

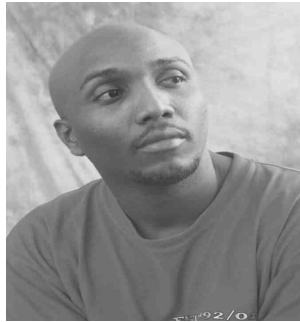
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The Two Dominant Evils: Abortion and the LGBTQ Community (OpEd) Part 1



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me, along with millions of others who are not in favor with the two evils to fully and justly understand neither side because both are morally inappropriate.

Concerning the topic of abortion, I could sympathize with women who were raped or a young girl who is under the age of 18 becoming impregnated, then it could become an option. However, getting rid of a lively seed after having premeditated, unprotected sex is a murderous act that has no grounds of justification and is totally irresponsible. There are many alternatives to this matter than killing off a new life like having their mate wear a condom or in urban terms applying the

Upon my observations over time concerning the rights of women having abortions and the hidden agenda of the LGBTQ community, it has become impossible for

“pull out game” which is never to be depended on. The option of getting ones’ tubes tied could be expensive depending on location and health insurance coverage, but it is quite necessary if one is promiscuous and is sexually active especially at an early age.

There are millions of women across the world who are infertile and would trade places with women who take the precious gift of life given from God Himself for granted. As a man, I already know I do not have a voice or any influence regarding this subject and I will never be an advocate or support abortion in any way. Every case is different; a woman having one abortion because of a mishap may be pardoned, but women who have multiple abortions over time should be reprimanded.

Many women may contest to this factor, but guilt and the cost of conscience may come into play later down the road when they finally decide to settle down, get married, and have children but are unable to because of bodily malfunctions of past abortions. Again, there are thousands of groups and organizations that will rally and partition for the sake of this issue and I know my opinion alone will not change a thing.

A history of hate: ‘If Emancipation Came in Lincoln’s America, why was it necessary to march in King’s America?’



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Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. has long examined America’s hatred toward African Americans, recently noting a profound new rendering of the struggle by African Americans for equality after the Civil War and the violent counterrevolution that re-subjugated them, as seen through the prism of the war of images and ideas that have left an enduring stain on the American mind.

“The story of the abolition of slavery in the aftermath of the Civil War is familiar, as is the civil rights revolution that transformed the nation after World War II,” Gates wrote in a white paper.

“But the century in between remains a mystery,” he noted. “If emancipation came in Lincoln’s America, why was it necessary to march in Martin Luther King, Jr.’s America?”

Further, 54 years after King’s assassination, white supremacy remains on the rise with the merciless Tops supermarket murders of 10 African Americans and even the heartless killings of 19 predominantly Latino students at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

vidualism. We are a nation of winners and losers, and we often see others as threats to our success. This can lead to fear and suspicion, which can turn into hate.”

“Finally, our politics also contribute to our hate problem. Our political system is based on a winner-take-all. We are a country divided between red and blue, and we often see those on the other side as our enemies. This division can lead to anger and hate.”

TEDx speaker Milagros Phillips said she believes America repeatedly looks in the wrong areas to solve its hate history.

“Whenever something racially charged happens, everyone turns to people of color to solve it. Racism is a problem for people of color. It is not the problem of people of color,” Phillips asserted.

“Hundreds of years of racial conditioning, through violence, scapegoating, and the dehumanization of Black and Brown people have led to the anger, hatred, and dysfunction we experience today. “But don’t be fooled. That hatred is not today. It’s hundreds of years in the making and practice. Proof of that is the lynching and burnings that have continued.”

Author and human rights activist Tara Teng suggested that America has not solved its hate problem because the nation hasn’t learned how to reconnect with humanity.

“We crave power more than we crave connection to our fellow humans, and this same misalignment of priorities is what America was built upon,” Teng determined. “It is our origin story. From colonization and genocide to slavery, segregation, and Jim Crow, America has taken every opportunity to use the body as justification for oppression and cruelty.

In the name of power and supremacy, we look to ‘the good old days,’ an idealized past in which tradition and nostalgia were built on the backs of body-based oppression - legislating racism, ableism, and homophobia against anyone who was not powerful and white.

“These power struggles are why Critical Race Theory is banned in schools, legislation is debated in the halls, and bodies are targeted by gun violence in the streets. Our hate has become embodied within us and because some benefit from it, we refuse to spit the poison out of our mouths.”

What can America do to ease its fears? Phillips, the TEDx speaker, said treating the trauma would help. “These horrific things happen to people of color, but no one moves in with the cadre of psychiatrists to treat the trauma.”

“We should also treat for justice. White perpetrators of violence are treated differently than perpetrators of color. A white mass shooter can be captured alive and not even handcuffed. Soon after they are captured, the news quickly announces they have a mental health condition. Meanwhile, a perpetrator of color is more likely to end up shot dead in a confrontation, and rarely is their mental health part of their defense.”

Phillips concluded that self-care could help Black Americans in particular.

“Because there is very little treatment for Black people’s continual trauma, we will have to learn to self-care,” Phillips maintained. “There are some wonderful exercises to help with anxiety, fear, and coming down from trauma.”

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