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Can I say nigger? Cuz I mean I'm black but I'm the daughter-of-an-executive-college-is-not-only-expected-but-required-vacationer-of-Martha's-Vineyard-used-to-be-gluten-free kind of black and I live in one of those gotta-order-makeup-online-because-drugstores-don't-carry-anything-darker-than-peach-there-are-no-non-religious-private-schools-because-the-public-schools-are-as-good-as-private schools-and-we-have-the-property-taxes-to-prove-it type districts. I don't know if I have the right to say the n word. I've never seen anybody get shot but I've seen my pastor get down like the Holy Ghost is a close personal friend of his and I've seen my sister spend four hours straightening her hair for an interview at that big corporate company cuz kinky curls ain't corporate yet. My dad's definitely qualified. Youngest of seven from the projects of Brooklyn to the executive corner office with siblings who shoulda coulda woulda been hashtags if that had been a thing then. I remember once I heard the n-word had been dead and buried down deeper than the slave bones but I guess the ground didn't want it cuz here it is floating on radio waves. It costs to be black, but some people sell it cuz there's suburbs full of people who buy it. Can I say the n word? Cuz even in the rap songs it's surrounded by "bitches" and "hoes" and being a bitch and a hoe and the n word all at once can be a bit overwhelming.

Can I say the n word? Or do I talk too white? Or rather, too educated, as in, I'm too black to sound this educated, but why is talking black talking uneducated? Can I say the n word? Or am I too pretty? Correction: pretty for a dark skinned girl. I have my mothers eyes, who got them from her mother, who got them from her mother, who got them from her mother whose eyes enchanted the master enough to get her pregnant but not enough to get her out of the fields. Can I say the n word? With all these bullets flying and walls as threats and threatening to ban people, and by people I mean Muslims, and by Muslims I mean black people cuz majority of Muslims here are black, or in PC terms, African Americans.

But am I a victim of slavery or an American and are the two mutually exclusive? Would I be welcomed back into a tribe I've never heard of in a country I've never been to on a continent I've never visited in a culture I'm not a part of with a way of life I'm not adapted to full of people who I have nothing in common with beyond being black and the distant relative I have who was taken away in chains? Can I say the n word?