

I defined my community as vital, creative, and committed African Americans doing what they want to do in life. For years, we have been silent because of what the media has thrown at Americans across the United States. Social media has enormously impacted our lives. It has helped everyone see how this country was not about helping the black community, and this has had a massive impact on me and my community in so many ways. I know my community is vital because we go through so much daily, having to always be right and on top of everything because one mistake can change the way others look at us. We can't afford to make mistakes because we know there will be even worse consequences because of our color if we do. We are always committed to doing whatever we can for everyone to see that we are all human and that skin does not reflect skill or commitment. It's about who you are as a human being. I see myself in the community as a strong African American man who has had lots of challenges along the way but has overcome them in so many aspects of life. When I was in middle school, I was doing vlogs on youtube, and it was fun to get everyone from different schools to watch my content. It was kid-friendly, so when my principal found out that I was good with being on the camera and did not get nervous, she had me make morning announcements. It was a powerful creative thing that happened to my middle school; no one would have thought a 14-year-old boy would be on everyone's projector at school. It was a breakthrough point for everyone who went to that school, and more kids started doing youtube and having the courage to just be themselves and have fun, and that is what I mean when I say we are creative in doing what we love as individuals and as a community.

I see myself in the community as vital because when I walk outside, I am to remember that I am judged by the way I look and talk. I need to be right in every move I make because I am constantly being watched by everyone as an African American male, and I have to show

everyone that we can be just as creative as anyone else. I see myself in my community as committed because everything I want to do in life has come or is on its way. I have always wanted to do something new and improve on everything in my life. My community has taught me so many things about doing what you want to do and not letting anyone tell you you can't do something. We, as black Americans, have always been identified as scary or thugs. Still, social media had really changed how everyone looks at my community and how we have more opportunities than we did before social media was as open as it is.

I believe my community will always be strong and always strive in whatever we do because that's just who we are when things get bad; we don't back down, we continue to achieve our goals, and we always are on the top and improve ourselves. The community I see myself in is everyone being equal and not thinking they are better than someone because they don't agree with the lifestyle or have something more than what others have. My community has helped me see everyone's perspective and not just one. Everyone has a good point if they can explain it, and nobody should be judged for their color, income, or anything besides who they are as a person. My community represents equality, which is still a monumental thing. Everyone should be equal no matter who you are. It just doesn't make sense to me why people get treated differently because of how they look and not who they are as a person. My community treats everyone the same, and social media has made it easier for everyone to connect and it does not matter how someone looks but their interest and who they are. Equally is such a big thing for my community and me because we believe everyone has the opportunity to succeed in doing what they want to, and that is what makes me and my community so strong because no matter how you look, if you believe in yourself, you have the opportunity to do whatever you want and not worry about what others may think or say about you because its all about what you want to do in your life.