

Why you are a racist
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Nostalgia for life in the United States of classical times

All civilizations become effect and are overrun by barbarians. Greece: Macedonia. Rome: Goths et al. Modern Russia, England and France: Muslims and Africans. Who has withstood? China and Japan absorbed them. Matter of outbreeding.

“Great Emancipator” Abraham Lincoln and ask you the reader if they ring true or not: “My first impulse would be to free all the slaves and send them to Liberia—to their own native land . . . but there is not surplus shipping and surplus money enough in the world to carry them there . . . What then? . . . Free them all and make them politically and socially our equals? My own feelings will not admit of this; and if mine would, we all know that the great mass of white people would not. We can not, then make them equals.”

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Fifty years before that Abraham Lincoln said, “I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of white and black races.” And he was applauded. “There is a physical difference between the white and black races,” he said, “which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality . . . I think the authors of the Declaration of Independence intended to include all men, but they did not mean to say all were equal in color, size, intellect, moral developments, or social capacity. They defined with tolerable distinctness, in what respects they did consider all men created equal—equal in ‘certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’ This they said and this they meant . . . I will add to this that I have never seen a man, woman or child who was in favor of producing a perfect equality, social and political between Negroes and white men.”

If they had only stopped immigration about twenty or thirty years ago, the good Americans could all have had plenty of land and we’d have been an agricultural country forever. You know as long as a country is one of that kind [of traditional white Americans], people are more independent and better citizens. Harry S. Truman

I am strongly of the opinion that negroes ought to be in Africa, yellow men in Asia, and white men in Europe and America. Harry S. Truman

“One may fall very far short of treason and yet be an undesirable citizen in the community,” said Teddy Roosevelt. “[And] the man who becomes [Globalized], who loses his power of doing good work on this side of the ocean, and who loses his love for his native land, is not a traitor; but he is a silly and undesirable citizen. He is as emphatically a noxious element in our body politic as is the man who comes here from abroad and remains a foreigner . . . [He has] acquired that flaccid habit of mind which its possessors style [Internationalist] . . . There are many evils [facing America], and each must be fought after a separate fashion; yet there is one quality which we must bring to the solution of every problem, that is, an intense and fervid Americanism. We shall never succeed over the dangers that confront us . . . unless we are Americans in heart and soul, in spirit and purpose, keenly alive to the responsibility implied in the very name American, and proud beyond measure of the glorious privilege of bearing it.”

Alexis de Tocqueville quotes Thomas Jefferson (from *Memoirs of Jefferson* by M. Conseil) as having the opinion that, “Nothing is more clearly written in the book of destiny than the emancipation of the blacks; and it is equally certain that

the two races will never live in the state of equal freedom under the same government, so insurmountable are the barriers which nature, habit, and opinions have established between them.”

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Location 5138. Why do we "loathe and fear" blacks and hispanics. There is a rational basis.

If you don't and, you believe that people must be responsible for their actions, and that "The worth of the state is the worth of the individuals composing it," * John Stuart Mill
we needn't agree as to why African culture is as it is, merely that it is, and insist that our legislators form an immigration policy that prohibits people of cultures that cannot control themselves from entering America's social order. It is a matter not merely of politics, it is a matter of the survival of the very culture that is the heart and soul of America—the self-restraining Anglo-Saxon Protestant culture—a culture that millions came to emulate and ultimately to adopt as their own.*

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“And while [blacks] are not equal in intellect, moral development and social capacity,” as Abraham Lincoln once put it; “they are equal in certain inalienable rights, among which are life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

But here we are. Everything has a beginning and everything has an ending. Nations rise and nations fall. Nothing is forever. Not even the United States of America. You either grab a bat and stand up to the plate or take credit for our demise. If your children knew the consequences of your actions they would be cheering you on.

Abe Lincoln saw it coming a hundred and fifty years ago. “I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races.”

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Never confuse discrimination with prejudice. One is a fair assessment of people based on behavior. The other is an emotional response to color or physical appearance. The first is rational and reasonable. The second is irrational and unreasonable. I am reminded of this after talking yesterday with a neighbor about his sons and the trouble he was having with one of them. While I was complementing him on his eleven-year-old son Brandon, he went over to his eighteen-year-old, “Biggie,” telling me how he hangs with a bad crowd and is into drugs and alcohol, and how he as the father is partly to blame because being raised in Harlem he was taught not to discriminate against kids who came from poor families and were bad, inasmuch as it wasn't their fault and “you just don't discriminate against your own,” even if they're criminals. But now he says he realizes that was a mistake, and he should have pulled his son away from those bad kids because they dragged his son down with them.

I told him in so many words, that he made the popular politically correct mistake of confusing discrimination with prejudice, but that he should know now that it's not only okay to discriminate against bad behavior but necessary and unavoidable. If you are to guide your children and raise them with values that will guide them and sustain them and give them direction, you must teach them to discriminate.

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DIASPORA Finally, of all the people of the world who have been wandering this earth, Jews will tell you, to the person; they have for a hundred generations, made every effort as a people to fit in—in town after town, city after city, country after country, in every nation on this planet—yet to this day have not found a home accepting of or acceptable to them all. The principle reason? They are different. And they want to remain different. And they are of course seen as different. Hence the following:

Circa 730: The anonymous author of Beowulf has the Christian prince Beowulf defeat the Jewish monster Grendel who is the descendent of the Biblical first murderer, Cain.

1215: Magna Charta: In 1215, Christians, contemptuous of Jewish money lenders created law that released heirs of all debts to Jews that their deceased fathers might have incurred borrowing money from Jewish usurers.

1255: Hugh of Lincoln: English history records that in 1255 Jews kidnapped a boy named Hugh, whom they tortured for ten days then crucified. Christians rounded up eighteen of the richest Jews in Lincoln and hanged them for taking part in this affair, and the martyred little boy was buried in state. This is the subject of *The Prioress's Tale* of Geoffrey Chaucer, which Wordsworth has modernized. In Rymer's *Foedera* are several documents relating to this event... From *The Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, page 634

1290: In 1290 Edward I banished the Jews from England.

Circa 1380: Geoffrey Chaucer expressed his contempt of the "accursed Jews," in the *Canterbury Tales*, by having the Prioress describe the murder of an innocent Christian boy by Jews who slit his throat and threw him in a cesspool to die.

1478 The Spanish Inquisition was established with papal approval in 1478 at the request of King Ferdinand V and Queen Isabella I. The Inquisition targeted those Jews who through coercion or social pressure had insincerely converted to Christianity.

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1492: In 1492 Christopher Columbus wrote to Queen Isabella reiterating that the Spaniards in 1492 banished the Jews from Spain, praising her for doing so.

1600: In 1600 William Shakespeare in *The Merchant of Venice* has the Jew Shylock pay dearly for demanding a pound of flesh from a Christian in payment for money usuriously lent.

Circa 1670: John Dryden on Jews: "The Jews, a headstrong moody, murmuring race... God's pampered people, whom, debauched with ease, no King could govern nor god could please." (From *Absalom and Achitophel*, PP134, 137, John Dryden 1631-1700)

1723: In 1723 Benjamin Franklin in his *Autobiography* saw the failed Jewish businessman Keimer as a gluttonous, ignorant, slovenly, knavish person of bad character.

1729: In 1729 Jonathan Swift in his essay, *A Modest Proposal*, contemptuously refers to Jews as murdering one another at the very moment the Romans were taking Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

1765 : After two hundred years of killing Jews and other heretics, the Portuguese abolished the ceremony of auto-de-fe or "act of faith" in which those found guilty of heresy against the Roman Catholic Church were burned at the stake.

1810: Circa 1810, William Wordsworth modernized Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Prioress's Tale* that described the murder of an innocent Christian boy by Jews who slit his throat and threw him in a cesspool to die.

1850: In 1850 Charles Dickens saw Jews as Fagin and made "the old Jew" pay for his crimes against children and all of society at the gallows.

1867: On or about 1867 Ulysses S. Grant stated publicly that, "Jews are an intolerable nuisance."

1891: In 1891 Oscar Wilde portrayed a "most offensive brute of a Jew" as "hideous, offensive, and horrid," in his novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

1900: Mark Twain on Jews: "All the world hates the Jew and will not endure him, except when he is rich." (From *Letters From the Earth*, p 16)

1920: In 1920 Anatole France saw Jews as "Those enemies of the human race. Haughty and at the same time base; combining an invincible obstinacy with a spirit despicably mean; they weary alike your love and your hatred."

1925: In or about 1925 Henry Ford was not shy about telling people that Jews were a blight on society.

1932: In 1932 Nordoff and Hall in *Mutiny On The Bounty* wrote that "sharp-faced Jews, in their wherries, hovered alongside [Bounty], eager to lend money at interest against pay day, or to sell on credit the worthless trinkets on their trays... 'I'd like to sink the lot of those Jews,' says the master Mr. Fryer speaking to Mr. Christian as he boards the Bounty.

1932: In 1932 Ernest Hemingway lampooned Jews in the *Sun Also Rises*, portraying the Jew, Robert Cohn, as an insipid, whining creep who refused to "pay his bill."

1932: In 1932 F. Scott Fitzgerald portrayed the Jew Wolfshiem as a character operating on the seamy side of society.

1940: In or about 1940 Charles Lindbergh expressed concerns about Jews being less than loyal Americans.

1940: In 1940 T.S. Eliot in his poem *Gerontion (Old Age)* characterized a money-grabbing Jewish landlord as "Squatting on my windowsill." Then in *Sweeney Among The Nightingales (Prostitutes)* refers to a nightingale prostitute as a Jewess. He titles another work derisively *The Jew Of Malta*.

In 1988 Christopher Ricks published a book, *T.S. Eliot and Prejudice*. Eliot and Ezra Pound were good friends.

1942: In or about 1942 Ezra Pound saw Jews as inferior and said so often.

1946: In 1946 Agatha Christie portrayed a "Jewess with dyed hair and a voice like a corn rake" as "ill tempered, impolite and eternally subservient." And on and on.

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Dear Mr. Odell,

I read and enjoyed your "Why you are a Racist." I wrote the first review on Amazon. That's one of the things I do in retirement – read books and review them on Amazon.

You came to my attention in a roundabout way through Google books. I was looking for a quote by Tocqueville, and it led me to an excerpt from the book. Curious, I tracked the book down on Amazon. More curiously, though it had been out for three years, and the chapter Google presented seemed very well done, there were no reviews of the book. So I bought it.

Though we see the world in very similar ways, we have had different life experiences. I have a grown family of three children. Whereas yours seem to have achieved some success in life, and I hope they are happy with their family, mine are products of the all-too-secular Episcopal schools. Raised learning how to escape discipline, not speaking to me, and more importantly, neither achieving success nor producing grandchildren. Were there any, they would certainly not be passing on anything of our American culture and values.

I divorced, moved to Ukraine and remarried a Christian woman. Orthodoxy for Oksana is rather like Catholicism for most Irish and Latins. Habits of mind and heart more than intellectual arguments. Most important, we share a dedication to raising our son, Edward, to be a proper Christian man. I have written quite a bit about why Ukraine, however improbably, seems like a good place to do it.

I would like to be in contact with you for the reasons I found you in the first place. You have read extensively among the works of the Founding Fathers and the philosophers of the era. If you look at my reviews on Amazon you will find that I am stronger on more recent works. I expect we could have a fruitful exchange.