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Despite Liberals Race Does Matter
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What is the liberal's favorite ad hominem, a smear to which they are deeply addicted? Racist. But ask one for a definition, and nine times out of 10 he'll be reduced to babbling incoherence.

In a column on immigration, I suggested the fact that our open-borders policy would take this nation's white population from 74 percent today to 53 percent by the middle of the next century to be a cause for concern. This elicited the usual cries of xenophobia and comparisons to the CEO of the Third Reich.

Typical was an encounter with Pat Lamarche on WGAN in Portland, Maine. Fifteen seconds into her show, Pat informed me that I am the kosher equivalent of the imperial grand wizard.

"Could you define 'racist?'" I inquired. Lamarche was evasive. ("What do you think it means?") I told her that was irrelevant, since I wasn't calling her one. She changed the subject.

To my understanding, a racist is one who either: automatically hates members of a given race, or assumes that certain groups are morally or intellectually inferior to his own. I do neither.

Would that in the 30-odd years since his death, Dr. Martin Luther King's vision of a colorblind America had become a reality. That it has not is the fault of liberals intent on sowing division and race-hustlers intent on exploitation.

Would that America hadn't become a place where justice is colorized and juries can free vicious killers and would-be killers (O.J., Lemrick Nelson, Damien Williams) as a show of racial solidarity.

I'd sleep a bit easier if Louis Farrakhan wasn't the most admired man in the black community. I wish minority voters didn't feel compelled to elect a gonif (the late Harold Washington), a total incompetent (David Dinkins) or a coke-head (Marion Barry) to high public office because he's a brother.

These are all realities of an increasingly race-conscious America.

Here are a few more disagreeable facts: Blacks constitute 12 percent of the population but comprise 39 percent of those arrested for aggravated assault, 55 percent of arrests for murder and 61 percent of arrests for armed robbery.

According to figures published in U.S. News in 1989, when whites are violent, they target blacks 2.4 percent of the time. When blacks are violent, they target whites more than half the time. In New York, initiation in the Bloods street gang entails slashing a Caucasian's face with a straight razor.

Of course, the coin has another side. There are blacks who also agonize over this situation - some lead lives of quiet decency, others of nobility. There are black writers, ministers and politicians who are making significant contributions to the reclamation of our civilization. On the day when the community looks to them for leadership - and not on Al Sharpton or a Jesse Jackson - race will no longer matter.

Still, in light of the afore-cited statistics, should we view America's declining white population with indifference, optimism or elation?

The vast majority of white liberals who declare that race is irrelevant somehow end up not living in black neighborhoods or sending their children to predominantly black schools. Apparently, it's all right to act on racial assumptions as long as they are left unspoken.

Why must we exacerbate these social ills through unrestrained immigration? Is racial strife, crime and poverty in such short supply that we must import more? With 5 percent of the world's population, why must we take half of all immigration to industrialized nations?

If the alien inundation is as good for America as utopians insist, why then the more the merrier. Why stop at 1 million legal immigrants and another 500,000 illegals each year? Why not immediately open our doors to 20 million or 30 million? Why opt for slow suicide when we could go out with a glorious bang?

Why is it that of all peoples on earth, only Americans are not entitled to preserve their culture and national identity?

Let's say that the United Nations proposed to transfer 10 million war refugees from Albania to Rwanda. If Rwandans objected, would that mark them as racists and xenophobes? Might not a Rwandan reasonably observe that while he bears no animus toward Albanians, let enough of them in and Rwanda will cease to be Rwanda?

At last we arrive at liberalism's ugliest secret - liberals hate America (our history and heritage, which they deem irredeemably evil) and long for the day when our nation will sink into a great multicultural ooze.

Race and immigration are their tools for achieving those ends. Which is why skeptics are attacked with such fury.

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