

As a Black woman who grew up around people with various backgrounds and cultures I identify most with the integration of difference. As previously mentioned, I am a Black woman, a descendant of enslaved African peoples who were forced to adapt and I still carry that burden today. Although that is the most obvious reason I identify with integration of difference I also grew up around different cultures and often wanted to learn more. For example, Spanish was taught in my elementary school, because of that I currently have a declared minor in Spanish. I also have a wide variety of music genres in my playlists that include Disney soundtracks, Motown oldies, Bollywood, and anything else in between.

Beyond enjoying and learning from other cultures I also make an effort to stay aware of issues that impact said communities. The representative image I chose is a screenshot of my favorite playlist on shuffle. I chose this image because music is a major part of my life and no matter the genre, language, or culture the music comes from I appreciate and enjoy it the same as each song on that playlist.

