

I'm an international student from Kenya. We all blacks in our society, and Cornell is like a really close-knit society, but time come when, for instance, when a Black student was attacked...we were together in unison with the black student organization. I went to fight for our rights for equal representation, but little did I know that in one of the demands that we submitted to President Pollack was a reduction in the number of international students that had been accepted into Cornell. When I learned that I really felt...how did that event stand up with them? They didn't support like acceptance of international students.

I mean for the Black American students, they have affirmative action which allows them to compete amongst themselves when they were up for admission into Cornell. But now, they're complaining that the number of African students accepted into Cornell is too much. Do they know the struggle African-real African students have to come against them to gain admission into this school? These are 0-10% spots for international students to apply. Majority of that goes to the Asian countries, China and India, and then for the few Africans they have to fight for less than 15 or 20 spots. So this made me feel like are the demands really representative of everything, because it's kind of, in a way, discriminative. I was so pissed off when I saw that. I mean, we stand with them in unison when they say they fight for the rights of international African students.

This fight is for the rights of blacks, but they discriminate. So I'm wondering, why do we call it racism when they're discriminated against, but when they discriminate against other groups of people, they don't want it to be racism? That's outright double standard, and it's one of the things making me so pissed off about being in this school. But then we just have to keep quiet and see what goes on.