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MAYBE SHE SHOULD LOOK IN A MIRROR!

By Stephen L. Bakke  August 24, 2017



Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! Did you read that article in the "Strib's" Opinion Exchange about the college professor who is frustrated living in Northfield, Minnesota – a progressive, inclusive area if there ever was one "in this neck of the woods." I understand we probably can't change her feelings, nor should we question their validity or her sincerity. I just wondered what you think about it. – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything. – SB's primary "go-to guy."

Here's my response:

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A commentary on August 19 by Lisa Moore told her story of discomfort and general dissatisfaction living in a college town near the Twin Cities – Northfield, Minnesota to be precise. She is a black college professor describing how she seems frustrated, unhappy, and choked off from her comfort zone – all caused by this "domain of whiteness."

On August 24, an editorial letter sympathized with Moore. The writer pointed out that Moore's discomfort continues in spite of the progressiveness of Minnesota, the nearby Twin Cities, and in particular the town of Northfield that is home to two sincerely and genuinely progressive liberal arts colleges. The letter concluded that if Moore can't find a home in that community, that implies we must have a whole lot of work left to do for race relations and inclusiveness.

Those observations are certainly at least partially valid. I would like to suggest that while we will always have to work on our racial transgressions, given all the progressive qualities described in the editorial letter, maybe some of the problem rests with Ms. Moore's attitude and her willingness to be inclusive in return. Perhaps she needs to take a long and sincere look in a mirror.