

A.D. Powell's Response to the February 2009 Question of the Month ("A.D. Powell and the Multiracial Question")

I've long suspected that black-identified and white-liberal-identified academics were reading my work (as well as the work of others in "The Multiracial Movement") but are too dishonest to cite our books and essays in their scholarly work. The average "scholarly" work on the Multiracial Movement generously quotes "blacks" who hate the movement and presents their opinions as fact. Actually, Pilgrim is not nearly as bad as most of them since he at least mentions my book and doesn't try to pass off lots of "strawman" arguments as mine. I note that he repeats the myth that the "one drop" myth was created to increase the number of slaves. Obviously, he hasn't read Frank W. Sweet's Legal History of the Color Line.

He also repeats the myth that multiracial whites who reject forced hypodescent are just trying to get some "white privilege" over blacks instead of just being who we really are. That argument is typical of black-identified elites and hypocritical in the extreme. Hispanics and almost every other ethnic or racial group in the U.S. have sought to be "better than blacks" or claim "white privilege" and been quite open about it. Mexican American elites in Texas were especially shameless in their endorsement of white supremacy and got a state law passed proclaiming the equality of all "caucasians" (meaning Mexicans and Anglo whites). I have not read or heard of any PUBLIC black denunciations of those groups for trying to social climb at the expense of "blacks." It doesn't take long, however, to find hundreds (if not thousands) of denunciations (both academic and popular) of mixed whites for "passing" for what they really are, and the vast majority of these denunciations come from the black-identified or their white liberal friends (who are often "passing" for gentile white Christians or WASPS themselves). Anatole Broyard was denounced as a "black man" who was only "passing for white" by the Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. That is why we denounce "blacks" like him. Pilgrim thinks that we should waste time denouncing white supremacists and other enemies of blacks who have no legitimacy in academia or the mainstream media. I repeat that it is the black-identified elites who are the bulwark of the "one drop" myth and that it would quickly become extinct without their fanatical support.

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