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Semi-structured interviews conducted with Afro-Polish and other black Polish residents/citizens show that blackness and the racism that comes of it is bestowed upon them by others (mainly white Poles) in Poland but not necessarily by their own self interpretations. Although they acknowledge their African-ness and blackness, the subjects interviewed do not necessarily live their lives with a heightened sense of "blackness." The subjects suggest that "blackness" and thereby "anti-blackness" is always there, but the oppression is not quite "front and center." Such findings provide a unique theoretical case that Mueller's Theory of Racial Ignorance can fit nicely with. Moreover, conversations on the connection and disconnection of African Diasporic communities in Poland has emerged in the research which will be beneficial to broaden conversations on African Diaspora Studies in the American academy.

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