

I Hate Twitter

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I hate social media. I mean, what's the point of being on Twitter if people are just going to DM you rude creepy messages? I get it's about connecting with people but cyber bullying me over calling out weird internet trends isn't it. Remember when I tagged you in that video of the white girl using AAVE? It was so cringey because it's not just a bunch of trendy words, it's a cultural language where no matter where you're at in the US, if you hear "You got the wrong one" you know something is about to pop off. It just frustrates me how when Black people say things like, "sus", it's regarded as not being proper English but when white people say it, it's considered to be, "Gen Z language" No one wants to credit Black people for the ways we helped push American culture. Everything from acrylic nails to cornrows came from us. When we embrace the world we've built, it's 'ghetto' or 'unprofessional' but let a white girl with box braids try and mimic how Black women talk and suddenly she's considered to be "different" and "edgy". What will it take for America to recognize us and our humanity? A lot of why I hate Twitter has to do with the way that everyone is so quick to come for Black people who call out the ways white people capitalize off our culture. I mean if you had something that was significant to your family and discovered that random folks were trying to make money off it, you'd be pissed, right?! Part of these internet trends have been white people taking what they see Black people do and poorly imitating it without understanding that it's so much more than just a dance or phrase. It's clear that this country loves Black culture but hates Black people. The same white people who love listening to Kanye West are the same white people who think we're overreacting when we say there's an issue with police brutalizing Black people and I am sick of it. Every other month there's another video of a Black person in the US being gunned down or physically assaulted by the very people who are supposed to "protect and serve". You aren't protecting anything when you have your knee on someone's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. This isn't just violence... it's systematic violence. So many people think these shootings are a case of "just a few bad apples". Well, what happens when those few bad apples spoil the entire barrel? People think that just because we're in high school means we don't pay attention to what's happening in the world outside of these 4 walls but when you're Black, you have no choice but to. White kids have the privilege of living in their own bubble while Black kids have to constantly be aware of how we move through spaces, and it sucks. It's like we can never let our guard down. We constantly have to be on the lookout because if we aren't then, before you know it, we become... (*struggles to find the words*) we become a hashtag that trends on twitter.



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