

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

ORGAN DONATION

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A recent letter to the editor in the Journal of the National Medical Association brings into clear focus the issue of organ transplantation for Africans, Latinos and Europeans. In it the author, who is Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia raises an issue of fact that 14 states in this country have an implied consent clause, laws that allows organs to be taken from individuals without the consent of the next of kin or without the consent of the individual. We are not talking about harvesting organs from people who are alive or who are expected to survive. We have not gotten to that point yet, but what we are taking about is people who have been declared brain dead or otherwise declared a non survivable injury.

It raises the real issue as to whether or not organ donation is now becoming an industry in this country, a little better than a slaughter house operation. For example, 10 years ago the majority of organ donations came from people who had sustained blunt injuries; that is injuries from falls, accidents, and from what could be considered pure accidental incidents. Now there has been a shift or at least in places like the District of Columbia the majority of organ donations come from people who have suffered societal violence i.e. penetrated injuries, gunshot wounds etc.

What is most disturbing is that the organ donors are much younger and the method of injury is often a gunshot wound to the head. For those who are familiar with firearms, you will recall that the gunshot wound to the head is the most difficult shot to hit, since the head is the most mobile part of the body and is the smallest part of the body. From an organ donation perspective, however, since we cannot transplant brains, destroy the brain and that leaves the rest of the body available for organ donation. Therefore, the streets become little more than a butchering block for the poor black and Latino youth of this country.

I find it difficult to believe that the so-called "drive by shootings" are occurring among people who are so skilled in firearm manipulation that they are able to accurately place a shot in an individual's head. Even police officers are taught not to fire at a person's head but to fire instead at the trunk which is the largest and most immobile part of the body. That is the area between the clavicles or the collar bones and the pelvis. That is where most of the body is. If you really

want to stop someone, that is the best place to shoot them.

It is true that Africans are the most in need of organ transplantation and indeed wait longer for kidney transplants, liver transplants, etc. In spite of the increase in the number of African donors there has not been an increase in the number of African patients. Even though

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HOW COULD THINGS CHANGE?

By R.K. Brown

The latest reports from the labor department conclude that blacks again are at the bottom of the labor pool. Of all the represented races in the current survey, blacks remain woefully at the bottom.

Per capita, Asians make the most money in America per family. Whites are second, and you can believe me, there will be some major white conservative race hating of Asians for that. Anyway, whites are followed by the Latin community and of course last and ALWAYS least, are black Americans.

Remember as late as the 1960's, no people of color were allowed access to the American employment sector. It was reserved exclusively for white males only. If we examine any historical footage for the fight for civil rights and true access for jobs, exclusively we BLACK BODIES being either sprayed with water hoses or mace!

Or...we see racist police forces letting their frenzied dogs eat black bodies, or...we see

we are being harvested, we do not reap the benefits of the harvest. There are regional and local transplant committees that are called organ procurement organizations. On these organ procurement organizations, we seldom sit. Even though we may have the greatest per capita need, we are still eliminated from organ procurement decision

black bodies hanging from southern trees or...black churches burning in the summer sun. Pretty plain and simple. We fought and died for every group of oppressed people in America, but ourselves!!! Today, every group of color gains access to employment and America's dream.

Some might wonder what happened to our rights if we were on the front lines doing all the blood shedding?! That isn't the question. The real question is, how could anything really change?

If blacks achieve in America, who would take their place on the bottom? Today Native American specials outlining their abuse and raping, cloud the T.V. airways; and deservedly so. WE must always reminisce about the tragedy of the holocaust and rightfully so, to keep future diabolical white racist plagues from taking hold again.

Women now dominate the work place. So now both the

making. It is not too far fetched to project that either the U.S government, which brought us the "Tuskegee 626," or organized crime may indeed be responsible for these harvesting operations that go on in our streets.

Until such time as this major decision making organizations include Africans to a significant extent, we should be very leery

white man, and his white woman are gainfully employed. People of color came from all over the world to receive the relaxed living environment of the new civil rights age.

Gay groups can rightfully come out of the closet and live as they should, like any other American. Special people with disabilities can apply for jobs, and frequent public facilities and restaurants, without the taunts of racist closed minds.

But...oh that brotha!! I mean really if there are no ghettos, prisons, criminals, and poor blacks, who could whites compare themselves to?! If whites were living in ghettos and prisons and brothas weren't, there would be revolution in the white streets!!!

No matter how bad things get, at least they don't have to live or be compared to blacks. And really, isn't that white America's ONLY lasting crutch???? peace...

of too quickly allowing organ donation to occur on our friends and family. In addition, it is time to take a serious look at how these organizations function. For indeed it may look at how these procurement groups, themselves, that may be involved with at least the encouragement of this kind of genocide activity. A



JAMES S. TATE JR., MD watchful eye needs to be kept upon the circling lion. You may see only a lion but the lion sees you as food. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

"Money doesn't buy justice. Its just that lock of money nurtures injustice". I'm paraphrasing a statement made by Alan Dershowitz one of the lawyers for O.J. Simpson. This week he was a featured guest on Larry King Live to discuss the Simpson case, among other things.

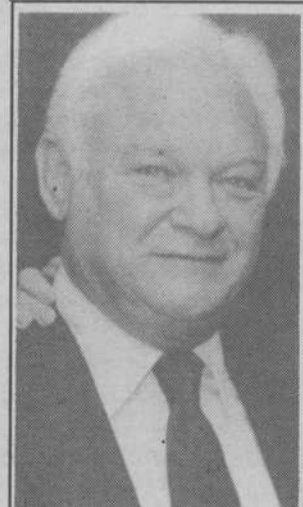
For a high profile, high priced lawyer this is an easy assessment for him to make. Every case he's ever been involved in has netted him clients who can afford to hire that private investigator to investigate this or that. His clients have been able to afford to hire the additional lawyer needed to back up his case.

When was the last time an Alan Dershowitz, a Jerry Spince, a F. Lee Daily or a Johnny Cochran took a case when the client had no money, no clout, no power, no anything? These lawyers know that they want to get paid, win, lose or draw! And to take a case for Joe Public would mean not getting paid and more than likely losing the case because Joe has no resources available to him. It is no secret that 'money makes the world go round.' When you have no money your world and all it has to offer passes you by, even justice.

Justice in America is like whore, the more you dish out the more favors you get. But unlike justice, with a whore you get a degree of satisfaction.

Justice may be symbolized by a blind folded female holding the scales of balance, who by virtue of her blindfold is impartial to all who come before her. But ask Joe Public and he'll tell you, "that bitch turned her nose up at me" or "she didn't even look my way."

Mr. Dershowitz, you claim money doesn't buy justice? Perhaps you were referring to the Italian lira or the British pound or the Swiss franc or even monopoly money. But both you and I know that a few dead presidents can buy quite a lot of see through blind folds. Until next time this has been the Minister of Information!



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