

## Lived Experience

I know what it's like  
to grow up a straight white male  
in an intact home

but I do not know  
the lived experience of  
women, Blacks, gay men,

abuse survivors,  
refugees, homeless addicts,  
pregnant teens, paupers

so, I should not make  
decisions about how best  
to solve their problems

but, they are humans  
who feel feelings, as I do  
therein lies a clue

Note: Composed as President Biden is considering a Black woman for the Supreme Court



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