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The Rules My Parents Taught Me About Being the Only Black Kid in a White Friend Group

You don’t have to like the racist rules; you still need to follow them



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Trigger warning: This post is a follow-up story about the recent death of Nolan Xavier Wells. It concerns race relations in the United States of America, including my own experiences. Getting comments on that story calling me racist is the reason for this one. Don't read this if you are sensitive because the truth actually hurts decent people.

The original post was **My White Book Club Deliberately Left My Back Self Behind.** That post is about the death of Nolan Xavier Wells, an 18-year-old Black teen, who went out to an island 10 miles off the coast of Mississippi with his three white friends on the 4th of July. Later, the friends returned without him but with his phone, which they gave to his mom.

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