

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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black people, winning a majority of whites' votes in Louisiana in his campaigns for governor and the Senate, the U.S. Senate did not issue statements of condemnation. When Patrick Buchanan indulges in frequent race-baiting, homophobic and sexist rhetoric, there is no call for white male leaders to denounce one of their own. When Senator Fritz Hollings of South Carolina described African diplomats as

"cannobals", the Senate said nothing. Why the double-standard on hatred?

Farrakhan's popularity is rooted in the deep dissatisfaction and alienation felt within the African-American community toward white power. Despite all of our efforts, we are losing ground in the struggle for equality. Our "race" becomes the essential vehicle through which we seek to assert our humanity and struggle for self-respect. Yet

if we define our politics simplistically, as a narrow definition of ourselves — whether as African-Americans or Latinos only, or working people or women only, or Christian or Jews only — we surrender any hope for creating an agenda to liberate all people who are oppressed. Our struggle must be to destroy the oppressive institutions of racism and the very idea of race itself, while maintaining our cultural heritage and identity of struggle.

We cannot accomplish this by degrading others. The farthest boundaries of our identity should never stop until reaching the horizons of a common humanity.

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REAL ESTATE

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TO BE EQUAL

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to arbitrary and irrational sentencing."

That has allowed a clear pattern of racial discrimination in the way the death penalty is administered. Most murder victims in the U.S. are African Americans, but the death sentence is more likely in cases where the victim was white.

The government's General Accounting Office reports that blacks who kill whites get the death sentence at "nearly 22 times the rate of blacks who kill blacks and more than seven times the rate of whites who kill blacks."

This most serious of penalties remains trapped in a web of racial prejudice and irrational arbitrariness, and current trends can only make the problem worse. The Supreme Court majority seems determined to

restrict the rights of appeal and continues to uphold the death penalty even in cases where evidence of arbitrariness is clear.

And the crime bill now before the Congress would greatly expand the death penalty for federal crimes although most experts agree that the penalty has no impact on public safety and does not deter criminals from committing those crimes.

Further, no matter how fair a trial is, mistakes can happen. Over the past two decades, 48 people have been freed from Death Row because evidence of their innocence was discovered. Proponents of the death penalty claim that the Constitution does not bar it and even refers to "capital" crimes. But the Constitution is a living document, and what passed for normal state behavior in the 1970's can no longer be deemed

normal in the 1990's.

The death penalty is a throwback to the law of the jungle, and it demeans a civilized state. When the government kills in revenge it lowers itself to the status of the criminal and undermines its moral authority.

Justice Blackmun has moved from supporting the death penalty to opposing it. His colleagues on the Court should now join him.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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FOR THE LADIES

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spared pain, or hurt, or even death in the course of a day.

God loves us and wants the best for us. And even though sometimes we fall short, he still blesses us, even when we don't deserve it. So sometimes instead of saying "why me?" when trials come, maybe when positive things happen to us for no apparent reason we can ask "why me, God? Why have you blessed me so?"

If we do this, we'd probably find that there are more positive and wonderful things going on in our lives than we realize. When we do learn to realize those positive things, let's focus on them and put them at the forefront of our minds.

EBONY ETCHINGS

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pel releases in the country.

Since launching his gospel career as a gifted four year old performer in churches around the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, Kirk Franklin has come full circle career wise. He's constantly in demand to perform, direct, produce and write hit gospel songs for others. Now just 23, he's written and/or performed with

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