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January 8th, 2018

There were a couple girls near me in class talking where I could hear. One of the girls told her friend that she had to text her mom to transfer her some money so she can get starbucks after class. Without thinking about it I rolled my eyes at hearing this and immediately perceived the girl as childish and irresponsible.

I saw a girl talking about needing money from their mom for starbucks.

I felt annoyed at this girl.

I said nothing to them.

I did roll my eyes and think less of the girl.

I did this because I come from a situation where I had to work hard and save up money to be able to afford to go to college. Also I have never felt like asking my dad for money was ever an option because I already knew he could not afford to because he borrows money from me at least every other week.

Connection to Course: In this first unit classism was introduced and discussed. It is clear we were raised in very different classes. I assumed that since her family had more money than mine that she was soft and childish. But this is because I contribute a lot of my own personal growth and maturity to the fact that I was raised in poverty. For one asking my dad for money is something I know I cannot do. But also my first thought in reaction to this girl is 'You do not need a starbucks? So if you cannot afford it it's not a big deal'. But this is because growing up we struggle to afford things that we did need. I now realize this is an unfair judgement to pass on

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January 30th, 2018

I brought my sister diapers today. My sister is 23 and has two kids, a five year old boy and a two year old girl. She lives in government housing in Independence near where we grew up. Her boyfriend lives with them (Even though he's not supposed to according to her housing agreement). While talking to my sister and playing with my niece and nephew my sister starts rolling a blunt. I got angry and asked how she could still buy weed even though she couldn't afford diapers to put on her child. She blew up at me and told me that I just thought I was better than her and I didn't understand her life.

I saw my sister putting weed as a priority higher than her childs needs.

I felt angry at her for being so immature.

I said she shouldn't be buying weed if she doesn't have the money to put diapers on her child.

I got in an argument with my sister and then left.

I did this because I was angry that she would put weed first before buying what her kids need.

Connection to Course: My sister and I were both raised in the same household. We were both brought up with the same exact socio-economic status. But as we grew older it shifted. And I believe the main determinant difference for the two of us is our education. My sister dropped out of high school in the 10th grade. I went on to finish high school and am now a Junior in College pursuing a degree in a field I am very passionate about. But that was a personal choice I had to make for myself. It was difficult to do, being we came from a family with no higher education whatsoever. I believe if she had worked to get an education we would still hold similar socio-economic status.



Another course friend uses his act I hope she is removed neglect.