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Notice and Focus

The most revealing thing about the video for me was the teacher who described how an educator may view a white child who is “cheeky” as smart. However if it was a black child who was up to the same behavior as the white child, an educator would keep their eye on that child in case he or she cause trouble. We entrust our teachers to have an unbiased view of their students regardless race or ethnicity. But, here we have a teacher who describes how educators would differentiate similar behavior because of skin color. It’s frustrating and to some extent appalling because you would not think that in 21st century America that anyone would still have this archaic attitude especially a teacher. It raises the question in my head that being exposed to years of stereotyping have created the ability to be biased even to children. That idea is very disturbing because if that’s case then society as a whole has more work to do. For educators to be biased toward children means that equality for all no matter the skin color has not been met. There must be more we can do as a collective whole that can change things. Our country has been fighting the issues for hundreds of years and while progress has been made it seems it is still not enough. The fight against racial stereotyping and bias must be fought aggressively or else this cycling while continue to go on. The cycle must be broken soon rather than later. We can’t let this old issue continue to be transplanted to the next generation. People have been calling for the time to be now for decades but, the time should truly be right now. We’re are in the modern world of the

21st century. This issue shouldn't continue to pervade in a world where we continue to move toward the future and not revert to the past.