

Life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness, and why there will never be racial harmony in America.

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No greater concept for the founding of a nation has ever been conceived than the innate right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Life is granted to every human being by their Creator. Government has nothing to do with creating life, but does have the power to terminate it, through capital punishment and wars.

Liberty is also a divinely-granted right, but it too can be taken away by government when citizens break the law, or when tyrants are in charge. Government can also permit liberty for some citizens while denying it to others, as happened in this country during slavery.

Like life and liberty, the right to pursue happiness is an inborn blessing, but one that also can be obstructed by government. Just as pursuing happiness is severely constrained under totalitarianism, so it was for some people in this country under segregation.

America will always bear the shame of having once denied equal opportunity to black people. But no country has ever done more to right the wrongs committed against an oppressed minority than this one. Enormous strides have been made at creating the conditions that now enable black Americans to fully participate in their nation's promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Yet, despite those remarkable strides, racial divisions are as bad as they've ever been, and there's no reason to believe things will get better.

Racial harmony will remain an elusive dream as long as the Democratic Party knowingly enflames racial tensions to win elections. In an especially egregious example of that shameful practice, two of the Civil Rights movement's most heroic men lent their voices to a despicable radio ad that violated the spirit of everything they once were prepared to die for. Along with Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin, Andrew Young and John Lewis warned in ominous tones prior to the 2006 midterms that allowing Republicans to win could pose a lethal threat to black people. *A lethal threat.* The same kind of viciously untrue ads are run in the lead-up to every election.

Democrats have made an art form of locking up the black vote by throwing gasoline and a match on the lingering racial resentment that is understandably still felt by many blacks. Enflaming race hatred works like a charm, which is why there will never be racial harmony in America. Democrats will not allow it, not even ones who risked their lives in its name.

[Racist radio ad by John Lewis, Andrew Young and Shirley Franklin](#)



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The Democratic Party has taught racial politics to its rank-and-file members, many of whom hurl the hateful charge of racism at the drop of a hat as a cowardly way of attempting to silence opposing views. You can read about two times that hateful tactic was used on me [here](#) and [here](#).