

# THREE THINGS: NO, NO, AND HELL TO THE NO, NYT

[NB: Check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

They can't stop the bullshit. It's in The New York Times' DNA. Why should we trust their newsroom when the editorial page is full of crap created from distorted news?

I hope the better op-ed writers have backup plans because at some point they have to ask themselves why they want to be associated with idiots for neighbors...

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Two words probably tell you most of the problem without elaboration: Maureen Dowd.

“Many who were sick of Trump chaos and ineptitude are now sick of Biden chaos and ineptitude. Scranton Joe was supposed to be the sensible, steady one,”  
@MaureenDowd writes.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/06/opinion/sunday/democrats-elections.html5:20>  
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Look, when a white person uses the word “woke” as a pejorative adjective you should walk away because they are fucking racist.

It's that simple.

Which means you should walk away from BOTH MoDo and the person she allowed to vent their racist spleen, James Carville. The latter who once was a respected Democratic political consultant when Clintonian third-way ideology and its emergent neoliberalism walked the earth, needs to retire his big fat trap because the 1990s have been over for more than two decades. He clearly has

no grasp of racism's toll on Black Americans including the constant erasure of their oppression, even though Black women in particular are the most reliable Democratic voters. (Not to mention the average Millennial and Gen Z Democrat would have a difficult time recognizing the old coot.)

Read this article by Aja Romano at Vox on the history and use of "woke." This exhortative word of caution and awareness has belonged to the Black community, and bled into progressive activists' use because of the overlap between Black activists and progressives.

Like the word "liberal" and the framework of critical race theory (CRT), the right-wing has now seized "woke" to poison it and make it toxic, to discourage its wider exhortative use to beware racism's threats and racists.

When it's used by whites who are neither Black and/or progressive, who are not activists advocating for their intersectional human rights, it's amplification of the same poisonous effect and the same underlying racism.

I find the argument that the woke left controls all of America's major cultural institutions unpersuasive given the evidence.

These are all from NY Times in the last 24 hours.

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Oh look, it's that tool Bret Stephens doing his duty once again for the right-wing, this time bolstering the promulgation of racism by the rest of NYT's editorial page combined with bashing intersectional anti-racist progressivism.

Just walk away from these asses.

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Contrast and compare: here's the opinion

editorials at the Los Angeles Times on November 10 and today.



And the Washington Post from today.



While there are the spot annoying bad actors like Marc Thiessen at WaPo helping push the toxification of CRT, there's a better mix of opinions not intent on poisoning left of center ideology compared to NYT which has persistently offered a home to crap like Maureen Dowd's closeted racism and Bret Stephen's more overt racism.

*[Disclosure: I have subscriptions to WaPo and LAT – guess why.]*

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And then the news page...perhaps it didn't make it into an NYT article, but this tweet by Maggie Haberman which has now been deleted displays a weakness for amplification of right-wing crap without validating it first. Thank goodness this garbage didn't make it into a news piece (that we know of so far).



I wish I'd taken a screen shot of the original tweet when I first saw it, before it was deleted. It's only available now in the Internet Archive and without the link to the original crappy story she had retweeted with comment – an article at New York Daily News which made a false claim about Black Lives Matter activists without checking first to see if the sources they relied upon were in anyway associated with BLM.

Haberman made a claim in this reweet-with-quote without first verifying who Hawk Newsome is, assuming NYDN did their work.

Uh, no; it's as if Haberman never heard the old journalists' aphorism, "If your mother says she loves you, check it out."

Worse, it's as if Haberman would accept Trump's word and stick with it long after he was disproven. Newsome is NOT affiliated with BLM and cannot speak for them; BLM had to issue a statement about this a year ago June when Trump used Newsome as a mouthpiece.

If you are white and a journalist, unless you have been very close to BLM and covering it regularly as part of your beat, DO NOT MAKE ASSUMPTIONS about the movement's members; validate your sources' relationship and authority for authenticity and accuracy.

Jesus Christ, it's a well-known Russian active measure to use racism in this country as a wedge to increase political tension, with BLM in

particular a target of their efforts.

Unless, of course, you enjoy being used by foreign influence ops as a useful idiot and don't mind further trashing your credibility.

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Institutionalized systemic racism doesn't always look as obvious and egregious as it does in the Rittenhouse trial. Sometimes it just looks like laziness by journalists and contributors who are privileged by their circumstances. And sometimes it looks like readers who can't be arsed to recognize and call out that racism based in easy material which satisfies a majority white audience.