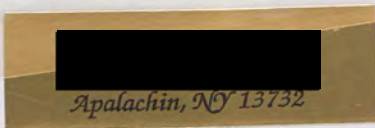


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Dear Brian -

(Having coffee - grabbed a scratch pad - Please excuse the paper!)

Listening to the discussion this morning about Tiger Woods and the race issue - which always arises on everything - pro or con whatever the situation or who is involved. -

I think much of the so-called "racism" arises and is fueled by government policies which require detailed breakouts by race on every aspect of life, on every report, on every discussion! (Mandatory race breakouts in approximately 42 different aspects of NY state education is only one example.)

This not only forces constant attention on "who is what" but ^{costs} ~~costs~~ of the reporting forms and requirements

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could much better go toward alleviating conditions that affect many low-income African-American families!

When it's official policy to keep "race" on the front burner, it's difficult to accurately assess whether ordinary Americans are indeed personally focusing on race, or whether they are being focused on race.

Lack of personal interaction with African-Americans is more often a matter of economics or personal interests than any prejudice. Yet "prejudice" is always assumed to be present and primary.

Individuals relate to individuals more often than government or media would like to believe. (It threatens their jobs!)

Sincerely,

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