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# OPINION

## The Need For Justice

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Despite President Joe Biden's recent signing of a proclamation honoring the late Emmett Till and his mother Mamie Till-Mobley, the cancer of racism in this country has metastasized and is perhaps beyond chemotherapy.

The White House has designated the river site, the Tallahatchie River where his body was found, County Second District Courthouse and Chicago's Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ, as part of a national monument, recognizing both the history of racial violence and the need for legal justice in this country.

Whether it's Paternalistic, Symbolic, Cultural, Intrinsic, Extrinsic, Institutional, Everyday, Individual, Modern, Competitive, Symbolic, or Aversive as described in her book (*Understanding Everyday Racism: An Interdisciplinary Theory*) so eloquently by Critical Race, Gender and Leadership Studies Philomena Johanna Maria Essed at Antioch University (Ohio); racism exists in its own poisoned and protected world of misinformation and ignorance.

Its fires of destruction are stoked by stereotypes and cruel mythology. Unfortunately, at the root of such intense convictions is a complex attitude of racial superiority, negative perceptions about various cultures or groups, and a value system that promotes maintaining dominance.



Emmett Till and his mother Mamie Till-Mobley

As the United Nation of people steam rolls further ahead into this century and become increasingly minority, it is imperative that people take a long hard look at race relations, especially after the upcoming election cycle as well as become more inclusive, tolerant, and provide minorities with equal opportunities. Not only do colleges, corporations, and communities have an obligation to cultivate healthy spaces or environments for minorities; each individual has a responsibility too.

Every human being has the right to be treated with dignity, respect, and with

fairness. Indeed, we are Baskin Robbins as a country, 31 plus flavors with new one's evolving daily and each is very special in their own right!

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## Man Linked to Deaths of Four Women...

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ed on June 6 by members of two sheriff's departments with U.S. Marshals Service assisting, the official said.

The bodies of Kristin Smith, 22; Charity Perry, 24; Bridget Webster, 31; and Ashley Real, 22, were found over a three-month period in wooded areas, under a bridge and in a culvert in a roughly 100-mile (160-kilometer) radius, spanning from rural Polk County southwest of Portland to the Columbia River Gorge, east of the city.

Real's body was the latest one found, on May 7. Her father, Jose Real, told The Associated Press on Friday that he called police on Nov. 11 after she showed up, crying, at his Portland home, saying she had been choked by Calhoun. She had marks on her throat, he said, and he took her to a hospital.

A Portland police officer took an initial report from Real and his daughter and she gave the officer Calhoun's name. Police wanted her to help find him but she was scared to do so, he said.

Because the location of the alleged assault was outside Portland police jurisdiction, the department referred the case to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Real said he never heard back from the sheriff's office, even though he and his wife called repeatedly.

Details of the attack were first reported by the Oregonian/OregonLive.

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