

# Try a revolution instead of a mob scene riot

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The Rodney King court proceeding and verdict was the greatest travesty of justice that I have witnessed in my entire life.

The case seemed so cut and dry; a videotape of a man being beaten 56 times aired nationally for months. The beating was so obviously unnecessary.

Really, I'm not at all surprised. The American justice system is not set up to protect the innocent or to deliver justice. The system, as it is now, is non-linear. It is a system that can be manipulated and altered to achieve a desired verdict. A person with enough money or enough connections can get what they want from the court system.

The Los Angeles Police Department obviously has enough connections. The trial was first moved to a predominately white neighborhood with a large cop population; this was a blatant move to protect the guys with the clubs and guns. Next, the mostly all-white jury was asked by the judge to see the situation through the eyes of the accused police officers. After these riggings were in place, the court proceeded to fool the jury into believing that it is acceptable police behavior to beat the crap out of a motorist.

Following the verdict came an outbreak of justified violence and destruction stemming from an absolute loss of faith in the system. However, this is not a new emotion; the anger was always there, the King trial just sparked the fuel.

I will by no means condemn the violence; actually violence is common and acceptable when preserving a democracy. This country was built on blood.

I will, however, critique the violence that took place in Los

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Instead of a riot or a mob scene, this action should have taken the form of a revolt (revolution) or an uprising. Revolts

ceeds to alter that form of power. For instance, the people rioting in L.A. tore up their own neighborhood, looted their own stores and killed their own people. Nothing makes a racist happier than seeing his target of hatred self-destruct.

mob out of control is too easy for an army to quell. Early in a revolt, find out who is on your side then unite with that person or persons and kick some butt. A good way to find out if a person is on your side is to simply ask that person, "You Down with the Cause?" If that person answers yes, then you're cool; if that person answers no, then you know what to do.

When you are out of control with violence, you give the powers that be an excellent excuse to gun you down. When you are organized and purposeful, you've got a chance to accomplish change.

Anyway, the majority of the L.A. violence has ceased. For now, the brothers need to stop fighting among each other. Every time a brother kills another brother, that first brother has just assisted the state genocide agenda. One brother in jail and one brother dead, that's two brothers out.

You see, the government wants the brothers to kill each other. That's why they stick them in the inner-city, then they pour drugs and guns onto the scene. On top of that, they put a large majority of black cops in the neighborhood so what you have is a full scale war pitting blacks against blacks. This is President Bush's and his administration's wet dream.

It's peace for the time being but the fuel is still there waiting for ignition. Next time, the flame will burn in control. If you have a mentality that divides by race, belief or creed you will be taken out. You are either part of the solution or you are part of problem.



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A Los Angeles Police Officer marks in his notebook as men who were apprehended during the riots lay face down in a parking lot. Several arrests were made during the violence that took place following the Rodney King trial.

Angeles following the King verdict.

This violent reaction that took place in L.A. can be labeled as a riot, meaning that it was violence out of control. This particular form of violence is wrong. A violent

movement needs to be purposeful, organized and with definite direction.

Revolts target the specific individuals in power that are responsible for the particular oppression; then the revolt pro-

L.A. rioters should have taken more time to go after some of the big corporate businesses and people responsible for the corruption in government.

The most important step in any revolt is to stay organized. A

## Bush enforces stereotypes on racial minorities

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In the aftermath of the Rodney King trial and the subsequent riots, it's important to ask some questions.

For example, how could that jury come to that verdict? Who is to blame for the riots? And how did this country sink so far, anyway?

The answers are not easy and there are plenty of fingers to be pointed.

But it is clear that the politics of division have come full circle and now it is time for all of us to think about how we can make this a great country once more and how we can ensure liberty and justice for all.

Finger number one must be pointed at that wonderful leader of our country, George Bush.

In 1988, instead of talking about issues, George ran his now-infamous Willie Horton ad. The ad showed Horton, a large black man, and portrayed him as the symbol of crime. The ad blamed Michael Dukakis for letting Horton out of jail. The Bush campaign went on to run another ad showing a Massachusetts jail with a revolving door for criminals. All the criminals in the ad were either black or hispanic.

The message was clear. Bush was enforcing the stereotypical beliefs of middle class white Amer-

ica that told suburbanites to fear the large black men. This helped put Bush in office. It also helped to set the moral tone of his administration.

Bush's message of welfare reform was a thinly-veiled attack on the stereotypically lazy black American. The message, essentially, is that all these lazy black people are out there sponging off your tax dollars.

The time for welfare reform has come, but when King George tells us the way to solve the problems of the poor, and mostly black, people of this country is to cut off their funding, it must really make you wonder.

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while, the "drug war" Bush is now waging is strikingly one-sided. While whites do 80 percent of the drugs, blacks serve 70 percent of the jail time.

George tried to appease the black voters with a black Supreme Court nominee with a bad civil rights voting record and a do-noth-

ing civil rights bill.

At the same time, George's appointments to courts and cabinet positions have been almost exclusively white males.

Through these actions, Bush has proven just how crafty he is. While doing and saying nothing overtly racist, he has used the racial divisions of this country

When he says traditional family values, he means an end to civil liberties and a call to arms against the Bill of Rights and the women's movement and the civil rights movement.

All the while, Bush clings to the failed trickle-down economic theories of the '80's. These policies do nothing but take from the

poor and give to the rich like some kind of satanic Robin Hood.

And while Bush talked last weekend of ending racial divisions, he was planning another Willie Horton-type ad attacking Bill Clinton. With the same type of racially-loaded language that got him elected and fostering the stereotypes that convinced the jury that Horton must have been dangerous and any means necessary should be used to subdue such an animal.

Finger number two must be pointed at the so-called black leaders of the country. While Jesse Jackson basically refused to call

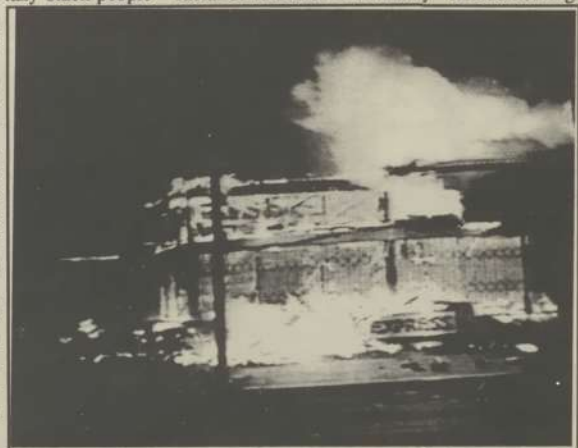


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A building burns out of control in Los Angeles during the riots that followed the verdict of the Rodney King trial.

to gain political advantages over his opponents.

When Bush says Dukakis is soft on crime, he means that Dukakis is going to free black marauders to rape and pillage through White Suburbia.

for an end to the violence and Al Sharpton was chanting "no justice, no peace," to an angry mob, the rioters were destroying their own neighborhoods and looting stores that provided what little opportunity there is for poor blacks.

Finger number three must be pointed at every one of us who have ever made racial jokes and turned our heads to racism, allowing bigotry to blossom into the hatred of the KKK and providing an atmosphere where a David Duke or an OCA could have any power at all.

Finger number four must be pointed at the rioters themselves who have not only proven themselves to be as bad as those four police officers, but have proven themselves to be the biggest racists in the country.

When an angry mob ignores the lessons taught to us all by Martin Luther King and lynches people due to their color, they deserve no more respect than the Klan.

What is truly sad is that many of the angry black youths who are looting and burning have probably never voted in an election. When an individual refuses to use their Constitutional power to legitimately change the country, but rather uses violence as a form of protest, they have done an injustice to themselves and everybody.

What is now important is to rebuild and to learn some lessons from this ugly chain of events.