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Dear Mr. Lamb,

Watch C-SPANN often. Have never called.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter prompted by one of your programs.

You and C-SPANN do a fine job and are the source of what we should know in the complex and often dangerous and difficult world we live in today.

Your programs and coverage of so many facets of what goes on today in a fair and objective manner without commentary is our best source of unbiased reporting.

Thanks.

Sincerely,
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Dear Senator Braun,

I watched and heard you on C-SPAN during the Senate hearings on the Supreme Court nominee Ruth Ginsburg and read of your emotional speech in the Senate relative to extending the copyright for the Daughters of the American Confederacy to use the Confederate Flag on their emblem.

Your frustrations being a black female was quite evident in the position you took on both these occasions to bring race into the issue after just a very short tenure as a Senator.

I heard today on C-SPAN from another black female, a nurse, who explained her frustrations and hurt of being a black female and enduring what she has all of her life living in a colored skin. She applauded you and expressed pleasure in the appointment of Jaycelyn Elders as the nominee to be Surgeon General. She believes this nominee will also be an outspoken person of the Federal Government and express what it is like to live all your life as a black person.

The frustrations of a black person are understandable. However, it is somewhat difficult to understand why you all believe that black people are the only people who are frustrated because of being what they are.

How about and Irish female or male born in and living in Ireland? Are they not frustrated by being born a Protestant or a Catholic and what this means for them living in Ireland?

What about a poor white person, female or male, born in America? Are they not frustrated with being born in so poor an economic situation. Do they find it any easier to improve themselves then do Blacks, Hispanics or Asiatics in the same situation? Is it only the color of your skin that frustrates you and for which you, believe it necessary to raise the issue of race as the cause of your problems?

There are many in all cultures that can if they choose take your position as to why they are frustrated, consider

themselves abused and mistreated.

Take a man or woman born in America in a family of great wealth. Surely their economic situation is such that the desire for material things is not a reason for their frustrations and find fault with others for their problems. Such people often have many other things happening to them because of their wealth. Are they then justified to find fault with all others of any economic condition or culture?

Are the men and women born in America of the Jewish faith not also frustrated at times because of who they are? Is it not true that Jews have and are discriminated against for who they are? Should they too find fault with those of other cultures or race. Must they blame us for the way they are and have been treated?

Are the men and women born in America of another nationality, Japanese, German, Russian, Iranian, Arab, Indian, African, South American, Mexico, etc. and etc. not also frustrated at times because they are different than a majority of Americans and recognized as such. Do these people not also suffer hurt and disadvantages? Is it not true that even relatives of such people in America must suffer hurt and disadvantages because of what a majority of Americans think their native country, or at least its government is doing?

Is it not possible that what you consider as a slur, insult, indignity, disadvantage or the failure to accept black people caused by other than the color of their skin? Is it possible that the irresponsibility and conduct of a large number of the black people especially in black dominated communities is the cause rather than just color. Is it possible that it is what many feel is wrong with blacks as a group, not as individuals that is responsible rather than just color? Many black people are given all the respect and advantages of people of other cultures because they have earned such respect and advantages. Most people of all cultures are recognized on the basis of their conduct, abilities and character, not nationality, religion or race.

You and the ever increasing numbers of Black people in leadership roles and power must do more to improve their own people as a group and in the black dominated communities. Using only the history of slavery or the color of skin is dwelling on the past. Irresponsible conduct for any reason, by anyone of any culture should not and cannot be condoned. There is in our society too much crime, violence, drugs,

alcoholism, embezzlement, stealing, rape, teenage pregnancy; broken homes, poor or no family structure, one parent families, and sadly many other negatives. It is not color that is the cause of such a situation. It is many things and all people of all cultures must be working to find an answer to our very serious social problems. America no longer has the resources to continue trying to buy its way out of the problems.

If racial tensions are to be resolved then it is essential that all people of all cultures find other than the emotional issue of race and demanding more and more of the other cultures and all levels of government, local, county, state and federal for handouts. True leadership is not necessarily a crusade for a narrow cause. If we are to resolve our serious social problems so all Americans can have a reasonable and earned life style then our leadership must become less self serving and more honest and not pursue the course of gaining recognition and power as a primary goal.

In closing may I ask why any truly American person wants to be called an African American? Do not all African Americans deplore slavery. Is it not true that when slavery was practiced through out the world, not just in America, that it was the relatives of the African American, African tribe people, who kidnaped men, women and children from other African tribes and sold them into slavery?

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None of us want now or ever to be called Holland Americans. We have fought in the wars for our country, America. We have lived and our children live in America. We want and we want them to be the very best American citizens they can. It is the best country in the world, giving all an opportunity or trying very hard to do so, to be people who are free and that can if they will with the help of many others have the best living standard in the world. Trying has not as yet been completely successful. You Senator Braun have a unique opportunity. You are in a position of influence and power. Use it to make our country a better place for all. Do not promote racism.

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