*Parental ownership. I see that in my experience.*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:17:47 PM

*2nd Generation Private School students.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:17:50 PM

*0B0Z--i do think for some there is a sense that you do need to leave, so i think that's a good question, but i think it's one parents need to consider. i didn't leave for elementary school (i actually went to great public schools before high school, and my brother did for high school, too), but i think parents feel their kids have a better shot -- and also, they don't feel like they should be excluded for going for what they feel is the best*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:18:34 PM

♥ 2

*We have to work to make our environments the bst*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:18:36 PM

♥ 1

*best*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:18:57 PM

♥ 1

*Andre, would your experience been easier if you'd enjoyed the presence of a strong father figure while growing up and attending GFS?*

- Anonymous F65F

8:19:11 PM

*Would y'all send your kids to prep school? That would make your children 2nd generation.*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:19:11 PM

♥ 3

*This issue is not just a black and one issue. Do you think there is a difference for Latinos, Asians, and other minorities?*

- Sharon Wong

8:19:14 PM

♥ 1

*Code Switching*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:19:26 PM

*Perhaps those of us who are alumnae should help as well.*

- Valerice

8:19:37 PM

♥ 1

*What exactly is code switching?*

- Dana

8:19:46 PM

♥ 2

*Code Switching is an art...*

- RIISE

8:19:48 PM

♥ 2

*I would send my kids to private school.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:19:55 PM

♥ 2

*it would depend on my child, and i do think that things are changing--i definitely see that happening at chapin. and my younger sister currently attends chapin*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:20:07 PM

*Sharon, Eustace here. Yes, I feel there is a difference. One daughter felt it at her school.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:20:23 PM

♥ 1

*Code switching is when you change your language (slang, king's english, whatever) depending on your environment @Dana*

- Anonymous 70BI

8:20:27 PM

*How can we share this film with others? I would like my mother to see this. I went away to all girls boarding school @ 13. wanzabates@bellsouth.net*

- Anonymous B7RE

8:20:35 PM

♥ 2

*Code switching is adapting the language you use depending on the group you are in. Like Andre saying "ax" v "ask"*

- Monika

8:20:38 PM

♥ 3

*don't send your child to an indy school if you're not going to be there to help them navigage*

- RIISE

8:21:11 PM

♥ 1

*Anonymous B7RE: <http://www.theprepschoolnegro.org/bonus-videos/>*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:21:14 PM

♥ 6

*More complicated when the language at home is Chinese.*

- Anonymous X29A

8:21:25 PM

♥ 2

*B7RE: I'll be posting the link to the stream that you'll be able to share.*

- Sharon Wong

8:21:42 PM

*There was a good story on NPR about how Chaucer used "ax"*

- Monika

8:21:51 PM

*thanks @Sharon looking forward to stream link*

- RIISE

8:21:55 PM

*X29A: Totally understand.*

- Sharon Wong



8:21:58 PM

♥ 2

*You need more programs like Prep For Prep, and independent schools which truly embrace the Black child, and not just use them as ways to meet certain guidelines for loans and grants.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:22:23 PM

♥ 1

*right--i'm a prep alum actually, so i think i did have a support system that made a big difference for me*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:22:47 PM

♥ 1

*Anonymous F65FL Actually I have worked with all the programs to rethink how we deal with students in these schools*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:23:00 PM

♥ 2

*I would absolutely send my child to prep school. But I would do my best to find the right environment for him/her.*

- Anonymous RJ56

8:23:02 PM

♥ 1

*Steppingstone and Early Steps are other programs.*

- Sharon Wong

8:23:07 PM

♥ 2

*We also need more lifestyle organizations that focus on sustainable recruitment and well-balanced retention...the hard work really begins once your in.*

- RIISE

8:23:21 PM

*Judith, you've hit the nail on the head. Prep not only prepared my daughter educationally, but prepared her for the cultural differences as well.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:23:22 PM

*I do not believe Prep 4 Prep embraces the Black child, but rather teaches them to assimilate*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

8:23:22 PM

♥ 2

*RIISE--absolutely.*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:23:29 PM

♥ 2

*like RIISE*

- Jasmine

8:23:41 PM

*I mean every word I say!*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:23:59 PM

*We have to change this world and I committed to changing this system*

♥ 2

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:24:04 PM

*YES! radix=root. The US was a slave economy longer than anything else and the institutions are still in place*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:24:08 PM

*OBOZ--i'm interested in what you mean by that. could you explain a little?*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:24:22 PM

*OBOZ, I don't agree. Some might but not most of the children I've met in the program.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:24:38 PM

*My Book: "Existing Outside of Privilege"*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:24:57 PM

*@jasmine - RIISE is because of families like you in our network!*

- RIISE

8:25:05 PM

*What do you all think real diversity is?*

♥ 1

- Monika

8:25:25 PM

*Superficial level of diversity. So true!!!*

- Valerice

8:25:30 PM

*This makes me want my child closer so i can help fight his battles and support him, sending him 4 hours away would make it difficult to be involved in the school activities, our current school system is highly rated so i have options*

♥ 1

- Anonymous G4KG

8:25:34 PM

*@monika that is a great question!*

- RIISE

8:25:34 PM

*Tell it Judith!*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:25:40 PM

*The individual prep school also makes a big difference.*

♥ 1

- Anonymous F65F

8:26:13 PM

*All three must commit to the work and experience: The Student, The Family and The School.*

♥ 2

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:26:24 PM

*Struggle...School*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:26:49 PM

*No Grey Line.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:26:57 PM

*how do you differentiate superficial diversity verses a good program for minorities?*

- Anonymous G4KG

8:27:09 PM

*Do that introspective work.*

♥ 2

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:27:12 PM

*i spoke to the head of dalton about that, and i think she had a good point. diversity isn't just about race, but also about soc. ec. class, about background, about professions of families, etc. but again, also about a willingness to hear people talk*

♥ 3

- Judith Ohikuare

8:27:18 PM

*and not be scared of criticism*

♥ 2

- Judith Ohikuare

8:27:21 PM

*Numbers are not enough - how are we influencing social justice and equity. Thanks Andre and Judith!*

♥ 1

- RIISE

8:27:23 PM

*The WORLD Channel team and I would like to thank our panelists and participants tonight for an engaging screening and chat of The Prep School Negro. To learn more about America ReFramed, go to <http://worldchannel.org/programs/america-reframed/>. The film is also available for streaming at <http://worldchannel.org/programs/episode/prep-school-negro/>. And to keep posted on The Prep School Negro, go to <http://www.theprepschoolnegro.org/>. Thank you again and be sure to join us in our next live chat (to be scheduled)!*

- Sharon Wong

8:27:28 PM

::::CLAPPING::::

- Valerice

8:27:34 PM

YES!!!

- Anonymous X1H9

8:27:36 PM

Clapping

- RIISE

8:27:39 PM

*You need to talk to other parents of color at each school, and really ask for their honest opinions.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:27:53 PM

\*\*\*\*OVATION\*\*\*

- Anonymous X1H9

8:27:56 PM

*G4KG--visit the schools, see how children are interacting, and if possible, what students who graduate do*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:27:58 PM

clapping!

- Anonymous OOT7

8:28:01 PM

*you actually just explained it. Programs like P4P do not make commitments to the whole student, but rather how a student can "survive" in a privatized setting*

- Anonymous 0B0Z

8:28:05 PM

*ford foundation!*

- Jean

8:28:12 PM

♥ 4

*Now we can go watch Scandal! Thanks Everybody. This journey continues to be amazing*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:28:14 PM

♥ 2

*Thank you one and all! Let's keep this dialogue open and continuing.*

- Sharon Wong

8:28:43 PM

♥ 2

*P4P made a commitment to my daughter and continues to do so to this day*

- Anonymous F65F

8:28:54 PM

*i don't necessarily think that's true--Prep stays with kids beyond the private school experience through college and professional work*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:29:00 PM

♥ 4

*Thanks To Andre, Judith, Joan, Sharon and all! WORLD Channel rules!*

- Anonymous X29A

8:29:09 PM

♥ 1

*thank you!*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:29:33 PM

*Congratulations everybody!*

- Anonymous J5J5

8:29:37 PM

*Thanks Andre, Judith, Mike, Alibra and Joan! And thank you Sharon and World Channel for hosting!*

- Monika

8:29:38 PM

♥ 3

*what resonated with me with this film was the personal story... less about race and class, but more about how we grow up and grow apart from our parents. i found that theme very powerful and... universal.*

- Jean

8:29:50 PM

♥ 1

*Thank you Judith. One must really be involved in the program to understand the good it does, not only while the child is in prep school, but after.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:30:12 PM

*Jean that is why the journey continues.*

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:30:14 PM

*Congratulations Sharon! You pulled off a fantastic first!*

♥ 1

- Anonymous J5J5

8:30:21 PM

*Andre, great work. Looking forward to seeing more from you in the future. Must get back to the taxes.*

- Anonymous F65F

8:30:23 PM

*sigh, i am just getting revved up then you call a wrap on this!! I still give s standing ovation :) Thanks Andre, Judith Sharon et al...*

♥ 2

- Anonymous G4KG

8:30:40 PM

*Thanks J5J5!*

- Sharon Wong

8:30:53 PM

*Good night everyone and keep tuning in to America ReFramed on the World Channel!*

♥ 1

- Monika

8:31:44 PM

*Very much looking forward to experiencing more America ReFramed on OVEE!*

- Anonymous J5J5

8:32:23 PM

*thanks, all for joining in. people have said some really thought-provoking stuff... mulling over it all*

- Judith Ohikuare

8:32:31 PM

*America ReFramed is a great home for The Prep School Negro. Every moment has been correct*

♥ 2

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:33:06 PM

*My mind is also racing. This was an emotional and powerful experience*

♥ 1

- PrepSchoolAndrØ

8:35:01 PM

*Keep chatting with us @worldchannelPTV and Andre @AndreManyThings.*

♥ 2

- Sharon Wong

9:00:22 PM

*I'm a Canadian who had a similar experience. Glad that I got a chance to watch this*

- misslb

10:55:08 PM

*\*sigh\* I hate I missed this, im just getting the email and signing in cant wait for the next screening. We have to bring this to Chicago some how*

- Anonymous XLUN