

Our National Gospel

W.E.B. Du Bois's landmark work, *The Souls of Black Folk*, tells us what we need to hear today as the antidote to the destructive and divisive identity politics of the Democrat party as dictated by its Progress Left, socialist and communist ideologies. Contrary to these toxic ideologies, our primary problem is "how little men know of other men."

This profound insight completely rejects modern identity politics, which falsely claims that individuals are inherently guilty, racist, or incapable of empathy based on the color of their skin, religion, or country of origin. National unity and racial harmony are not achieved by reducing individuals to immutable categories or by weaponizing identity for political, economic, or social advantage.

The organically diverse communities of Westchester and the Bronx are constantly bombarded by malignant political forces keeping us divided. It is the race-baiters and hate-mongers that profit from perpetuating the myth that America, our America, is inherently racist.

Take a step back and observe who loses if racism were to magically disappear tomorrow. *Nikole Hannah-Jones, Ibram X. Kendi, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Cory Booker, Maximillian Robespierre Mamdani*, and of course the man who wrote the "how to" book on the means and methods of racial extortion, none other than the **Reverend Al Sharpton** (remember Tawanna Brawley and the hoax rape case, "no one ma-nips-a-nates me"). They would all be out of business and out of politics if racism ended tomorrow.

Instead, racist hate-mongers profit from violent ideas peddled as "academic research" or "news". It is revolting. This aggression must not be allowed to stand.

Defending against divisive narratives requires a proactive commitment to listening and learning from one another. Du Bois's vision of mutual understanding, emphasizes that our problems like affordability, failing schools, and dangerous streets are community problems that require unified, colorblind solutions if we are to truly honor American's cultural melting-pot.

The Souls of Black Folk should be our national gospel. It is mine.

We must reject violent, divisive, and racist rhetoric to focus on solutions for every American and every New Yorker.