

Racial Separation and the Hyphenated American

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I know I am about to torque off a BOATLOAD of people -

But I don't care WHAT your racial background is - the terms Irish American, Polish American, African American, Mexican American, or "any other country/continent of origin" American - are nothing more than racially motivated ways to create a separation in the populous of our country. Choosing to divide yourself based on your "racial history" is RACISM - in the purest sense of the word. There are two clear cut choices - you are either an American or your not. If you are not - or you choose to delineate and align yourself with some foreign continent or country - then please, by all means - go become a citizen of THAT country/continent.

I maintain a genealogy library for my own family - and have lineages that are comprised of English, Irish, Scott, and Native American (those are the four predominant racial strains). So - by the whole "whatever" American school of thought - I should be at war... WITH MYSELF! A LOT! REPETITIVELY!

I am SO tired of racially motivated crap being fostered in schools, in Congress, and elsewhere in our country - but PATRIOTISM, love of THIS country and its peoples (we have a more diverse background than anywhere else in the world).

And I know that my Native American friends are going to back with "You invaded/stole it from us". Yes, THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS DID - NOT ME! Not My Father! Not My Grandfather! Not even my GREAT GRAND FATHER! Go back one more generation - and you find my family has Native Americans IN that generation!

What is HERE and NOW - is HERE and NOW... It's what we do and where we choose to go from here. We can either keep throwing around labels - and claiming discrimination - or we can own up to the truth:

"We're all very different people. We're not Watusi. We're not Spartans. We're Americans, with a capital 'A', huh? You know what that means? Do ya? That means that our forefathers were kicked out of every decent country in the world. We are the wretched refuse. We're the underdog. We're mutts!"

"But there's no animal that's more faithful, that's more loyal, more loveable than the mutt."

- Bill Murray as "John Winger"