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FULL-BLOWN HATRED AND RACISM: HAS LEONARD PITTS FINALLY ARRIVED?

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Here's what provoked me:

I'm someone who has admired much of the work by Leonard Pitts, over the years. I'm also someone who has been closely following the deterioration of his objectivity, and his soul seems full of hatred and disdain. His most recent article has taken depravity to a record level.

Here's my response:

Full-blown Hatred and Racism: Has Leonard Pitts Finally Arrived?

Leonard Pitts' 5/16 article, "Let this troubling tale from 100 years ago serve as an important reminder," gives insight into a once great, but now bitter mind. He relates a horrible event of "white-on-black" barbarism. I agree that telling this story as a reminder of potential evil is important. Sadly, Pitts' twisted wisdom tells this tale in the context of moral equivalency with the predominant "tribal hatreds" in the world – particularly in the United States.

(Fair warning: horrible imagery to follow.)

Part of Pitts' story dealt with setting a pregnant black woman on fire, and a racist white monster performing a "crude Caesarean operation" on that dying woman. Then "the heel of a stalwart man" crushed life from the child.

Pitts telling this story in the context of today's race relationships does nothing but widen division and worsen hatred. He's reached, apparently without personal regret, a dangerous level of hatred and racism. Pitts' once insightful fight for social justice gains has begun to rot in the presence of his personal demons and racial hatred.

Sadly, Pitts is encouraging society's hatred and violence problems. He frightens me as much as any other American whose ideas I read or listen to.