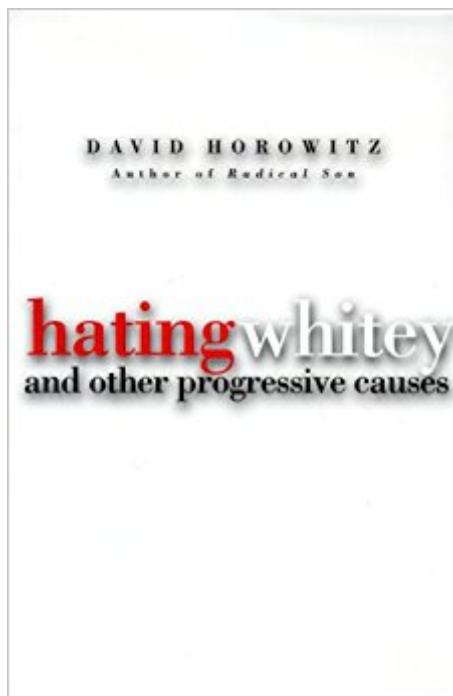


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Hating Whitey: And Other Progressive Causes



Synopsis

Ideological hatred of whites is now a growth industry, boosted by "civil rights" activists and liberal academics. These once-youthful radicals, now entrenched in positions of power and influence, peddle a warmed-over version of the Marxist creed that supported the communist empire and excuses intolerance to the point of murder. Betraying the legacy of Martin Luther King, this unholy alliance of black civil rights leaders and white radicals threatens to undermine America's moral, political, and economic institutions. Mr. Horowitz acknowledges that America's unique political culture is the creation of white European males, primarily English and Christian. But these very men and their heirs have led the world in abolishing slavery and establishing the principles of ethnic and racial inclusion. Undeterred, so it seems, by America's Anglo-Saxon roots, people of every race and creed still flock by the millions to these shores, claiming a share of our unparalleled rights and opportunities. Yet, with staggering hypocrisy, a clique of racial warlords and academic malcontents indict our every institution for racial oppression. No stranger to ideological combat, Mr. Horowitz anticipates the standard charges of racism and sexism inevitably hurled at dissenters from the party line. Undaunted, he boldly grapples with contemporary racism in all its forms.

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Customer Reviews

Admittedly, in these politically correct times, the very title, "Hating Whitey," makes one grimace, but upon finishing this book it becomes apparent the author is a humanitarian, loves his country, and is brutally honest in his quest to place an imperfect America in perspective as the world leader in the

protection of human rights. Hating Whitey, challenges the tiny yet powerful socialist world of high minded special interest liberals, who feel their self serving hidden agendas are beyond scrutiny, debate, or even national security. Whether you agree with the point of view or not, Hating Whitey, has done a gutsy thing, and was written in an honest if ideological way, in a somewhat forceful leftest style. On its "debate quotient" alone this book should be required reading in all places of higher education. Unfortunately, we live in a time of nanosecond attention spans, and the danger is that, half truths that feel warm and fuzzy are at odds with uncomfortable realities. Unless given thoughtful intellectual attention, Hating Whitey, will be totally misunderstood. Indeed, this humanitarian effort for clarity, democracy, and true integration, deserves our complete attention.

I saw David Horowitz on a television program decided to get the book. Well, I got the book and it's a stunning exposé of the forces that are deliberately tearing our country apart and imparting a message of hate toward not only fellow Americans, but toward the very core ideas and principles of our country. In some ways, this book should be called "Hating America". It's writers like the author who continue the color blind and equal society envisioned by Martin Luther King, Jr. I suspect the author will be demonized in the same way as the early civil rights workers, but I hope he can endure and keep telling the truth.

The only difference between white racism and black racism in the United States, is that Black racism is perfectly respectable -- made so by the ideologues that control the media in this country. Thank God for Mr. Horowitz who can't be intimidated and has the guts to tell the truth. This book should be required reading in every school in America, but of course we know it won't, It's too honest.

It's a pity that David Horowitz has to write this account thirty-five years after the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed. But the sad truth is that the vision of Martin Luther King has been bastardized into racial Marxism, where non-blacks have become the everlasting foe that must be crushed. As Horowitz makes clear, much of the regress and setbacks in the African-American community is a result not of "whitey" but of black leaders themselves -- who encourage young blacks to think of themselves as oppressed victims needing assistance and protection from a benevolent government. But notions of victimhood encourages resentment and does nothing to help blacks to reach their full potential. Instead, it makes them focus on obstacles, real or imagined. And this state of mind is self-fulfilling, producing failure more frequently than success. And the failure, in turn, drives the

drumbeat of "blame whitey" instead of focusing on the real cause of failure -- the black victimhood mentality perpetuated by intellectual elitists who claim to have the interest of black people at heart. Horowitz refers to decades of carnage (e.g. the destruction of the black family via liberal anti-family welfare incentives) to demonstrate the consequences of following the line that blacks need ever more government to help them because they can't help themselves. It's time to end the insanity! Blacks are human beings equally capable of reaching their potential if only others would stop lying to them about hurdles and roadblocks. A positive message of hope along with elevating black role models (e.g. Clarence Thomas, Thomas Sowell, Alan Keyes, etc.) is the key not only to black achievement -- but also the key to reducing racial tensions -- and the culture of blaming one another for our own failures.

America changed overnight with the publication of Wittaker Chambers' "Witness", the harrowing account of one man's journey from the dark recesses of Communism to Liberty. It was said of Chambers that he didn't return from Hell empty-handed. David Horowitz has made the same journey, and returned to us heavily burdened. Hating Whitey is a polemic first and foremost. Horowitz does not pretend to be a neutral observer in the Culture War. Like Chambers, Horowitz is plainly ashamed of his youthful association with the Left, and like Coleridge's Ancient Mariner feels condemned to confess his sins to all who come near. That there is a sizeable proportion of the Left (black and white) which is vehemently racist should surprise no one (especially if you've been to one of our nation's universities). That the Black Panther movement was nothing more than a cover for a gang of robbers, rapists, and murderers likewise should come as no surprise. What is shocking about this book is the degree to which those who know better seek to deceive the rest of America. Horowitz prints a damning letter from a former Black Panther colleague basically accusing him of murder for allowing a white woman he knew to audit the Panthers' books, knowing full well that such scrutiny would not be tolerated. That a grown man would actually excuse the rape and murder of a woman to cover up the pillage of organizational coffers is stunning. Horowitz' response to this incident, as to a number of others covered in his essays, is one of unbridled outrage. Some readers will take umbrage at the author's tone. This is no Firing Line debate, moderated by the congenial William F. Buckley. Horowitz came back from Hell not a sadder and wiser man, as with Chambers, but as a hellfire-and-brimstone pulpit thumper eager to save souls from the fiery pit whence he came. It is a marvelous collection, if not for the faint of heart.

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