 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC":**
LEONARD PITTS:
COWARDICE,
A POP TART,
AND A CLOCK



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Here's what provoked me:

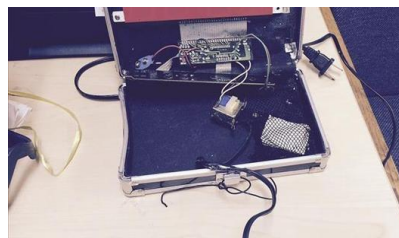
Good ol' Leonard Pitts once again lets his racism show. He accused America of fear and cowardice in one of his articles. He stated: "Courage is also about who you are in stressful times...we are fraidycats and cowards." He was referring to the arrest of the 14 year-old Texas schoolboy who brought a briefcase to school. It definitely looked like a bomb. It was a clock. There were no charges.

Here's my response:

Leonard Pitts: Cowardice, a Pop Tart, and a Clock

Leonard Pitts accused America of fear and cowardice in "Country proves itself to be more cowardly than brave," on 9-25. He stated: "Courage is also about who you are in stressful times...we are fraidycats and cowards." This was about the arrest of the 14 year-old Texas schoolboy who brought a briefcase to school. It looked like a bomb. It was a clock. There were no charges.

I scoffed when the seven year-old Maryland student was suspended for eating a pop tart into the shape of a handgun. I shake my head when recalling the suspension of a six year-old Colorado student who created a "gun" by extending his index finger and pointing it. A reprimand is fine. That's how they learn, but these suspensions remain on the boys' records.



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We've been asked to be diligent. Fingers and Pop Tarts clearly don't fit the intent of that request. The briefcase does! With its wires, clamps and unrecognizable contents, it looked like a bomb – the police acknowledged that. Then why does Pitts react like this? Then he disclosed that the boy is a Muslim and refers to the incident as "Islamophobic idiocy."

Mr. Pitts left his objectivity, fairness, and racial blindfolds at home on this one!