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Effective  
May 1, 2014**

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**Carpet & Upholstery  
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# OPINION

## We Are Called in Aftermath of Charleston

Honoring  
our dream of  
equality for all

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

I am a native South Carolinian. Charleston is my maternal ancestral home. My great grandmother was born during slavery. My great grandfather I have been told was a plantation

overseer. Never have I been more proud and more ashamed of my dueling ancestral heritages than in the aftermath of the terroristic murders of nine black Christians engaged in Bible study at Charleston's historic Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church by a young white man infected by what Dr. King called, after President Kennedy's assassination, "a morally inclement climate."

He came with a troubled spirit and racial rage inflamed by a white supremacist website. He was enabled to become a mass killer by readily accessible and largely unregulated guns – over 310 million in citizen hands and only 4 million in America's law enforcement and

military hands. But his dastardly deeds were bathed in an amazing spirit of forgiveness among the victims' families.

I hope this latest chapter in America's pervasive history of domestic terrors against millions of black citizens victimized by slavery and Jim Crow terrorism, denied full citizen rights throughout our history, relegated to subhuman three-fifths status in our Constitution and treated like beasts of burden to fuel our unjust economic system can be squarely confronted.

Until the United States sees and cures its profoundly evil birth defects of slavery, Native American genocide, and the exclusion of all women and non-propertied men of all colors from our electoral process, these birth defects will continue to flare up in multiple guises to threaten our black community's and everyone's safety, our nation's future, and render hollow our professed but still inadequate commitment to ensuring equality for all.

Slavery was followed by thousands of lynchings and racially instigated terrorism through hate groups like the KKK during the

Jim Crow era. And it continues to be reflected in the unjust racial profiling and killings of black boys and men by law enforcement agents and a mass incarceration system.

Millions of African American and Latino children and people of color are trapped in a cradle to prison pipeline lodged at the intersection of race and poverty. That black children are the poorest, most mis-educated, most incarcerated, most unemployed, and most demonized of any group of children in America is a continuing legacy of slavery and Jim Crow that must end now.

Let's seize this latest tragic racial terrorist act to confront our history and how we teach our history. And we must all act together to reject our present day racism in all its structural, cultural and hidden manifestations with urgency and persistence. We must pass on to our children and grandchildren a more honest and just nation and a future free of the violence of racism, poverty and guns.

I believe we are called in the aftermath of the Charleston massacre, the latest in a long and egregious history of unjust black deaths, to confront the realities of our true history so that a new

generation of white youths does not carry forth the poison of racial supremacy and white privilege.

We also must act so that millions of African American, Native American and Latino children, soon to be the majority of our country's children in a majority nonwhite world, do not have to continue to struggle against overt and covert culturally ingrained racism.

We must firmly reject all symbols glorifying slavery and hatred that divide us. We must reject all efforts to subvert fair and democratic election processes including the precious right to vote. We must end mass incarceration and ensure equal justice under the law for all. We must confront massive inequality of wealth and income and end poverty, beginning with child poverty now.

It is time to commit America to become America and to close the gap between creed and deed. Let's send a ray of hope throughout our nation and world that we are committed to honoring our dream of equality for all. What an amazing grace moment we have been given to help our nation move forward together.

*Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund*

## A Musty Artifact of a Defeated Insurrection

Taking down the  
rebel flag

BY KWAME S. SALTER

Flags are imbued with the values, sentiments and aspirations of the nations, states, cities, organizations or groups that honor and fly them. Often hoisted high above throngs of amped-up individuals, the flag is a visible and material reminder of what a particular group stands for or values.

Flags can evoke passionate emotions of love, hate or fear. Flags carry a very loud, non-verbal, yet, specific and irreducible message. In the USA, the American Flag carries the message that we stand for truth, justice and democracy. However, in other places around the world, our flag, unfortunately, carries the message that we are there to impose our way of life and values on the indigenous population whether they like it or not. Flags are not value neutral. Flags say what they mean and mean what they say.

Prior to the Great Migration of the 1940s, the majority of African-Americans had toiled, been lynched, dehumanized and marginalized in the South.

The recent flap surrounding the Confederate flag is all the more surprising because we all know what it stood for and still stands for today. No, it does not represent youthful rebelliousness; nor, does it truly represent the heritage of a particular region of these United States of America; and, most importantly, it does not represent truth, justice and freedom.

Put simply, it is the musty artifact of a defeated insurrection against our government. What the Confederate flag represents is the attempted perpetual dominion of one group of human beings over another group. In other words, the cry of the secessionist southern states preceded George Wallace's "Segregation now, segregation forever." Instead, the rallying cry of the boys in grey was Slavery Now. Slavery Forever.

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And, while their experience differed markedly from whites in the South, southern blacks have as much of a claim to Southern heritage as their more privileged white brethren.

So, the argument that the Confederate flag is a symbol of Southern Heritage is tantamount to saying that the Nazi Swastika represented German heritage. Lest we forget, Jewish people in Germany were Germans. So, clearly both the Swastika and the Confederate Flag represent a failed attempt to either eliminate a group of people or, in the case of blacks, to keep them as chattel property. Both flags are abhorrent reminders of man's inhumanity to man.

For over 150 years, the victorious North has mollycoddled and enabled the defeated white South. Our central government allowed the wholesale disenfranchisement of black southerners, thus allowing white southern racists to control the most powerful committees in our national Congress.

We permitted the construction of statues lining the streets of

Richmond, Virginia, Charleston, South Carolina and other southern cities paying homage to "war heroes" intent on keeping my people in bondage. And, every day of a black southerner's life, he/she must be reminded of those very men who sought to keep them as work animals. Again, it would be akin to having statues of Hitler and his generals lining the boulevards of Berlin.

No, the Confederate flag is not the symbol real rebels should adorn their homes and clothes with to assert their independence. Instead, how about hoisting the American Flag, the real rebel flag.

While not always perfect in living up to it, the genesis of our national flag grew out of an aspirational vision: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal. Endowed by the creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness..."

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