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### Vote for a Great America Unified in American Values

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Have you ever wondered why America is so preoccupied with race and ethnicity? Those pesky forms and applications for Social Security and other government agencies are perfect examples of this obsession. They require you to check off boxes for “race”: Black/African American, Hawaiian Native, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander, Asian, White or under “ethnicity”, Latino or Hispanic.

In the May issue we discussed the Left’s obsession with “guns” and their relentless attacks on our 2nd Amendment rights. Equally insidious is their obsession with “race.” In fact, the “race-card” is the Progressive-Democrat’s weapon of choice in American politics. Conservatives being the target of this political weapon on the other hand seem often to be caught flat footed whenever confronted with the topic of race while their opponents exploit this issue shamelessly to advance the Democrat’s political agenda.



As a naturalized immigrant American of Chinese descent who grew up internationally, I never could understand why racial or ethnic designations matter anyway? I married my wife for who she is as a person, not because of her race. Our son is a great “American” young man not a “Eurasian-American.” I don’t view myself as defined by my race, and I certainly do not view others in that regard. Do we not teach our children to never judge a book by its cover? Have we not twice elected a president who is a black-American? So, are we not now living in a post-racial America or is this all just lip service about how “tolerant” we are? Was it not Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who said that he had a dream that one day we would all be judged by the content of our character and not by the color of our skin?

Why then are government bureaucracies deliberately segregating us as a people? Even more importantly, why do we allow them to do so? Sure, race relations in America can be a delicate matter but I would argue that it is our complacency and our silence that has made it so. In fact, it’s gotten to the point where if conservatives speak out on anything remotely race related, they’re routinely labeled “intolerant” or worse, “racist” ~ is it any wonder why we’re so divided?

In the 60s my family lived in West Africa. My friends included children from the American, Russian, British, French, Italian, Nigerian, Liberian, German diplomatic missions as well as local African kids and those of Lebanese and Israeli merchants. We attended school together, socialized together, were friends with each other and enjoyed each other’s company. “Race” was never an issue with any of us ~ the topic simply never came up. I was blessed to have the opportunity, if only briefly, of living an Utopia as was imagined by Dr. King.

In the fall of 1968, I left Africa to attend boarding school in Connecticut. It was in America that I first experienced this phenomenon of racial self-segregation. Black and white students sat at different tables in the cafeteria. They mostly had separate social agendas. Having lived much of my childhood with multi-racial friends, this was surprising to me. Even at the young age of fourteen I found it troubling but quickly learned that this was just the way it was in much of America.

We can study American history, examine the role of slavery but that would entirely miss the point. The truth is race and ethnicity have been shamelessly exploited by powerful people entirely for political purposes for far too long in America. Over the decades, their playing the race-card has driven an ugly and divisive wedge into American politics and into American society. There’s little doubt racism exist but perhaps not in the way one might think. In fact, much of racism today is fueled by those entirely for political advantage and that is utterly reprehensible! It is a cancer that is poisoning America; a malignancy for which we must find a cure because we have a moral obligation to future generations as well as a duty to honor the memory and legacy of Dr. King and those who abhor racism.

I don’t presume to have all the answers and there clearly are no magic pills. But as Americans we must stand tall, expose the truth and push back against the exploitation of race as a political weapon. We must not cower or succumb to the tactics of racial division, and we must defeat those who promote our differences for political gain. Separating us into different groups and promoting “diversity” is how they’ve had short term political advantage but tragically to the long-term detriment of American society.

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The United States of America must not be permanently divided into pockets of races, cultures, religions, ethnicities, or people who don't trust each other. We must remain a nation of people united through our common interests ~ an America that values liberty, human dignity, and a noble national purpose. The values and beliefs that have made America the freest and most prosperous nation on Earth is a message that can and will resonate again delivered with thoughtfulness, consistency and with a firm commitment to our American principles.

A message of unity should begin with our children. There have now been decades of liberal-progressive indoctrination corrupting and occupying our schools by radical woke educators who clearly do not share our American values. Some openly preach hatred towards America, push revisionist history, and deny our kids a learning environment where critical thinking, objective discourse, individual expression, and common sense used to nurture creative, responsible, and productive citizens. We also have a media and entertainment industry that traffics in amorality to such an extent, core American values are being abandoned by our youth as a corrupt and dysfunctional new normal emerges in our popular culture. Faith, Family and Freedom are under relentless and open assault in America today.

We face a perilous time and risk losing generations who go through life believing in the worst of their own heritage. Those who wish to fundamentally transform America into something we don't recognize or want had declared war on our national sovereignty and our way of life decades ago ~ shame on us for remaining silent for so long!

Perhaps former President Obama is a product of our silence. Things that he said and did reflect not only a misunderstanding of our founding, they revealed contempt for our traditional values, our institutions and our American heritage. If I could speak to him personally today, I would say this to him:

"Mr. President, you say that 'we cling to our guns and our religion with antipathy towards those who are not like us...'

You are right. We do cling to our religion because the Bible teaches us three very important values: Virtue, Wisdom, and Humility. Values you will find useful in your life.

We do cling to our guns because we have a right and a duty to defend our lives, our liberty and those of our loved ones. We take that responsibility very seriously. We believe the rights of the individual are unalienable and we will never abdicate that responsibility to anyone including government.

And yes, we do have antipathy towards those who are not like us, but not in the way you think. We love our country and our fellow Americans. We revere our faith in God, family, patriotism, and we resent anyone who will attack or betray those values we hold so dear."

Our American values are fundamental, they are the glue that binds us together and indeed they have kept us strong. We abandon those values at our peril. As patriots we must stand for American values and promote a message of unity. And most certainly, we must never ourselves default to these racially divisive tactics used by those whose goal is to divide us.

Regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or even party affiliation, as Americans we share a far more profound mutual interest ~ our love of family and our love of Country.

It has been said that silence is consent. If you truly care about our beloved nation and for future generations to know what it really means to be American – then we must be silent no more.

This Fall we as Americans must all make a commitment to vote to "Make America Great Again." It isn't merely President Trump's campaign slogan, it is a calling for all of us to preserve the United States of America as that shiny city on the hill ~ the beacon of hope of liberty for all mankind!







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