



Know Thyself: Using Your Uniqueness to Create Success Karamo Brown

Culture expert on the Emmy-winning Netflix show *Queer Eye*. Co-author, *Queer Eye: Love Yourself, Love Your Life*. Co-founder, 6in10.org and recipient of the 2018 Human Rights Campaign Visibility Award.

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Television host and culture expert on the Emmy-winning Netflix reboot of **Queer Eye**, **Karamo Brown** says that the key to his success is tapping into the many facets of his identity. Whether as an openly gay man, a black man, a Christian, a single father, a business leader, a psychotherapist, or reality television personality, Mr. Brown strategically utilizes the strengths of his different identities to achieve success – and teaches others to do the same. Much lauded for his ease and natural comfort relating to different types of people, on *Queer Eye*, Mr. Brown is tasked with making-over the hearts and minds of the “culturally challenged,” and helps them to confront and grow beyond the internal issues holding them back.

Mr. Brown began his television career in 2004 as a housemate on the MTV reality series **The Real World**, becoming the first openly-gay African-American in the history of reality television. In 2014, he joined the **Oprah Winfrey Network** to host and produce their first digital show, **#OWNShow**. Mr. Brown then became a host and producer for **HuffPost Live**, and a recurring guest host of **Access Hollywood Live**.

Mr. Brown joined the “Fab Five” cast of Netflix’s 2018 reboot of *Queer Eye*, a makeover series set in Atlanta, which won three Emmy awards this year, including Outstanding Structured Reality Program. The style experts forge relationships with men and women who often have different beliefs from them, leading to moments of social commentary interspersed with style advice. The charming, high-energy Fab Five – Mr. Brown (culture), **Antoni Porowski** (food and wine), **Tan France** (fashion), **Bobby Berk** (design), and **Jonathan Van Ness** (grooming) – have strong appeal to a wide audience. The wildly-popular, inspirational series was just renewed for a third season.

As a co-founder of 6in10.org, an organization addressing the mental health and self-esteem of individuals affected by HIV, Mr. Brown was the recipient of the **2018 Human Rights Campaign Visibility Award**. A graduate of **Florida State A&M University**, Mr. Brown worked as a licensed social worker and psychotherapist for over a decade before transitioning into media.

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