# **HOW MICROAGGRESSIONS ARE LIKE MOSQUITO BITES – SAME DIFFERENCE Video Transcript**

(Narrator) For people who still don't think that

microaggressions are a problem… (Woman 1) Oh, you're

so well-spoken! (Woman 2) Ugh… (Narrator) …just imagine instead

of being a stupid comment, a

microaggression

is a mosquito bite. (Mosquito) Ugh, it's a compliment! [Woman 2 screams]

Mosquito bites and their itch are one of

nature's most annoying features, but if

you're only bitten every once in a while…

(Mosquito) No, where are you *really* from? (Man) Uh,

Cleveland. (Narrator) …sure, it's annoying, but it's

not that big a deal.

The problem is that some people get

bitten by mosquitoes a lot more than

other people. I mean *a lot more*.

Whether it's on a date… (Mosquito) Oh, your English is so

good. (Woman) Excuse me?

(Narrator) …going grocery shopping… (Mosquito) You know,

everything happens for a reason. (Man) I'm just

buying apples. (Narrator) …commuting to work… (Mosquito) So when are

you gonna have a baby? (Narrator) …watching TV… (Mosquito) We

have to keep the Redskins name! It’s part of our culture and history! (Narrator) …or

just walking down the street with your

partner. (Mosquito) I couldn't even tell you were

gay.

(Narrator) Mosquitoes seem to pop up everywhere.

(Mosquitos) Do you know Johnny? Will you give me shopping advice? I love Cher too! (Narrator) And getting bit

by mosquitoes every goddamn day… (Mosquito) Can I touch your

hair? (Narrator) multiple times a day… is fucking annoying and makes you

wanna go ballistic on those mosquitoes,

which seems like a huge overreaction to

people who only get it every once in a

while. (Man) It's just a mosquito bite. Who

cares? (Mosquito) Just another angry Black woman. (Narrator) Of

course, beyond just being annoying, some

mosquitoes carry truly threatening

diseases that can mess up your life for

years. (Mosquito) Astrophysics? Hmm, maybe you should

try a less challenging major? (Man) Ow… My dreams… (Narrator) And

other mosquitoes carry strains that can

even kill you. (Mosquito) It looked like he was up to

trouble, okay? I felt threatened. (Narrator) So next

time you think someone's overreacting,

just remember some people experience

mosquito bites all the time. (Mosquito) You're all

so exotic! Wow!

(Narrator) And by mosquito bites we mean

microaggressions.