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I believe that Richards tirade was indeed racist. I don’t think any person, no matter what skin color they have, should say the n word. It is not only disrespectful to those who are African American, but it makes everyone around them that doesn’t agree with it feel uncomfortable. Saying that word out of anger is even worse. Richard wouldn’t want someone calling him names based on his race, so why do it to someone else? There is a long history behind that word, so it just isn’t inexcusable at any circumstance.

In the video Richard was called out by many people in the audience. This audience was more than likely a very diverse group of people when it comes to race. Richards words made the crowd angry with his nasty comments. The fact that everyone stood up for the man being disrespected are what the world needs. Everyone from all races should stand up for one another.

 Richard yelling the n word over and over knowing people are offended is racist. He knows from the reactions that he is getting that it isn’t a nice word, but he continues on with it. Then saying to the audience member “that’s what happens when you interrupt a white man”, is disgusting to me. Its like Richard feels as though he is superior to the man in the audience. It doesn’t matter if you are angry at someone else, you do not criticize somebody for the color of their skin.

I do think that the man in the audience talking while he is performing might have made Richard get irritated, but that doesn’t justify how he reacted to it. It is not normal to have such negative feelings toward someone who talked during your performance, that you yell the n word at them from the stage and tell them to shut up. There is definitely some sort of deeper hatred he has towards other races of people. If that wasn’t true, he would have paused during the

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performance if he was getting distracted from the talking, or just try to speak and little louder, that is what normal people would do. Getting irritated and then speaking about race doesn’t add up.

Why is race the first thing Richard thinks of to bash somebody about? He might’ve been raised by racist parents, or thought he would make people laugh in some sick way, but that wasn’t okay. If anything, it made him lose fans. Nothing he said to the man in the audience was respectful. It’s like Richard didn’t like him already from the beginning. Would that be if he wasn’t racist?

Racial slurs can exist without there being a malicious intent or hatred behind it. More so in men today, any race will say the n word to each other meaning their friend. However, sometimes I’ve seen that when a white man in specific says the word meaning friend, it isn’t accepted. This may be stemmed from history, so that means it would sound a lot harsher than it would coming from someone who doesn’t share a negative history. Although it can be said without it meaning anything bad, it shouldn’t. I feel if that word sparks so much animosity and negative thoughts or feelings, why not let the word die? There is no reason to even let that be something anyone says because it does no good.

In 2020 a lot of things happened regarding white police officers and people of African American decent. All of these things were negative and were stemmed from racism. These things that happened have made a big impact on the world. It caused riots and other violent acts to take place due to racism. It takes violence, and riots for people to listen. When there’s just a peaceful protest who really listens nowadays. It’s like no one will hear the cries for help unless they are

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affected by it as well. We as a community need to do better, whether that means extending the hiring process for certain fields and adding questions about racial profiling, or giving out charges for certain words being used. We can all do better.

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