

Prominent Blacks: 'America's Not Racist'— Democrats Stop Dividing Us!

I have one large poster in my study. Given to me by Dr. Alveda King, niece of the great civil rights leader, I see it daily and live according to this creed: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can. Hate cannot drive out hatred, only love can."

I came to Christ because of a Black minister. I have empathy for the plight of many Black Americans because my family was poor; had no car; couldn't afford air conditioning or vacations; and struggled financially as my disabled mom scrubbed floors on her knees three times a week and my dad was a custodian with two years of high school education.

Before relocating to the Nashville area, we hosted a Black college student for years in our home. Transitioning to the Nashville area, our multiracial church was 60% Black; my closest pastoral friend was Black; our daughter worked at Rocketown inner city outreach; and for 10 years, we've shared an almost "family" bond with a Black single mom and her children.

Since childhood, I've had many heroes in sports, music and politics: Jim Brown, Willie Mays, Minnie Minoso, Wilt Chamberlain, Michael Jordan, George Foreman, Mayor Carl B. Stokes, Jimi Hendrix and Martin Luther King Jr. All of them were Black.

I share the above not to impress anybody but hopefully to secure a listening ear as I share my heart for racial reconciliation alongside prominent people whose voices aren't being heard, drowned out by those seeking to inflame division instead of inspiring racial healing.

Race-baiters and radical progressives frame issues around race, emphasizing “America is a racist nation” ... “people advance on white privilege” ... “the Founding Fathers and Constitution came from white supremacists and slave owners—social justice demands we replace the oppressors and this oppressive Capitalistic system.” They’re pushing deceptive “Critical Race Theory” be taught in every school as Gov. DeSantis, R-Fla., labeled its premise of systemic racism “horse manure” and his state banned it!

Marxist-led Black Lives Matter Foundation is at the forefront (taking in \$90 million last year) along with activists like Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, Stacey Abrams, Joy Reid, Colin Kaepernick, Eric Holder and LeBron James. Biden’s on board with Big Tech and big corporations coughing up the cash, virtue signaling how noble they are in the cause.

I’m convinced the time has come to shatter the false narrative and do what African American Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., had the courage to declare after Biden’s recent speech, “America is not a racist country!”

Notable Blacks Tell the Truth

How about we have prominent Blacks present the other side?

– Morgan Freeman: “Race doesn’t play a part in whether you succeed in society. Put your mind to what you want to do and go do it. Race is a good excuse for not getting there.”

– Charles Barkley: “I think both white and Black people are great people! Our politicians try to get us to not like each other, so they can keep their grasp of power. They divide and conquer and have a vested interest in racism!”

– Denzel Washington: “Stop blaming the system. It all starts in the home. No dad, then they’ll seek a father in the streets and find a home in prison. Don’t blame the system, it’s the home!”

- Lil Wayne: “At 12 I was in a house with drugs and guns when police arrived and everyone fled, but a cop personally rescued me, took me to the hospital and stayed there with me. That white man saved my life! I don’t know what racism is!”
- Walter Williams: “Succeeding and escaping poverty has nothing to do with race. Graduate from high school. Get a job. Marry before having children. Stay out of the criminal justice system. Do these and I guarantee you’ll not live in poverty.”
- Cam Newton: “I don’t want this to be about race! It’s not! We are beyond that as a nation!”
- Jesse Lee Peterson: “Our Brotherhood Organization states there’s no such thing as America’s a racist society! It’s not! Racism starts in the home, not with white people! People don’t want to hear it. They don’t want to know the truth!”
- Stephen A. Smith: “From my job at ESPN, I tell you racism doesn’t exist for you young people! You don’t have to face what your ancestors endured. Face it, white folks have problems too– paying their bills, life’s struggles, being denied opportunities. Racism doesn’t exist for you in your generation!”
- Candace Owen: “America’s not a racist country! Stop telling us we’ve been slaves. I’ve never been a slave! Stop obsessing over our past—we should be obsessing over our future and the potential we have!”
- Martin Luther King, Jr. [1964]: “I’ve seen certain changes over the past two years that have surprised me. On the basis of this I think we’ll be able to have a Negro president in less than 40 years or less!”
- Barack Obama: “I promise you, for the most part, race relations have gotten better!”

Nix the Narrative That Blacks Are Held Back

Black Americans hold high level positions, gaining them the same way everyone else does through education, initiative, hard work, perseverance and seizing opportunities in our free-market Capitalist system. Achievement is awarded, but laziness brings the blame game, bitterness and bad life outcomes that race-baiters and politicians shamelessly exploit.

We've had respected Black role models in highly esteemed positions including: president of the United States; vice president; secretary of state; CEO of Fortune 500 companies; head of Ivy League university; coach of Notre Dame; billionaires in sports and entertainment (Oprah and Tyler Perry to name only a few); president of the American Medical Association and American Bar Association; governor of a former Confederate state; owner of an NBA team; head coach of MLB, NFL and NBA teams; United States senators, congressmen and congresswomen; superstars like James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Tiger Woods, Hank Aaron ... The list is testimony to unlimited opportunity in our great country!

Expose the Deception and Deceivers

Larry Elders, nationally syndicated Black radio host, recently dismantled three examples of bogus and misleading propaganda promoting what Eric Holder and race-baiters call "pernicious racism" in America: 1) "Black boys get expelled more than whites." They do, but it's because of behavior—even Obama said boys raised without fathers (over 70% of Black children are born out of wedlock) are 5 times more likely to commit crimes, and with zero tolerance policies in schools, they offend more. 2) "Blacks get longer sentences." U.S. Sentencing Commission requires if offenders have longer records (statistically Blacks do) this accounts for the discrepancy. 3) "Voter ID laws suppress Blacks." Studies show almost all Blacks have IDs, and they support them almost equal with whites (greater percentage of eligible Black voters compared to white voters backed Obama as they came out in droves).

“Pernicious racism” and “white privilege” didn’t hold Holder back with his net worth of \$11.5 million. Same for Patrisse Cullors, Marxist BLM co-founder, owner of four high-end homes with her latest a \$1.4 million one in a ritzy Malibu enclave. When this was exposed, she immediately put out a statement implying racism for mentioning it!

Here’s the Deal: We are called to be “ministers of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:20). As we repent and pray for another Great Awakening, which is the only hope for America, let’s pray for more prominent Black leaders to boldly speak up for righteousness. As Pentecost Sunday approaches, may it be said of us what was spoken of the multiracial 1906 Azusa Street Revival that shook and continues to impact the world, “The color line was washed away in the Blood.”

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