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Racist ‘Talk’ with White Children

In the wake of the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., stories appeared in newspapers, on broadcast outlets and on the Internet about “the talk,” a candid conversation Black parents have at some point with their Black sons about surviving in a society that devalues them as humans.

In an April 5 article published in *Taki* magazine (takimag.com), National Review contributor John Derbyshire wrote, “Yes, talk about the talk is all over.” Under the headline, “The Talk: Nonblack Version,” he said, “There is a talk that nonblack Americans have with their kids, too. My own kids, now 19 and 16, have had it in bits and pieces as subtopics have arisen. If I were to assemble it into a single talk, it would look something like the following.”

He then listed a series of clearly racist and undocumented comments. Among them:

— The default principle in everyday personal encounters is that, as a fellow citizen with the same rights and obligations as yourself, any individual black is entitled to the same courtesies you would extend to a nonblack citizen. That is basic good manners and good citizenship. In some unusual circumstances, however—e.g., paragraph (10h) below—this default principle should be overridden by considerations of personal safety.

— In consideration of personal safety, Derbyshire advises: Avoid concentrations of blacks not all known to you personally; stay out of heavily black neighborhoods; if planning a trip to a beach or amusement park at some date, find out whether it is likely to be swamped with blacks on that date (neglect of that one, he said, got me the closest I have ever gotten

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to death by gunshot); do not attend events likely to draw a lot of blacks; if you are at some public event at which the number of blacks suddenly swells, leave as quickly as possible; do not settle in a district or municipality run by

black convicted murderers or black investment bankers—the Law of Large Numbers will inevitably kick in. You will observe that the means—the averages—of many traits are very different for black and white Americans, as has been confirmed by methodical inquiries in the human sciences.

— Of most importance to your personal safety are the very different means for antisocial behavior, which you will see reflected in, for instance, school disciplinary measures, political corruption, and criminal convictions.

— These differences are magni-

the natural willingness of most human beings to be led, and a vague feeling that whites have it coming.

— The mean intelligence of blacks is much lower than for whites. The least intelligent 10 percent of whites have IQs below 81; forty percent of blacks have IQs that low. Only one black in six is more intelligent than the average white; five whites out of six are more intelligent than the average black... “Life is an IQ test.”

— There is a magnifying effect here, too, caused by affirmative action. In a pure meritocracy there would be very low proportions of blacks in cognitively demanding jobs. Because of affirmative action, the proportions are higher. In government work, they are very high. Thus, in those encounters with strangers that involve cognitive engagement, *ceteris paribus* the black stranger will be less intelligent than the white. In such encounters, therefore—for example, at a government office—you will, on average, be dealt with more competently by a white than by a black.

Derbyshire ended his article by saying, “You don’t have to follow my version of the talk point for point; but if you are white or Asian and have kids, you owe it to them to give them some version of the talk. It will save them a lot of time and trouble spent figuring things out for themselves. It may save their lives.”

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black politicians; before voting for a black politician, scrutinize his/her character much more carefully than you would a white; do

fied by the hostility many blacks feel toward whites. Thus, while black-on-black behavior is more antisocial in the average than is white-on-white behavior, average

‘Do not act the Good Samaritan to blacks in apparent distress’

not act the Good Samaritan to blacks in apparent distress, e.g., on the highway and if accosted by a strange black in the street, smile and say something polite but keep moving.

— As you go through life, however, you will experience an ever larger number of encounters with black Americans. Assuming your encounters are random—for example, not restricted only to

black-on-white behavior is a degree more antisocial yet.

— A small cohort of blacks—in my experience, around five percent—is ferociously hostile to whites and will go to great lengths to inconvenience or harm us. A much larger cohort of blacks—around half—will go along passively if the five percent take leadership in some event. They will do this out of racial solidarity,

Republicans: Playing the Race Card

I would like you to do me a favor. We all know Republicans. In fact, you may be a Republican. So, here is my request. The next time you have a discussion with a Republican friend of yours—or if you are a Republican—ask them a question for me: Why do the Republicans keep falling back on the race card in challenging President Obama?

Don’t get me wrong. I am not suggesting that the president should not be criticized. In fact, regularly criticize his policies in my commentaries. No, I am talking about something very different. I am asking, why do Republican-aligned groups regularly play with the race card. Or, perhaps I should go further and ask, even when they do not play the race card, why are they all too often silent when the race card gets played?

Let’s take a look at the birther movement, the movement that has suggested that President Obama was not born in the U.S.A. While it is true that we have not heard very much from them recently, I was absolutely amazed at how the Republican Party handled that issue. There was either silence or, worse, several of the GOP presi-



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dential candidates suggested that they believed that to be the case. The birther movement has nothing to do with the location of Obama’s birth, but it has everything to do with a segment of the White population that feels that a Black per-

wave of Republican-backed efforts to suppress the vote, everyone with an IQ of more than 10 knows that the objective is to suppress the pro-Obama vote. While this suppression is being done in the name of fighting voter fraud, the perpetrators of this charade cannot demonstrate any significant voter fraud that needs to be addressed. Yet their antics are clearly being aimed at making it that much more difficult for the Democratic electorate, including but not limited to African Americans, to get out to vote. Ask your friend—or ask yourself—why would the Republican Party have

formed as a result of the Supreme Court’s go-ahead in the Citizens United case that permits massive expenditures in elections that focuses on White fear. To borrow from the old album by the group Public Enemy, these Republicans are playing on the White fear of a ‘Black planet.’ Now, while it is true that at least some people in the Republican political establishment have finally suggested that this might not be a good course of action, why is it that on the Republican side of the aisle such crackpot, racist ideas are regularly floated?

To be honest, I am tired of running across Black Republicans who, for whatever reason, would rather ignore such shenanigans and pretend that those tactics don’t really have to do with race and don’t really speak to how the Republican Party views its small African American constituency, including them.

They should be ashamed.

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son, born anywhere on this planet (regardless of parentage) should be ineligible to be president.

Voter suppression is another issue. Though President Obama’s name is not featured in the the

an interest in a declining electorate and making it more difficult for Black people to vote?

Then we come to the discussions among the so-called SuperPACs, these monstrosities that have been