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Editorials: Guest Opinion: The case for nonpartisan virtue signaling.

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I have some curriculum fodder for Just Communities, the organization that provides "implicit bias" training for several of our local school districts - at taxpayer expense, naturally. Implicit bias is described as unconscious bias, or the act of judging people based on our unconscious thoughts, beliefs or feelings. Its inbred cousin is a microaggression - a statement, action or incident of indirect, subtle or unintentional discrimination against members of a marginalized group, such as a ra

cial or ethnic minority.

Hanging these nitwits on their own petard, by virtue of the language they are using, it is reasonably safe to conclude that America, for the most part, is done with explicit, overt institutionalized instances of racism. That is, with the notable exception of Harvard and other universities' blatant racism against Asians. Nonetheless, this cottage industry of activists seeks to justify their existence by working on the subconscious as they try to convince everyone that white people, especially white males, are racist oppressors by virtue of white privilege.

The following is an example given to me of implicit bias: A grade school teacher holds up a picture of a sandwich and asks the kids, "what is this and how do you spell it?" Well, as the narrative goes, many children in our grade schools don't eat sandwiches; they eat tacos, burritos or tortas. These kids, thereby, are victims of implicit bias. What? Regardless of what they eat at home, knowing what a sandwich is and how to spell the word could come in handy someday, so why not just move along here, folks?

Now, let's consider a couple of current examples of implicit bias and microaggressions to ensure Just Communities is, politically, an equal opportunity moralizer. Recently, Hillary Clinton was being interviewed when the interviewer, in the course of the discussion, confused Eric Holder and Corey Booker. Hillary quipped, "That's OK, they all look alike."

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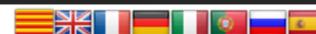


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Next up is Sen. Joe Donnelly, who stated during a debate that "Our state director is Indian American, but he does a great job. Our director of all constituent services, she is African American, but she does an even more incredible job than you can ever imagine."

Me thinks both Hillary and Sen. Donnelly moved the bar from implicit to explicit bias, but hey, maybe that is because I am explicitly biased against racially biased Democrats? Hopefully, Just Communities will be able to sort it out, as we certainly want our young people to know that Roseanne Barr was not the only person who should have been convicted in the court of public opinion for saying something insensitive.

Finally, as we are eliminating tributes to veritable historical icons who are being post-judged by the politically correct soup de jour language and values of the present day, why do we still have streets and schools named after Cesar Chavez, who referred to laborers from Mexico who were brought in to break one of his strikes as "wetbacks"? Moreover, why is that notorious eugenicist, i.e., the racist on steroids, Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, still venerated?

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