

James K. Polk Series -

Brian,

Perhaps you should have a series of shows about slavery, but "go back" to Africa, so that we can learn how black people were brought to America (and other countries, actually)

I am English, and a few years ago, an Englishman who had lived in Africa was interviewed, and he had a massive and deep knowledge of slavery both in, and out of, Africa.

The problem is, I don't know his name, Brian. He was an honorary chief of a tribe, apparently the first and only white person ever so honoured.

There is, in 1999, so much revisionism, so much political-correctness in History departments (and other depts.) in American universities that I believe you need a neutral person from another country, maybe Britain, to speak about black Americans and slavery.

C-span does a terrific job of presenting factual information which is

often hard to come by in America, and the slavery issue is never far below the surface, Brian, so your network could provide an invaluable service.

My personal feeling is that the Democrat Party has, increasingly, used the question of race to invite black Americans. Black people are blanketed with claims of "Republican racists, Republican liars, Republican KKK members, etc."

Black Americans such as Justice Clarence Thomas are name-called as "Uncle Tom's, the white man's nigger, traitor to his race," etc, etc, in extremely ugly, soul-destroying ways that tear egg of us apart!

In this hostile, often race-baiting, atmosphere the divisions between black and white people grow ever wider and I despair, sometimes, that we can ever live together.

If I were black I would loathe the whole barbaric system of slavery. I would want, too, I think to get on with my life, and not dwell forever on the past IF I felt that I had a reasonably accurate picture of that past. (I think I would not want to live in the Sudan, or Ethiopia, or any of the black african countries, however, despite the fact that my ancestors might have lived there!)

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