

# The Loving Project

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Loving v. Virginia

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## What's it like to be in an interracial marriage 50 years after Loving v. Virginia?

### The Loving Project podcast gives us a glimpse

The podcast simultaneously celebrates the legacy of the Lovings while drawing attention to the microaggressions that interracial couples continue to experience 50 years later

**Philadelphia** - As the 50th anniversary of *Loving v. Virginia* approaches, one interracial couple is documenting and sharing the experiences of other interracial couples via *The Loving Project* podcast.

June 12, 2017, marks 50 years since the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that state laws banning marriages between individuals of different races were unconstitutional. The Pew Research Center<sup>1</sup> reported last week that the rate of interracial marriage has grown steadily since the ruling, with one in six newlyweds now marrying someone of a different race or ethnicity.

Living in a racialized society – particularly in the current political climate – means that interracial couples have unique experiences walking through the world, as the stories featured in *The Loving Project* demonstrate.

The podcast is produced by Brad Linder and Farrah Parkes, a married interracial couple in Philadelphia. Linder is an award-winning journalist whose work has aired on NPR. Together, he and Parkes set out to document and share the stories of other interracial couples in honor of the 50th anniversary.

The result is *The Loving Project*, a limited-run podcast series with new episodes released every other Monday. Each episode features a different interracial couple discussing the role of race in their relationships, from dating and marrying to dealing with in-laws and parenting biracial children. The podcast features a diverse array of couples across age and racial/ethnic groups, and includes same-sex couples. While each couple's experiences are distinct, there are common threads throughout: white partners being the designated cab hikers, mothers of color being mistaken for nannies, and a sense of joy at the blending of cultures and traditions.

The podcast is available at [www.lovingproject.com](http://www.lovingproject.com) as well as on iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher, and other podcast distribution venues.

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**Note to editors:** For a quick sense of the overall flavor of the podcast, we recommend episode 7 or 8.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2017/05/18/interracial-marriage-in-the-u-s-50-years-after-loving-v-virginia/>