Twitter Thread by Ironic Effort Poster



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Anti-woke Twitter is justifiably outraged over the NY Times celebrating a girl getting unaccepted from College for saying the N-Word at 15. An important, but overlooked, part of the story was focusing on the supposed racism of Loudon County, VA as part of that "reckoning" https://t.co/A1Ko2Px07N

> So he held on to the video, which was sent to him by a friend, and made a decision that would ricochet across Leesburg, Va., a town named for an ancestor of the Confederate general Robert E. Lee and whose school system had fought an order to desegregate for more than a decade after the Supreme Court's landmark ruling.

> A psychopathic kid gets a video of a girl using a racial slur when she's 15, holds on to it until she has chosen a college to get her admissions revoked. The NYT celebrates this "reckoning." How many previous tyrannical regimes have gone after the children?https://t.co/cgIsjgMKp3 pic.twitter.com/UoQ48j3jhE
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> — Richard Hanania (@RichardHanania) December 27, 2020

The Times views the fact that 15 year olds quotes rap lyrics in the context of the Town's Confederate and segregationist history.

A ‘hostile learning environment’

Leesburg, the county seat of Loudoun County, lies just across the Potomac River from Maryland, about an hour’s drive from Washington. It was the site of an early Civil War battle, and slave auctions were once held on the courthouse grounds, where a statue of a Confederate soldier stood for more than a century until it was removed in July.

The Loudoun County suburbs are among the wealthiest in the nation, and the schools consistently rank among the top in the state. Last fall, according to the Virginia Department of Education, the student body at Heritage High was about half white, 20 percent Hispanic, 14 percent Asian-American and 8 percent Black, with another 6 percent who are mixed race.

In interviews, current and former students of color described an environment rife with racial insensitivity, including casual uses of slurs.

Loudon County and Leesburg were unpopulated rural areas during Massive Resistance. their populations have grown nearly 20 fold since then. This growth is primarily from from wealthy DC suburbanites as well as Asian and Hispanic immigrants (NYT notes the school is only 50% white)

Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
1850	1,691	—
1860	1,130	–33.2%
1870	1,144	1.2%
1880	1,726	50.9%
1890	1,650	–4.4%
1900	1,513	–8.3%
1910	1,597	5.6%
1920	1,545	–3.3%
1930	1,640	6.1%
1940	1,698	3.5%
1950	1,703	0.3%
1960	2,869	68.5%
1970	4,821	68.0%
1980	8,357	73.3%
1990	16,202	93.9%
2000	28,311	74.7%
2010	42,616	50.5%
2019 (est.)	53,727 [3]	26.1%

U.S. Decennial Census[20]
2018 Estimate[21]

I'd bet less than 5% of the students are descended from someone who attended segregated Loudon County schools. There is no heritage of segregation in Loudon County--it has no heritage beyond recent government workers and immigrants.

"Geographic Guilt By Association" is becoming more common. If a county or town committed a real or imagined racism in the past, then they must "reckon" with it when addressing their imagined racisms of the present.

The Boston Globe ties Groton, MA insufficiently diverse demographics to its "reputation" as a "sundown town" despite the fact that there is literally no evidence it ever was true. Nonetheless, the town is officially repenting.

Once a Ku Klux Klan stronghold, Groton fights its reputation as a 'sundown town'

By Deanna Pan Globe Staff, Updated October 7, 2020, 8:59 a.m.



Texas Monthly similarly derides Vidor, Texas for its demographics--citing alleged past Klan activity and mythical Sundown status, but offers redemption via BLM rallies.

NEWS

Black Lives Matter Comes to Vidor—Yes, Vidor

On Saturday, a diverse crowd of 150 showed up in Vidor, once known as a Klan stronghold, to turn their backs on the town's past.

And of course Donald Trump, engaged in Overt Racism by scheduling a rally in Tulsa, where a race riot had occurred a century earlier, on Juneteenth. (He sadly rescheduled it)

Forbes

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Here's Why Critics Say Trump's Juneteenth Rally In Tulsa Is 'Overt Racism'

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TOPLINE President Donald Trump announced his first post-Covid-19 campaign would be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 19, drawing ire for scheduling the event on Juneteenth and in the city where 99 years ago to the month the U.S. saw one of the worst cases of racial violence in American history.

This isn't new, Ronald Reagan has long been attacked for having a campaign event within 10 miles of where Civil Rights activists were killed.

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

As the Republican nominee for president in 1980, Reagan staged an Aug. 3 rally at the Neshoba County Fair in Mississippi, an event that was weighted with racist symbolism. Neshoba County was the site of the brutal murders of the black activist James Chaney and white civil rights workers Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman.

Of course, First they came for Mississippi... Even Massachusetts and NOVA once did something "racist." Our joruno-commissars will look up the Wikipedia page of whatever town they are whining about, and turn it into a historical think piece, worthy of their MPP from GWU.