



TOUGH CONVERSATIONS: ACHO AND MCCONAUGHEY TALK ABOUT RACE & AMERICA

That's the realist thing that I've truly heard

Emmanuel Acho. "White Allergies? - Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man - Ep. 2 w/ Matthew McConaughey." YouTube, uploaded by Emmanuel Acho, 10 June 2020, www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwiY4i8xWlc.

TALK IT OUT

Before watching the video at the link below, the host of the conversation should introduce the video as one example of two Americans having a tough conversation about race in America. Before asking the sample dialogue questions below, participants should review the **Group Norms for Dialogue** document at [crossroads.ua.edu](https://www.crossroads.ua.edu) to make sure everyone has the same expectations for the conversation.

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- How would you describe this conversation? Was it successful?
- What do you think had to happen, or be understood by each person before the conversation began?
- When have you had tough conversations that *did not* go well? What made it so?
- When have you had tough conversations that *did* go well? What made it so?
- What are some reasons we avoid tough conversations like these?
- What "good" can come from having conversations like the one in the video?
- What role do conversations like these play in a thriving democracy?
- What future conversations or dialogues would you like to have with your own friends and fellow citizens?