

Mr. Tom

Danville, Kentucky

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To Members of the Faculty:

Will you be kind enough to fill out the questionnaire given below? It is in connection with Race Courses now being offered by various sociology departments in the United States. The specific purpose is to try and determine how faculty members feel about the problem of American minorities. Complete anonymity will be maintained since no signature is requested. Please try and be as objective as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

J.T. Richardson.

1. Where were you born-----*Fairfax, Missouri*-----?
2. Sex-----*Male*-----Are you married-----*No*-----Do you have children-----?
3. Were there Negroes, Mexicans or Jewish students at the universities you have attended-----*No*-----?
4. Please rank them in order of tolerance and sympathy as of that period-----and now-----?
5. Would you participate in a professional program where Negroes, Mexicans or Jewish people have been scheduled to appear-----*Yes*-----?
6. Do you favor the admittance of Negroes or other widely divergent races to Centre College-----*Yes*-----?
7. Would you have a positive or negative attitude toward such individuals were they in your classes-----*Positive*-----?
8. Do you accept the President's Civil Rights Program in whole or in part-----*Partly*-----?
9. Do you favor separate educational facilities for Negroes on the college and university levels-----*No*-----?
10. Do you accept or reject the principles of the Fair Employment Practice Act-----*Accept*-----?
11. Would you attend a lecture or concert by some outstanding Negro personality-----*I have many times*-----?
12. Would you attend a dinner at the annual meeting of your professional society where Negroes, Indians or Mexicans were expected to be there-----*Yes*-----?
13. Would you be willing for any of the above groups to be a member of your church congregation-----*Personally, yes.*-----?
14. Would you be willing to serve on the following bodies with members of the Negro race: juries, faculties, church governing boards, Congressional committees, faculty committees and professional group committees. Please underscore the ones acceptable if any.
15. Please add in one paragraph of 100 words or less your opinion of the Negro and the problem he presents as our largest minority group.
16. Please add anything further that might add to the value of the opinions being gathered.

Personally I do not view the negro any differently than any other person. I feel that one of the hindrances to working out all minority problems is our refusal on the whole to treat minorities as individuals. I realize that there is a group problem, but we would be a long way toward a solution if we could see the negro (and the Mexican, etc.) as an individual. And as such, he is a child of God, with God-given intelligence, personality, and capabilities. There are too many people who drag across the efforts to deal with the problem such red herrings as intermarriage because of personal prejudices which they refuse to recognize or attempt to dismiss from their thoughts and attitudes.

I recognize also, that there are certain powerful economic groups who are not anxious to solve the minority problem. Their reasons are obvious, but they play on prejudice which makes it all the more difficult to combat.

The Christian church, and by that I mean Christian people, has stood back from the question long enough. It is time for them to say, and loudly, that the Christian life, as it works itself out personally, economically, politically - is the answer to the problem. When we stop living selfishly and begin to live like Christ, we will have solved the problem. The truth, which we do not want to bear, is not that Christianity has been tried and failed, but that it has been/hard and not tried.

Education - tolerance - understanding - these are all good. But they can also be used as a substitute for doing anything, especially for living the Christian life.

O. B. Lane

- 1. Would you be willing to appear in front of a group of people who have been scheduled to appear in front of you?
- 2. Do you favor the admittance of Negroes or other widely divergent races to Centro College?
- 3. Would you have a positive or negative attitude toward such individuals were they in your classes?
- 4. Do you accept the President's Civil Rights Program in whole or in part?
- 5. Do you favor separate educational facilities for Negroes on the college and university levels?
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