

Too Many Rights?

Trump Supporters Claim That ‘Blacks’ And Other Minorities Have ‘Too Many Rights’

That sort of thinking sounds awfully familiar. Could it be that I've heard it right here on Shmoozezone?

“I voted for him because I thought the blacks were getting on too much,” said Kevin Forester of Chattanooga, Tennessee. “I mean they’re everywhere. There was one in the White House, you see them all over ESPN. And you can’t move to a neighborhood to escape them,” he said.

These concerns that Black Americans have rights isn’t limited to Tennessee. Curtis Jennings of Little Rock eagerly voted for Trump because he feared that minorities had “too many rights” and “would outpace white men.”

“...for a lot of white Trump voters, the idea that they aren’t guaranteed a job just for being white is discrimination. ”

Most Americans are not racist, nor so ignorant that they think this way. But the number who do, make a difference in the political environment. It's a troublesome infection on our national self-image, one that could get worse, or treated until it is no longer a problem.

-cosmic rat Nov. 23 2017

FOR THE DENIERS

"American psychology, by which I mean the way Americans think about themselves and our collective social dilemmas, is painfully naïve. We are like children looking for the bogeyman or watching a movie where the ‘good guys’ get the ‘bad guys,’ returning all to a sense of safety.

Regarding race, and many other of our deepest and most intractable problems (e.g., addiction, depression, and domestic violence), getting the bad guys, identifying and eliminating a few bad apples, is wholly insufficient. **The truth is that we are the system — we are all complicit and we all carry a certain responsibility for America’s original sin: racism.**

Don’t get me wrong, there are bad guys, but it is also our psychological naiveté, our cultural blinders, that allows this kind of infection to grow unchecked; it is our collective complicity that is most problematic. Our denial of racism is a form of racism in and of itself."

America’s Deadly Denial of Racism

Racism: Americans’ Complicity, Denial and Naiveté

For those who would criticize the mainstream media, it DOES have a fault. It isn't what it tells us, it's what it LEAVES OUT.

"It took four days of unrepentant hate, bigotry, and fear mongering that culminated with Donald Trump's noxious coronation speech in Cleveland for some in the American news media to finally concede that the Republican Party in 2016 is the United States' largest white identity organization. They are surprised by what is obvious; the American news media is 50 years late in acknowledging what has been clear for decades.

Why is this?

The American news media is very risk averse. To acknowledge that one of the United States' two institutional political parties is racist would be too radical an act. Such a claim has also been largely avoided because conservatives have been able to use the myth of the "liberal media" to silence and bully their critics in the Fourth Estate."

[50 years of denial: How the American news media enabled the racism of Donald Trump and the Republican Party](#)

Only some of the following applies to the deniers. Other parts are aimed at those who do realize the problem, but make mistakes in how they approach it. All of us, no matter how concerned and well-meaning, can learn from this if we are willing to.

"Below is a list of **[28 common racist attitudes and behaviors](#)** that indicate a detour or wrong turn into white guilt, denial or defensiveness. Each is followed by a statement that is a reality check and consequence for harboring such attitudes

- 1. I'm Colorblind.**
 - 2. The Rugged Individual, the Level Playing Field and the Bootstrap Theory**
 - 3. Reverse Racism**
 - 4. Blame the Victim"**
- (and 24 more)

This one relates to Australia, which is not entirely different from the US in many ways:

[With our narrow interpretation of racism it's too easy to deny that we are racist](#)

"At least part of the reason for why there is such denial, hindering the acknowledgement and redress of racism, is our lack of understanding of the link between racism and race."

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