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In my early stage of life, I had not been taught by anybody even not by my parents about the things that would or would not affect me or my thoughts and perception. It is not a simple and short process to recognize something crucial in life and the same happened to me. I mean that took around 21 years of me to know and recognize my white privilege. My thinking has been made that my whiteness governs supremacy as I have been raised by a dominant Hungarian family. From past till today, the Roma community in the Hungry is the largest ethnic minority while I had been educated to keep yourself away from a group of this minority called “gypsies”. The people of this group are identified mostly in a not positive manner while they are not considered as good people as well. Hence this education of me to be away from the group, made me committer to racism. Beyond that, the way I have been educated to stay away from the group called “gypsies” made me the person who even started considering the group and its people as criminals and at the result, I always tried to keep myself as much away as much possible. My thoughts about became more negative and I even started making fun of them and thinking that they convey a poor reputation of the dominant group of Hungry.

With time, it becomes even my belief that white skin would be a source that would be helpful for me to have comfort in society as the white color has been seen beautiful and attractive towards people and I would be more favorable to others because of my white skin. Beyond that, my learning about the characters, etc. also thought me that I will be more favorable against those who have black skin or color.

Proceeding further, a concept where discrimination occurs because of the skin color among people of the same race and where individuals are valued and devalued based on their skin color is known as Shadism. So based on that view, my view regarding the people of Roma wasn’t hate, while it was like disbelief about the people. As a result, I found and consider myself a wrong believer who devalue people and put them on a lower level than own self based on skin color.

So, this was the situation I was in as well as this was the racism I was engaged in.

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