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examines black voters relationship to the political process and to the first black president in a prematurely post racial america

using interviews with members of the congressional black caucus empirical data news accounts academic literature and case law on obama examines some of the key philosophical questions that accompany the historic emergence of the 44th us president the purpose of this book is to take seriously the once common thought that the obama presidency had ushered in a post historical age three questions organize the argument of the book what s living and dead in the idea of post racialism did mr obama s preference for problem solving over ideological warfare mark him not just as a post partisan figure but as a philosophical pragmatist did the us become post imperial when the descendants of slaves and of british imperial subjects inhabited the white house in addition to taking up these questions the book considers mr obama s own relationship to the post historical idea and explores the ethical implications of certain ways of entertaining that idea

the united states has taken a long and winding road to racial equality especially as it pertains to relations between blacks and whites when barack hussein obama was elected as the forty fourth president of the united states and first black person to occupy the highest office in the land many wondered whether that road had finally come to an end do we now live in a post racial nation this volume contends that despite the election of the first black president and rise of a black american family as possibly the most recognized family the world over race is still a very salient issue particularly in the united states but the prominence of the obamas on the world stage and the positive image they project may hasten the day when america is indeed post racial even at the implicit level

the 2008 presidential election was celebrated around the world as a seminal moment in u s political and racial history white liberals and other progressives framed the election through the prism of change while previously acknowledged demographic changes were hastily heralded as the dawn of a post racial america however by 2011 much of the post election idealism had dissipated in the wake of an on going economic and financial crisis escalating wars in afghanistan and libya and the rise of the

right wing tea party movement by placing obama in the historical context of u s race relations this volume interrogates the idealized and progressive view of american society advanced by much of the mainstream literature on obama barack obama and the myth of a post racial america takes a careful look at the historical cultural and political dimensions of race in the united states using an interdisciplinary analysis that incorporates approaches from history political science and sociology each chapter addresses controversial issues such as whether obama can be considered an african american president whether his presidency actually delivered the kind of deep rooted changes that were initially prophesised and whether obama has abandoned his core african american constituency in favour of projecting a race neutral approach designed to maintain centrist support through cutting edge critically informed and cross disciplinary analyses this collection directly addresses the dimensions of race in american society through the lens of obama s election and presidency

when barack obama won the presidency many posited that we were entering into a post racial period in american politics regrettably the reality hasn t lived up to that expectation instead americans political beliefs have become significantly more polarized by racial considerations than they had been before obama s presidency in spite of his administration s considerable efforts to neutralize the political impact of race michael tesler shows how in the years that followed the 2008 election a presidential election more polarized by racial attitudes than any other in modern times racial considerations have come increasingly to influence many aspects of political decision making these range from people s evaluations of prominent politicians and the parties to issues seemingly unrelated to race like assessments of public policy or objective economic conditions some people even displayed more positive feelings toward obama s dog bo when they were told he belonged to ted kennedy more broadly tesler argues that the rapidly intensifying influence of race in american politics is driving the polarizing partisan divide and the vitriolic atmosphere that has come to characterize american politics one of the most important books on american racial politics in recent years post racial or most racial is required reading for anyone wishing to understand what has happened in the

united states during obama s presidency and how it might shape the country long after he leaves office

in a speech from which nation of cowards derives its title attorney general eric holder argued forcefully that americans today need to talk more not less about racism this appeal for candid talk about race exposes the paradox of barack obama s historic rise to the us presidency and the ever increasing social and economic instability of african american communities david h ikard and martell lee teasley maintain that such a conversation can take place only with passionate and organized pressure from black americans and that neither obama nor any political figure is likely to be in the forefront of addressing issues of racial inequality and injustice the authors caution blacks not to slip into an accommodating and self defeating post racial political posture settling for the symbolic capital of a black president instead of demanding structural change they urge the black community to challenge the social terms on which it copes with oppression including acts of self imposed victimization

abstract we ain t ready to see a black president barack obama and post racialism in american society is about the news media circulated post racial narrative the post racial narrative an extension of post civil rights era color blind ideology argues that the success of president barack obama the united states first african american president is evidence of a society in which racism although previously present is no longer a stifling barrier for blacks a tempered version of the post racial narrative also exists that version argues that the success of obama is evidence of post racial politics a political climate in which racism although previously present is no longer a stifling barrier for black political candidates seeking high level political offices i will argue that both versions of the american post racial narrative do not reflect the material reality of african americans and are politically disadvantageous for the stigmatized group i will also argue that the post racial narrative was resisted by lay african americans in a virtual african american counterpublic space i call the digital african american underground and finally i will argue that the identity politics that were operating among african americans and ghanaians in relation to obama further contradict the post racial narrative to construct my arguments i will use content analysis theory and quantitative data

edited by internationally recognised scholar femi ojo ade this volume brings together a mixture of young intellectuals and seasoned scholars from africa and its diaspora to address various implications of the obama phenomenon all from an afro oriented perspective far from being a neologism coined from what some would dismiss as obama s political jingoism the obama phenomenon change we can is an affirmation of potential power a call out to people of all races and cultures to work together for the just cause of human progress

could this be the final victory for civil rights or the first of many to come when henry louis gates spoke out about his ridiculous arrest he stated a truth few americans including president obama are eager to discuss there is no such thing as a post racial america when it comes to race the united states has come a long way but not far enough and not fast enough every day we cope with casual racism myriad indignities institutional obstacles post racial nonsense and peers bent on self destruction the powers that be meanwhile always seem to arrive with their apologies and redress a day late and a dollar short this book takes a close look at the lives of african americans from diverse backgrounds as obama s victory comes to play a personal role in each of their lives every tale delves into the complex issues we will have to deal with going forward the many challenges young black men face such as subtle persistent racism the stagnation of blacks vis vis whites widespread black participation in the military despite widespread anti war sentiments the decline of unions even as organized labor becomes the primary vehicle for black progress the challenges of interracial families the lack of good schools or healthcare for the poor the inability of well off blacks to lift up others barack obama will deliver his first official state of the union address in january 2010 and a day late and a dollar short will deliver an altogether different picture of the way things really under the first black president

barack obama s presidential victory naturally led people to believe that the united states might finally be moving into a post racial era obama s race and its eye opening account of the role played by race in the election paints a dramatically different picture the authors argue that the 2008 election was more polarized by racial attitudes than any other presidential election on

record and perhaps more significantly that there were two sides to this racialization resentful opposition to and racially liberal support for obama as obama s campaign was given a boost in the primaries from racial liberals that extended well beyond that usually offered to ideologically similar white candidates hillary clinton lost much of her longstanding support and instead became the preferred candidate of democratic racial conservatives time and again voters racial predispositions trumped their ideological preferences as john mccain seldom described as conservative in matters of race became the darling of racial conservatives from both parties hard hitting and sure to be controversial obama s race will be both praised and criticized but certainly not ignored

this book is the first in depth examination of the 25 million americans with the most intense hatred of president obama arguably the most republican friendly of recent democratic presidents and what the mindsets of these obama haters teach us about race and ethnicity in america today despite the fact that president obama was raised by a white mother and white grandparents and has two degrees from ivy league universities he has still been subject to intense racial hatred from a large number of americans even after obama s presidency the obama haters and their xenophobia islamophobia and racism will continue to shape american politics america is certainly not post racial argues author algernon austin phd a noted sociologist and author on racial issues who consults on race politics and economics in washington dc in this book he uses the obama haters as an appropriate jumping off point to consider what strategies might begin to reduce racial animosity in the united states a real concern considering that demographic trends are likely to exacerbate and escalate race based hatred in our society austin sets the stage for the discussion by establishing that president obama is hardly liberal in the eyes of liberal political activists raising the question of why obama is so intensely hated by some conservatives he then compares the views of the obama haters estimated to be some 25 million strong with conservatives moderates and liberals who are not obama haters the author shows how the obama haters are distinctly more xenophobic islamophobic and racist than political conservatives who are not obama haters underscoring the fact that the obama haters are motivated by more than just conservatism

this book offers a revealing look at barack obama the democratic nominee for the 2008 presidency from the perspective of quotations by and about obama on his heritage and family state and national politics his run for the presidency the issues of the day community activism and service and thoughts on race and faith

yes i am who i am is the result of much reading research and deep reflection part history part memoir part meditation it is ultimately a hopefilled summons to blacks to embrace and claim their full identity as americans michael owens critique of african american as identity is sure to provoke and to raise further questions as the reader follows owens journey of discovery towards a usable black identity for contemporary america laura gellott professor of history university of wisconsin parkside michael owens as an agent of truth confronts the black identity crisis with courage and dignity yes i am who i am is a thoughtful exposé that ventures beyond a historical account of the black experience in america to offer a solution a timely read for anyone who calls themselves an american heather frederick professor of psychology northcentral university becoming who you are has turned out to be an enormous challenge for african american men and women in the face of a world that wants everyone to be the same yes i am who i am truly focuses on new steps ideas and approaches that one might consider to shift gears in becoming fully present with who you are and with who you can become owens has done it lloyd c williams d min ph d organizational psychologist professor consultant and author

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