

# Georgia's Project Reflection

This semester was very interesting in a “multiracial experience” course because it gave my fellow classmates and me looking at the bigger picture of our own experiences as a monoracial, multiracial, and transracial individual. Each one of us identifies and looks at situations differently. Our discussions had to do with real life experiences that we all could relate to. Also I was able to meet lots of people with different experiences especially in the adoptee community.

The community project I worked on was with the adoptee community. My three other group members are a part of the adoptee community because they are all adoptee from different Asian countries. This allowed my group members to apply their own experiences. As a person, I learned a lot because I just met three adopted individuals. Before I could not say that, I knew an adopted person and now I could say I know three. I was interested in the adoptee community from the first day of class when our professor asked us a “simple” (not so simple; took us all semester to define) question of “how we identify and to explain this to the class” When we went around, I was surprised to see that at four students were adopted. This interested me to get to know the adoptee community better and get to know these individuals.

I identify as Greek. I am not adopted but some of their experiences are like mine. We’re all asked “where are you from” and “what are you”. In my everyday life, I am asked where I am from but I guess it is a different way because I look white so the people do not really care as much as someone that does not. But when they see someone that isn’t white, they want to know more where there from than about the person. People are very noisy and want to know every detail of a person and they try not to do it in a bad way but most do not know the proper way of doing it and that is by trying to get to know the person first. Questions like “where are you from” are rude when you clearly do not want to know where there from here in America.

I feel like I am similar to a multiracial person because of my thoughts and my experiences. Also I think by taking a course that deals with multiracial experiences, it helps you relate more to individuals of this category. When first being introduced to other people’s experiences, you sit back and think of similar ways that this could or could have affected you. That’s how I looked at all the experiences in class. I tried thinking of a situation or experience that happened to either me or someone I know. In addition, I would relate every time!

In ways I think I’m different and similar to a monoracial individual. Going by my interviewee, they said that they were never faced “negative” with racism that would affect their thoughts of their identity. I feel like I look at my identity

differently in different situations and experiences. Also I am affected by the individuals that are around me. Lots of people think about their identity but don't go into depth with it because it people seem to think it doesn't affect them. But if you think about it, it's who they are? You think about it every day!

I feel like I understand others and mine race, culture, and multiraciality in the racial and ethnic communities because they focus on our community project. Everyone looks at their race differently especially in the adoptee community because they are not only trying to find who they our but where they came from and how can fit into their own community. I think they have a more difficult time finding it because they are coming from different backgrounds from even their families. I need to first figure out the basic questions where they came from and then who they are now.

Our group did a good job brainstorm on how we wanted our community project to go. From the beginning we brainstormed ideas and we each put in our own thoughts. I feel like we all were understanding people that gave a lot to the project. I feel like as a group we had one group member that was are leader. Without the help of her, this project wouldn't get done because I and the other two members had busier schedules. I give her lots of thanks for helping us stay on top of things. I think in any group project there should be a leader to monitor the group and keep the group focused.

As a group member, I tried to put in as much effort as possible. Managing school and work it's difficult but I've learned that when I have to get something done I finish it. I feel like if I didn't work so much during the week, I could have put more time in research on the website. I did give my thoughts and opinions and I feel that my group members listened to my ideas. I've noticed that when I work with a group I usually agree with the rest of the group and work from their thoughts and improve them by making my opinions and letting the group but I think needs to be done. I've learned that working in groups is difficult. It's hard because everyone is on different schedules with either work a lot or has other courses to focus on. Though as busy as we were, I enjoyed working with my group because we were on top of things and helped each other out. We all understood each other. Thank you to all and especially are leader!