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 -> Everyone has certainly heard this saying before

What few people know: This is also a form of <u>racism</u> Everyday racism is a widespread phenomenon in society.

Prejudices are usually deeply rooted and are also often adopted unconsciously.



But for people this can be very hurtful.

That is why it is important to inform oneself and to consciously pay attention to it in everyday life.





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You often hear this phrase when people look different.
But it implies that they do not belong, that they come from somewhere else. However, many of those affected were born in Germany and feel at home here.

That is why it is very important to take an active stand against racism!

Because: Racism in the middle of society can only be dissolved if the white majority society recognises its historically grown privileges, gives them up and opens up institutional power structures so that participation is also made possible for those social groups that have so far been underrepresented and disadvantaged.

It would be important that we talk openly about these consequences of everyday racism. However, large parts of society find it difficult to reflect on everyday racism - and push the issue to the right-wing fringe. Many do not want to deal with their own racism.

Criticism of racism and anti-discrimination are indispensable pillars of a plural, heterogeneous migration society. The white majority (society) must therefore initiate and strengthen effective measures at the legal, social and political levels to dismantle racism and other forms of discrimination. These measures should be guided by intensively supporting, institutionally and structurally establishing long-standing, self-determined ways of empowering people of colour, i.e. empowering racially discriminated people, and breaking down existing racist structures in language or in organisations.



<u>What is everyday racism?</u>

The problem with everyday racism is that it is often expressed unconsciously and is not often addressed in comparison to clearly recognisable racism.

There are many types and examples of everyday racism:

- -> Patterned glances on the bus or other places in public can give sufferers a strong feeling that they do not belong and appear strange.
- -> Of course, praising German skills or "German virtues" is usually meant in a nice way, but it is not appropriate for people who were born in Germany and feel German.
- -> Prejudices based on appearance or names regarding productivity or character are also very problematic. Because judging someone based on their appearance is simply wrong. At work or when looking for a flat, people with a name that doesn't really sound "German" are often viewed more critically.
- -> Hidden racism can also be found in jokes and statements about a particular person. Judgemental, not necessarily negative, racist statements are made on the basis of appearance (or similar).



Therefore, it is very important to always think of your fellow human beings. It is time to ensure equality in a modern society and not to judge people too quickly.

And if someone asks a woman who could be from the Arabian Peninsula why she is not wearing a headscarf, intervene directly.

It is also up to **YOU** to change something!

For a society of diversity - and against racism!