

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RACIAL MOTIVES? YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW, DO YOU MR. PITTS!



By Stephen L. Bakke  May 6, 2014

Here's what provoked me:

Leonard Pitts Jr. is a talented Pulitzer Prize winning syndicated commentary writer for the Miami Herald. Too often he seems angry and full of vitriol toward many whom he considers the enemy - in this case, those who oppose certain of Obama's policies. He attributes not only racism to Obama opponents, but "blatant white hood racism." He must be very unhappy and angry! He's good at what he does, but I think he's doing it the wrong way! Sure, he gets praise from those who automatically agree with him, but he should redirect his energy to try to impress those who don't. If he did so, perhaps some could find some common ground and work together once in a while. He's definitely divisive and pushes others away!

My main point in this short commentary is that Mr. Pitts acts like he knows what's in the hearts of all others. He doesn't, and I know he wouldn't want others presuming they know what's in his heart! He's brilliant, and I'd like to have him come over to my side. He's not here now!

Here's my response:

Racial motives? You don't really know, do you Mr. Pitts!

In another accusation of racism, Leonard Pitts Jr. challenged George Will and Brit Hume to answer this question: **"You say race has played no role in the treatment of President Obama. Fine. What would it look like if it did? much of the behavior toward Obama would need white hoods to be more blatantly racial than it already is."**



Leonard Pitts Jr.

Mr. Pitts, your question of those commentators resembles the familiar: "Have you beaten your wife lately?" It presumes guilt. You, Mr. Pitts, commit the transgression which you won't tolerate from others: using extreme examples, you generalize characteristics about another group.

Terrible examples of racism exist in our society, but your comments indicate you know what's in the hearts of all others. You don't know my heart, Mr. Pitts, nor that of Will and Hume. **Yet you assume all who object to certain of Obama's policies aren't just racist, but "blatantly" so!**

I don't know your heart, Mr. Pitts, and if I accused you of racial hatred, you should respond: "You don't know my heart, only my passion." And you would be right!

You sometimes sound like you are full of vitriolic hatred. I bet you aren't! Quit acting like it!