Defining US

Educator Professional Development

Topic NYU 2 Racial Identity

SEL Competency

Relationship Skills, Self-Awareness



Several students describe the moment when they realized that race affected who they were and the negative experiences associated with their race. Describe a similar experience that you've had or describe what you can learn from the experiences shared in the video.

Dr. Jean-Pierre describes a situation where a message was sent by parents to children that it is not okay to even talk about racial identity or racial differences. What are some examples of messages you think your students have heard that imply race is something that should not be discussed? How does this affect students' belief about race?

Do you think that most people would be surprised that racial identity is a cultural construct that has been created by people and not an innate human trait? Explain why.

Most educators are familiar with the term "hidden curriculum," or cultural norms that are taught in schools without intentionally being part of the formal curriculum. What do you think the most striking aspect of the hidden curriculum is in your school surrounding racial identity? Would most of the other educators at your school agree?