



## America is Not a Racist Country

If you know me, you will soon realize that I'm quite fearless by the grace of God. I love to speak the truth in love. I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of this narrative that America is a racist country. I will argue that this narrative is false. It is used by many to divide this country in order to conquer or destroy it. Many are using this rhetoric to tear the country apart and also open old wounds. I'm not playing a part in that. Count me out.

There is a group of people who have played the race card all their lives. They have benefited from this race card and will not put it down. They spin everything in light of skin color. This attempt has diminished the level of responsibility that needs to be taken by many and has promoted a victim mentality, especially among some blacks and minorities. As a man with black skin, no one owes me anything. I'm no victim.

### **Reparations for slavery**

Reparations for slavery is the idea that some form of compensation or payment needs to be made to the descendants of Africans trafficked to and enslaved in the Americas as a consequence of the Atlantic slave trade. Some have argued that blacks in the United States should be compensated. Why should we hold all Americans responsible for the sins of others? Where does this work in real life? How would you like it to pay a price for what someone has done? That is an ungodly concept. I can only agree to that sentiment if the Democrat party—the party of slavery, Jim Crow, and anti-civil rights party is the one that pays. If this was the argument, this bluffing would be off the table.

Only God could do pay for the offenses an sin of others. He did through Jesus Christ who took the sin of the whole world upon Him. He is the only one who would and could pay for the sins of others—no other man could and is qualified to do so.

Ezekiel 18:1-4 "The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any

more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”

### **Blacks in America also owned slaves**

In 1654, a Virginia court granted blacks the right to have slaves. The narrative that only whites owned slaves is deceptive. In South Carolina from 1790-1860, free black owners were black slave owners and widely embraced slavery as a viable economic system just like the whites exploited the labor of slaves on their farms and in their businesses.

### **African chiefs**

Many people minimize the role played by the African chiefs in the slave trade. The Africans sold their own people to the available buyers. These included Arabs, Spanish, Portuguese, and the West.

I would not let these guys off the hook. Very few people buy if you are not selling. If you want to crucify the buyer, don't you forget the seller. That would be fair enough or else it is simply hypocrisy.

### **Racism**

No one can doubt that there is still some racism not only in the United States but all over the world, and we have to fight against it. Treating a person differently because of the skin of their color is wrong, ungodly, and unacceptable. This is true for treating one differently because of their sex, accent, background, weight, and height.

Some people think because someone is black, he can't be racist. Racism is not white against black. It could be the other way around. Racism is not a skin color issue. Racism is a heart issue, not a skin issue. A black, white, or any person can be a racist. In Rwanda, two tribes—Hutus killed Tutsi in vast numbers. They were blacks hating on blacks because of their tribal differences. This was a form of racism. It was anti-Tutsi racism.

Even more, to think that all white brothers and sisters are racist because of their skin color is racist in itself. All whites do not hate black and all the black do not hate whites. All women do not hate men, nor all men do not hate women.

I heard a woman on “The View” show who said a woman ought to be believed without collaboration. This woman was saying that women are incapable of lying. This is one of the most outrageous and incompetent statement I have ever heard on television. A woman, a man, or a child can lie. We should not believe anyone's testimony without collaboration. Racism is evil in the hearts of men that people use to treat others unjustly.

Many have claimed America is a racist country and that it has systemic racism. I disagree with that perspective. It is wrong. What does systemic mean? They are saying that racism is all around us, in every institution, it's all you see, there is no escape from it and so forth. No! America is not systemically racist, but although cases of racism still happen, praise God this country has come a long way. Racism is not ubiquitous in every system and institution in America.

I have personally never experienced a racist issue and I'm not saying others might not have experienced it. One thing is true about me is I never go looking at people based on their skin color nor do I desire to describe them that way. I do not look at things and analyze them based on skin color. I'm a godly man and I'm better than that. Even more, I'm an independent thinker who has renewed his mind after the Word of God and guess what? It has been working. Do not wake up, thanks! I have many dear and awesome white brothers and sisters such as Rick, Tim, Josh, Greg, Rudi, Kurt, Daniel, Anna and Dave to name but a few and my experience with them has been spotless. I have never felt a certain way and they have never treated me differently because of my skin color. They loved me as color-blind. These are men and women of God and it's offensive for one to put them in the same category as everyone else.

It is simply troubling to categorize everyone into the mold of skin color. This goes not only against the Word of God but also against the civil rights champion of the United States, Martin Luther King, Jr. who said "I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." He said people—not blacks. This applies to all regardless of their skin color. The most common thing that gets people judged is their character, not their skin color. One of the reasons someone got fired or did not make it was because they weren't good. Someone else was better and beat them.

One of the greatest insults to another person is to give them inclusion to a certain benefit, program or institution, leadership position because of their skin color or sex and not merit. If you do, you are simply saying that they are so dumb, have no chance of making it, they are unqualified, and they could not earn or deserve it. They were not worthy, so you had to find a way to include them. Look at sports competition for instance boxing. No one gets the winner's belt because just because no person of a certain skin color or sex ever won one. No, you have to earn and deserve it. It is not awarded; it's earned and that adds tremendous worth to that achievement because it was not handed to you.

You will want to read the Civil Rights acts of 1964 and certain amendments of the Constitution, many of which were directed towards ending slavery and discrimination such as the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment—abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for a crime, 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment—citizenship, equal protection under the law as relates to life, liberty, and property, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment—the right to vote. Even more, think about this. Is there a country that you know that has ever fought a war to end slavery against the blacks? An estimated 620,000 men died as a result of this war of the North versus the South all in the name of bringing slavery to an end.

After the war, more was done, the Civil Rights acts to end and stop discrimination based on race, sex, religion, and the nation of origin not to mention another major step in 1863—Emancipation Proclamation (executive order issued by United States President Abraham Lincoln on September 22, 1862, and effective as of January 1, 1863, which freed the slaves forever.)

1. Civil Rights Act of 1866—Guaranteed the rights of all citizens to make and enforce contracts and to purchase, sell, or lease property.
2. Civil Rights Act of 1957— Created the six-member Commission on Civil Rights and established the Civil Rights Division in the U.S. Department of Justice.
3. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended:
  - Unequal application of voter registration requirements
  - Racial segregation in schools, at the workplace and by facilities that served the general public or what is called the public accommodations.
  - Created Equal Employment Opportunity (EOC) Commission to monitor employment discrimination in the public and private sectors.
4. The Fair Housing Act of 1968:
  - Prohibited discrimination in the sale or rental of approximately 80 percent of the housing in the U.S. Prohibited state governments and Native American tribal governments from violating the constitutional rights of Native Americans.

As hard to accept as this may be the blacks in America are not the only ones who have suffered because of racism. Around 6 million Jews were killed by Hitler, a Nazi ruler, in the Holocaust. This was racism against the Jews. One thing you do not see about the Jews is the victim mindset that we see in some of the African Americans here in the United States. One thing I do know is that as long as a person has a victim mindset about anything, they will not experience freedom in any area of their lives. They will not take responsibility for anything and they will blame everyone that comes in their lives.

This concept of making the people today pay a price for the racism of their great-grandparents is unjust. The person who sins is the one who pays the price. Jeremiah 31:29-30 says, "In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge."

One thing I know that will get one treated differently no matter where you are on the face of the earth is the actions of the individual—not their skin color. Some people tend to blame others for racism and discrimination for treating them based on their actions, yet the real issue is their actions. Some people want to be treated based on the color of their skin even though their

actions suck. More often than not, it is because the individual has work to do, not because of their skin color.

Some people have pointed and will point to their skin color for failure in their lives. If they do not get a job because they have poor qualifications, they will conclude that it was because of their skin color. When they get fired for showing up late at work or having a bad attitude, they will say it happened because of the color of their skin. If America is a racist country as some believe, then it is safe to say that no black man could have made it. Look no further, there are plenty of prosperous (in the definition of this world) and stinkin' rich black folks like no time in American history. Again, many of these folks do not want this to be brought out to surface that anyone of any race, background, origin, sex, and skin color can prosper and achieve the so called "American Dream." I'm thinking of people like former US president Barack Hussein Obama, Ben Carson (a former Neurosurgeon), football players, and many other athletes, movie unstars many of which live in the best white neighborhood like Beverly hills, Martha's vineyard and many of the kind, yet at the same time crying foul play and insisting that America is racist. I see a bunch of hypocrites.

When something good happens to them, they do not say it was because of their skin color. They want to prove to everyone how it was because of their merit, experience, skills, and brilliance. This is not always the case. We need to take away these filters that make one see everything in light of their skin color.

### **Slavery in other countries**

Slavery was and is a disease on all humanity, not just America. It is even safe to say that it is still practiced in many countries. Slavery is illegal in America and I do not believe it is in many other countries. Many countries practice sex trafficking of young girls and boys and others still practice physical labor slavery. Any way you look at it, slavery of any kind is wrong and an abomination to the Lord. Owning another human being goes against the free will that God gave to man and violates one's inalienable rights.

This evil was in the past of America, but so was it in many other countries in the world of which some can be traced to recent their history. Slavery was practiced many years before America ever existed. In the Word of God, you see many instances of this all the way down to the children of Israel in Egypt as slaves.

### **Timeline to end of slavery in other countries:**

1. America

Fought a war to end slavery.

Over 750,000 men died in a war (the Civil War) that once and for all ended slavery in America. America is the only country on the face of the earth that I'm aware of that shed blood to end slavery. America has come a long way and I do not believe that this country is racist nor pro-slavery. Nothing points to that. To me, it is also insulting to many godly people and decent people to call them racist or pro-slavery. When people say all these bad things about America, they are not necessarily attacking buildings or the land, but the people. This is wrong.

If America was founded by slave owners as some pontificate, how do you explain these actions to end slave trade almost immediately after the Declaration of Independence in 1776?

- a) The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 prohibited slavery in the territory that would become the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.
- b) In 1794, Congress barred American ships from engaging in the slave trade.
- c) In 1780 Act (an act for the gradual abolition of slavery) banned Americans from employment or investment in the international slave trade and freeing newborn children of slaves. Enacted the end of slavery in Pennsylvania, one of the original 13 states. This was a gradual process and one of the reasons was because not all people wanted the end of slavery due to certain investments, they had in it.
  - i) I believe the gradual abolition was a God idea and a genius to deal with the difficulty of the day. They began with what could be achieved and worked their way until this was entirely wiped out. They did what they could do with the support available at the time.
- d) The U.S. Congress officially banned the importation of slaves beginning on January 1, 1808, the earliest date allowed under the deal made to ratify the Constitution.
- e) Shortly after the signing of the Declaration, northern states took the lead. By 1804, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont (Vermont residents had included anti-slavery text in their Constitution of 1777, but the state was not a U.S. state yet for there were no representatives or declaration of independence signers from Vermont which had been a part of New York. In 1791 it became the 14th state), Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania (1st state) had passed laws that immediately or gradually abolished slavery.

Emancipation Proclamation: 1862-1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached its third year of bloody civil war. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free."

2. Slavery was not abolished in the British Empire—1834
3. French colonial possessions—1848
4. Portuguese colonies—1858
5. Dutch Caribbean colonies—1861
6. Cuba—1886
7. Brazil—1888
8. China—1910 (but was still practiced until 1949)
9. Korea completely ended in 1930
10. Qatar—1952
11. Saudi Arabia—1962
12. Yemen—1962
13. Mauritania—1980
14. Not to mention the modern-day slavery in in Africa, Middle East and Asia. An estimate of about 40.3 million men, women and children by Walk Free International Human Rights Organization.


It is also documented that the Barbary pirate slavers from North Africa enslaved more than a million Europeans until the end of WWI, three times the number of Africans sold to America.

Here is a stunning thought that many need to consider. If America was such a racist country, why would most of the world want to come and live here? Common sense would be telling anyone not to go to a place that is racist as some pontificate. Such reasoning defies logic. There is no country on the face of the earth that people want to go to more than America and there is not an immigrant and welcoming country like The United States of America—no, not one. America has the greatest numbers of immigrants compared to any other nation by far.

### **Tribalism**

I was born in the Eastern part of Africa and I can say that we have tribalism there. This is when a person is treated differently because of their tribe not necessarily the color of their skin. To me, this is still a form of racism. The point is racism exists in other parts of the world as well but has been repackaged to the point that some do not recognize it.

## Profiling

I have been pulled over by the police about three times in 10 years and two of those things I was wrong. The police did not look to see if I'm black and then pull me over. I had broken the law. I was guilty. One of those times I did not stop all the way at the stop sign . She pulled me over and boy was she spot on. This stop had nothing to do with my skin color. The other time I was driving over the speed limit and I was guilty. I asked for mercy and he was gracious to me. The only time I was pulled over or stopped having done nothing wrong was a time when the police were looking for a black man that was coming from the direction I was coming because a robbery was reported, and I was riding a bike from that direction. Nothing was wrong with that stop. They were investigating an incidence that fit some of my physical features. If I were a police officer, I would stop me too. This was a suspect type of profiling.

Some have said that police officers pull the blacks over or stop them because they are black. Again, this defies any common sense. Profiling is a survival instinct that everyone has even kids. We all profile in one sense or another although some will choose to disagree, but that does not mean they are right. If I was walking down an isle and saw a guy who has his pants by the knees and has a hoodie, I will profile this guy and either turn around or be on guard. I do not hate the guy but I'm not stupid to move on blindly without my guard up.

It is almost impossible to prove that one is pulled over because of the skin of their color. If this is true, then police would not be pulling over any other person who does not look black. One truth that many do not want to address of face is that if the police pull a person over, they are not pulling them over to just say hello. They have done something wrong or they have a record that is not good and warrants some precaution measures from the law enforcement for some good cause. I'm not here trying to defend all the acts of law enforcement. It goes without saying that Law enforcement like any other profession is not spotless. They will always be rotten tomatoes in any profession. If you do not believe me look at the politicians, the so-called moral police.

My name is Rich Kanyali and I approve this message. Blessings to you and God bless the United States of America.