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It started as an online campaign that quickly went viral. Now Misee Harris, a pediatric dentist originally from Tennessee, is using her social media fame to spread awareness about diversity in reality television by making a bid to be the first African-American woman to appear as The Bachelorette on ABC's longtime running reality show.

"I really, really think it would be great for other women of different races and ethnic backgrounds to date and to be able to relate to someone who looks like them," Harris told us.

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She's made it very clear she doesn't think ABC is racist. In fact, she thinks producers are merely concerned with ratings, which Harris promises she can get, thanks to her tens of thousands of social media followers.

"And I don't think America's scared of it. I think it's real," Harris explained.

Harris is no stranger to The Bachelor/ette world. In fact, she was selected to appear as a contestant during Season 17 of *The Bachelor*, which featured Sean Lowe as the man handing out the roses. In the end, Harris decided not to appear.

"If you're present for the first episode and then you're kicked off, you're really only there for like two or three days," Harris said. "So I was like, 'You know what, if this is going to be my debut in the entertainment world I sure don't want to be that girl that was kicked off, like, in two days and really not given the chance.' Realistically, in all the years, there's never been an African-American to make it into the final four, which means there's never going to be a black Bachelor or Bachelorette. And that's just the way the show has recycled the contestants for so many years. It's like, you're really going to be gone in 60 seconds. That's just how it is."

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Her enthusiasm for the show was further deflated by last season's bachelor Juan Pablo Galavis. "Juan Pablo's season turned me off so bad," Harris admitted.

She continued, "That's sad because they, kind of, wanted to promote him as the first minority in the lead role, giving out roses, and then it was a disaster season."

As for what Harris is looking for in a man, "I'm looking for someone fun now. I'm looking for, obviously, someone that I'm physically attracted to, but also mentally attracted to. I really do like tall men, I'll tell you that!" Harris gushed.

"I would love to have 25 amazing, multicultural, multitalented, different type of men come out of those limos," Harris continued. "It would be great. And even if ABC didn't do it, I'd go on another network."



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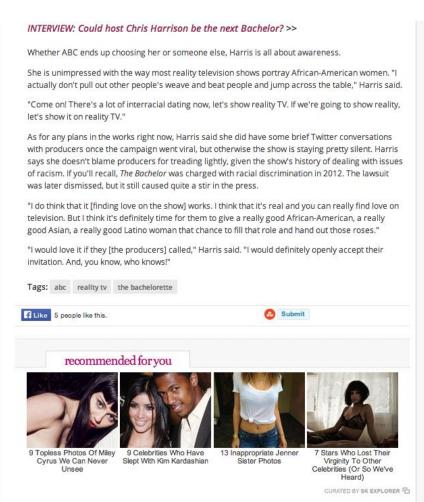


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