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 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
**LEONARD PITTS SEES A
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IN AMERICA!**



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Here's what provoked me:

As too often happens, Leonard Pitts slipped out of his genius mode and created a harmful product of demagoguery and suspicion. How can he sometimes show such insight, and be so emotional and full of apparently unreasonable disdain at other times?

Here's my response:

Leonard Pitts Sees a Modern Day Hitler Right Here in America!

On June 22, Leonard Pitts made sure we know he means it when he compares Trump to Hitler. ("Trump supporters question comparisons to Hitler"). He denies he's trivializing the tragedy of the holocaust by saying: "I'm not the only one who sees the shadow of Germany in the 1930s over America in the 2010s. Once again, a clownish demagogue bestrides the political landscape....." Pitt predicts some calamity happening although not a new holocaust.

In order to claim his comparison is "not a bit of a stretch," Pitts must do some serious convincing. That means he'll have to come up with a "Trump event" that competes with Hitler's crimes against humanity. Hitler was responsible for the murder of at least 11 million innocent civilians, including at least 5.5 million Jews.

Mr. Pitts' brilliance and sincerity is once again being overwhelmed by his persistent inability to understand the thoughts and motivations of those he opposes. Too often Pitts leaves his objectivity, fairness, and racial blindfolds at home. In this case, his desire to squash demagoguery failed when he slipped into that zone himself - trying to arouse his readers' emotions and prejudices.

Amongst much good, Pitts is also capable of causing much damage!