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Effective  
May 1, 2014**

## Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery  
Cleaning  
Residential &  
Commercial Services**  
Minimum Service CHG.  
\$45.00  
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more \$30.00 Each Area**  
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Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area  
(Hallway Extra)

**Stairs (12-16 stairs - With  
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# OPINION



## DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

DEMOCRATS 1933

GOP 2015



## It's Not Playing the Victim When You Are Attacked

### Hatred and division hurts America

BY WILLIAM SPRIGGS

The Republican Party has drifted too far into attack mode for the health of American Democracy and the pluralistic society we pride America to be. America prides itself as a nation that is not based on country of origin, race or religion; but a nation meant to stand for the principles of liberty and justice and for all.

The unchecked rhetoric of the Republican-controlled House and the extremes of the Republican presidential candidates are a threat to that consensus; as they seek to redefine the nation in terms of religion, race and country of origin.

First, on the issue of immigration and the acceptance of refugees, the language of the Republican presidential candidates, which had been repugnant in the case of Donald Trump, crossed lines of decency.

What happened to those welcoming words to immigrants to America from poet Emma Lazarus engraved on the Statue

of Liberty.

Too many people recoil when reminded of America's ambivalence to opposition to accepting Jewish refugees in 1938 and 1939 fleeing Nazi Germany. They want to erase the language of the politicians of the day who fomented hatred by fearing that the acceptance of Jewish refugees would welcome Communists and anarchist extremist into America.

So these people don't like comparisons of Republican rhetoric about Syrian refugees to the Statue of Liberty or 1939.

And, too many balk at a comparison of Donald Trump's appalling call to force the registration of Muslims as a comparison to a threat of additional steps reminiscent of America's own sin of forcing Japanese Americans into camps during World War II. And, of course, those same people bristle at comparisons to Nazi Germany's registration of Jews.

In his letter from the Birmingham jail, written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the clergy of Birmingham, who objected to his tactics, Dr. King lamented that it is not the hatred of the bigots, but the silence of the supposed friends of liberty and justice that

leads to evil winning.

The apparent inability of the Republican Party to police itself and censor the fomenting of hatred and division will hurt America. And business interests that believe they can contain and manage the irrational forces of hatred are greatly mistaken. People pushed to being irrational cannot be reasoned back to sanity.

Unfortunately, some Republicans only recognize Trump as a threat because they believe he can't win a general election. They fail to see the deeper threat the whole party faces by pandering to hatred.

That pandering to hatred recently took an ugly turn in legislation. The Republicans in the House voted unanimously to bar the Consumer Financial Protection Board from doing its work to monitor discrimination in auto lending, which hits workers of color, particularly, hard. Unfortunately they were joined by 88 Democrats.

Sub-prime auto loans, those made to people with credit scores below 660, have jumped by \$110 billion in the period of March to September of this year. Most of those loans have come from auto finance companies, outside the traditionally better regulated banking and credit union sector. Of course being able to buy a

car is vital to workers trying to benefit from the record string of months of job growth America is experiencing. Hobbled by high unemployment and the disproportionate impact of the foreclosure crisis, African American and Latino workers also suffer from damaged credit scores as they look to buy cars and connect to jobs. This has made those communities vulnerable to predatory behaviors by auto finance companies preying on them.

The vote in Congress to strip the protection board of power to address this growing problem is an attack on the African American and Latino community. It is not playing victim to be appalled by such actions.

But just as hatred against refugees and immigrants only hurts America; so, too, as we saw with predatory lending in housing, does discrimination in finance. Auto loans will not bring down the banking industry as happened in the housing market, but it will bring down the auto sector; one of the few bright spots in the recovery for high wage jobs. The business community will not win, in the end, on this one.

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