

Viewer

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Dear Mr. Lamb,

I see you on C SPAN, Traveling over our country And Talking to many people in different walks of life. I enjoy your program.

I've enclosed a *paper that discusses Conditions in the South in 1938. I was born in 1926. ~~So~~ I remember All these Conditions. I was born in Houston County Alabama. I now can see All these Conditions in a different light than I saw them as I lived them. It makes me sad just to think about it.
*This program was a big help.

Now may I take your time to get something off my mind?

The Slavery problem could have been solved without a civil war. The slaves could have been bought from their owners. Then relocated, given land and educated. This may seem too simple but some variation of this idea would have worked.

Now As you may or may not know
When The War ended A Union Officer
And several Soldiers went to each
Slave owner And Told The owner
And Slaves they, ^{the slaves} would have to
Leave now. They were Free To go
Anyplace. The slaves were upset And Afraid.
They told The Officer they had NO
place to go, No Food And were
Frightened. The Officer told them they
were short of Food And could not share
with them. Never the less The slaves
were told they had to Leave. The
Officer told them they might get some
help in Atlanta. I'll go no further with
this, hoping you can get the drift.

The next time outsiders came to help
the Negro they integrated the schools.
They mixed poor uneducated white people with
poor uneducated Negroes. The Negro had not
been taught from the same books. He
was black And had A different social
life. Especially music. Most people
would know The Negro was going to
suffer most. They soon began to show
they did not handle discipline well.
When the Jesse Jackson's of that
era heard of Negro's being disciplined

Regardless of the Circumstance They Said The Teachers were Race bias. Now No doubt This was True in many Cases. The point I must make is That For Some reason No one really wanted to help The Negro with His education. Had They wanted to help They would have Assigned extra teachers To help Them Cope. They Should have worked with Them Until They could Keep up with The different Subjects AND environment.

But NO! Every Time A BLACK Student WAS disciplined The Local BLACK Leaders Complained. Then the NATIONAL Leaders Complained - Then, Oh Then, The Air Ways AND Print media had A Field day With every Complaint.

Gradually The teachers staped Any effort Toward discipline. Then the white Children Said why Should I have to do what They won't make A BLACK Student do? This idea quickly Spread To The police AND industry. There's No need For you To get more info. From me. you know The Condition of The schools.

I know you CAN'T Say Things The way I have SAID Them. you would be be destroyed! My hope is That

you might be able to pose some
of these questions to the right
people and if nothing else get
people to think about their actions.

Did we learn anything when we roamed
into Somalia to feed those poor people,
No! we are about to do the
same thing in Haiti.

Best Regards,

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