

Dear reader,

Overtime diversity has grown and transformed to have numerous meanings to me. I've submitted two designs highlighting both sides of what diversity means to me. Growing up, diversity was looked down upon as being beyond the social norm and was never accepted. I was isolated and called weird. Not only for my behavior but my black racial attributes as well, however over time I learned the strength in diversity.

In the first graphic design, that I call "Elementary" a little black girls isolation due to lack of acceptance led to overall pain and an overwhelming feeling of peculiarities. While she knew the world was diverse and everyone was different she felt like she was the only person feeling the ramifications of her differences. She felt the overwhelmingness of her emotions and the pressure she had to carry all alone.

In the second graphic design, which I call "Diversity = hope" In this design I discover the possibilities that diversity offers. Over time as I've become a growing member of society I've found that diversity has led to some of our world's best breakthroughs. If it wasn't due to diverse minds and backgrounds our current world would not be possible. Diversity also gives the power of numbers. The more people are different, the less normal, normal is. Our strength comes from our ability to shine in a diverse world.

In case my definition of diversity hasn't become clear, there is none. There is no concrete definition of diversity however it is the collective impact of diversity on society that can make it so unbearable or so very special.

Thank you, Wagar Ahmed

