



UGANDAN-
ASIANS ARE
UGANDANS
AND NO ONE
WILL TAKE
THAT AWAY.

"I am Ugandan" they said it then, they say it now. In America, in UK they say "I am a Ugandan Asian." its the only home they know.

We are always so quick to say Africa belongs to a black man, the question is who is the black man? Is he the one who has a dark skin or is he just anybody who is not white?

What do we say about Egyptians, what do we say about Somalese, what about Ethiopians, are they not Africans because the majority are just not as black as the Karamoja of Uganda?

We all came from some-where at a particular point in time, There were the Nilotics, the nilo hermits, Bantu....migration and all indigenous

Ugandans belong to some of these ethnic groups. And these brothers of ours joined us later but that does not matter, what matters is by the time the country Uganda was formed we were all in and they were in with us, when we changed from being just a Munyoro and a muganda to being a Ugandan -Munyoro or Ugandan-Muganda they were also changing to being Ugandan-Indians/Ugandan-Asians.

We closed the chapter of battles of kabalega and Mutessa who died as good friends by the way and we all lived as Ugandans until one man (Obote) decided that the light skinned were less Ugandans and should prove their being Ugandan (by getting Ugandan passports). Then another dreamer Idi Amin Dada who ran the country according to what his dreams told him decided to finish what Obote started, by just expelling them.

"THEY MILK THE Economy "

"Milking the economy" is what we call it, lets be real, when Indians left Uganda how many Ugandan tycoons did we produce as representing business men on the globe list?

But Indians went to UK and of course took over. Because thats genetically what members of that community are good at (business). Just like the Banyankole are good at cattle keeping Baganda are good at politics the Banyoro and Luo good warriors, so are the Indians good at trade (business)

Its funny how South African farmers who never went to school think that its because of foreign doctors with PHDs that they are unemployed, same way its in Uganda where unem-

ployed, same way its in Uganda where unemployed lawyers think that its because of a successful business Indian trader that he is not rich. Even if he left that shop for you in a year, you would not run it as good as he does because its not your thing, but you will beat him in politics because thats your game. Amin tried it and gave us a chance and we still failed, we carried our goats to the flats and the shops designed for selling sugar and sweets.

"THEY NEVER LET US MARRY THEM."

Come on guys who are we deceiving here, who is playing the race card here. Even amongst our own communities we still have issues accepting marriages from different tribes. The Banyankole mostly Bahima have issues marrying out of their tribe, why pick on the Indians if not colour. And marriage is between two people we have seen couples prove love by going against their families and all odds to stay together.

So if this Indian girl loves you trust me she will fight for you and not even family will stop her, she rather dies. But if she is not sure about you, she will forget you and move on. And remember families consider a lot of things before giving their daughters, love alone is not reason enough to get married and start a family, its not all people who love each other can manage to live together.

"They treat us poorly at work"

Every community has good and bad people. The news is full of Ugandan bosses burning their housemaids and beating their workers to emergency rooms. But we pick on one Indian because he delayed to pay his workers for a week. Gov't has not paid its workers for months.

There are Ugandan-Asians and the new Asians, we need to understand the difference between the two.

We say Amin was a racist, he became a world beast on the globe just because he expelled the Asians, but how are we different if we have corrected every mistake he made, invited the Indians to come and claim their property but refused to give them their status as citizens by birth as the constitution provides.

Every community has good and bad people. I say we should not judge a whole community and deny them their right just because of a few bad people.