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Attention Commissioner Adam Silver

Board of Governors of the NBA

OPEN COMPLAINT AGAINST MINOR OWNER OF SACRAMENTO KINGS SHAQUILLE O'NEIL AND UTAH JAZZ PLAYER TREY BURKE FOR PUBLIC BULLYING OF A DISABLED. EVIDENCE OF BULLYING, MOCKING AND TAUNTING OF A DISABLED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PERSON JAHMEL BINION. DEMAND FOR A LIFETIME BAN FROM NBA AND \$2.5 MILLION FINE AGAINST SHAQUILLE O'NEIL AND PLAYER TREY BURKE FOR PUBLIC BULLYING, MOCKING, HARASSING, BELITTLING AND TAUNTING OF THE DISABLED. DEMAND FOR THE \$2.5 MILLION FINE FOR PUBLIC RACIST STATEMENTS BY SHAQUILL O'NEIL MADE ABOUT AN ASIAN PLAYER YAO MING. PETITIONER ASKS NBA TO FORWARD \$5 MILLION IN FINES TO BE COLLECTED FROM O'NEIL AND BURKE AND FORWARDED TO BINION'S CHARITY FOR THE DISABLED

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"HUG, DON'T JUDGE", \$2.5 MILLION COLLECTED FOR BULLYING OF YAO TO GO TO ASIAN -AMERICAN ANTIDISCRIMINATION CHARITY.

REQUEST BY THE PETITIONER FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO POLL ALL MEMBERSHIP OF NBA WHETHER THEY BELIEVE THAT THE NEW PUNISHMENT STANDARD SET BY COMMISSIONER SILVER IN STERLING CASE IS REFLECTIVE OF THE NBA CONTRACT AND WHETHER THEY AGREE THAT THIS STANDARD SHOULD BE USED AGAINST ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND OWNERS OF THE NBA IN RELATION TO EVERY INAPPROPRIATE PRIVATE STATEMENT OR WHETHER A PROPER INTERPRETATION OF THE NBA CONTRACT MEANS A REQUEST FOR AN APOLOGY FOR AN INAPPROPRIATE PRIVATE AND/OR PUBLIC STATEMENT AND NOT A LIFETIME BAN, \$2.5 MILLION PENALTY AND FORCED SALE OF A TEAM.

Complaint is posted on the official website of the Defend Our Freedoms Foundation www.OrlyTaitzESQ.com, which has currently 50,689,668 views.

PETITIONER

Petitioner herein is Dr. Orly Taitz, ESQ, President of the Defend Our Freedoms Foundation and current candidate on the ballot for the Attorney General of California

SUMMARY OF THE COMPLAINT

Recently Commissioner of the NBA Mr. Adam Silver (hereinafter "Silver") imposed a new unheard of standard, hereinafter called "Silver" standard, where he banned Clippers owner Donald Sterling (Hereinafter "Sterling") for life from NBA, fined him \$2.5 million and demanded a forced sale of his team due to an inappropriate statement made by Sterling in a private conversation with his alleged mistress who illegally recorded the conversation and made it public.

Petitioner provides Commissioner Silver and the Board of Governors with evidence showing minor owner of Sacramento Kings Shaquille O'Neil publicly demeaning, mocking and belittling a disabled African-American person Jahmel

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Binion. O'Neil was joined by Utah Jazz player Trey Burke, who engaged in similar bullying. Further, petitioner provides evidence of O'Neil engaging in bullying and mocking of an Asian athlete and making intolerant public racist statements about an Asian athlete Yao Ming.

Petitioner demands that Commissioner Silver and the Board of Governors engage in impartial, even handed and non discriminatory treatment and impose the same punishment for O'Neil and Burke, specifically ban for life from NBA, \$2.5 million for each incident (\$5 million from O'Neil for bullying both Binion and Ming) as well as forced sale of O'Neil's ownership rights/ share of Sacramento Kings.

Alternatively petitioner is requesting Commissioner and the Board of Governors to forward to each member of the NBA: athlete, coach and owner alike a questionnaire to ascertain whether they subscribe to the same interpretation of the NBA contract, the same "Silver" standard in that one can be banned for life, fined millions and forced to sell the team for making an inappropriate statement in a personal conversation; and that they consent to be charged and fined under this new "Silver" standard; or do they disagree with this interpretation and believe that the NBA contract does not allow for such harsh punishment and believe that a verbal reprimand and a demand for an apology represent a proper interpretation of the contract, in which case Sterling punishment should be reversed and reduced to an apology only and the same should be done in O'Neil and Burke cases.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In and around the same time as Silver imposed new "Silver" standard of punishment of Sterling, minor owner of Sacramento Kings Shaquille O'Neil engaged in mocking, bullying and demeaning a severely disabled African American young man Jahmel Binion. Binion was born with a severe disfigurement, a genetic disorder called Ectodermal Dysplasia. He has a severe malformation of his teeth and face and does not have hair. Shaquille O'Neil found it to be amusing to make fun of a severely disabled person and he decided to do it publicly. O'Neil took pictures of himself making horrible faces and mocking poor Binion. O'Neil posted this image on Instagram and made it public. It went viral and millions of people saw it.

Utah Jazz player Trey Burke was among vile individuals who followed Shaquille O'Neil and posted a similar Instagram picture mocking and bullying a severely disabled person and considering this to be a good laugh, a good joke. People contacted the victim, Binion. Binion was severely distraught and posted comments that he used to consider O'Neil to be his hero and he was distraught by O'Neil's mocking of him. Binion decided to fight O'Neil and created new page, a new group "HUG, DON'T JUDGE" for support of disabled and against this senseless bullying.

Further, this is not the first instance of bullying by O'Neil. Please, see exhibit 4, a report of O'Neil making racist remarks, mocking and bullying Asian athlete Yao Ming.

Petitioner Taitz demands an even handed, non discriminatory approach and treatment of O'Neil and Burke and demands the same punishment for them as for Sterling.

ARGUMENT

a. NEED FOR IMPARTIALITY

Please, see an excerpt from Exhibit 1 an article:

Hypocrite Shaquille O'Neal Cyber-Bullies Disabled Boy on Instagram

Christopher Cook | *April 29 2014*

[53 Comments](#)



By now, you've probably heard of the [racist comments made by LA Clippers owner Donald Sterling](#). The aging billionaire Sterling told his trophy girlfriend that he didn't want her to associate so publicly with black people (even though he didn't mind her sleeping with them).

On Saturday, Basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal called the comments "repugnant." ([TMZ has the audio](#), in case you'd like to hear it.) Rightly so; the comments *were* repugnant.

However, is it any less repugnant for O'Neal to mock a disabled boy on Instagram?

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O'Neal (I refuse to use the friendly sobriquet "Shaq") may be a "jokester," but no one can claim that this was an appropriate attempt at humor. Cruel mockery of the disabled—especially in so open a forum—is not funny. This boy looked up to O'Neal. MILLIONS of boys look up to O'Neal. And this is how he behaves?

Donald Sterling may apologize, but no one will accept it. He's a racist for life.

O'Neal will almost certainly apologize. Maybe he'll part with a few of his many millions to start some sort of anti-bullying campaign. He will be lauded, and all will be forgotten.

But not by this writer. No amount of money or apologies will change the fact that this is the kind of person O'Neal is. He and several others who joined in have shown that they are capable of mocking the disabled on a public forum. No one should behave that way—but it is all the more unacceptable from a grown man, and one with so public a persona.

Writer Christopher Cook pointed out that we have a double standard and hypocrisy on part of O'Neil and others. O'Neil and Burke deserve not only the same punishment as Sterling, but a harsher punishment.

Sterling made an improper statement in a private conversation with his alleged mistress. (she calls herself his little bunny). Sterling did not act with malice and did not make a public statement and did not intent to hurt feelings of others. The ones that acted with malice, were V. Stiviano, his alleged mistress, and her friends and accomplices John Does/ Jane Does who made these illegal recordings public and possibly engaged in attempted extortion and blackmail of Sterling using the tapes. If anything, Commissioner Silver had an obligation to interview Stiviano, who claims to be Clippers employee, and forward to the LA police and the FBI evidence of illegal recording and possible extortion/blackmail of the NBA team owner by Stiviano and her accomplices. Silver had an obligation to question Stiviano in regards to the identity of her accomplices and whether individuals who sold the tapes to TMZ and hurt so many, are also NBA members.

In case of O'Neil and Burke, both of them made public statements, they acted with clear malice aforethought, they publicly mocked, ridiculed and demeaned a severely disabled person, most vulnerable member of the society.

Exhibits 1-4 show an outrage in the society by behavior of both O'Neil and Burke.

Exhibit 4

<http://www.cityweekly.net/utah/blog-11065-10696-this-week-in-nba-douchebaggery-trey-burke-mocks-a-disabled-man.html>

SPORTS BLOG

This Week In NBA Douchebaggery: Trey Burke Mocks A Disabled Man

by Colin Wolf



POSTED // 2014-05-01 -

Apparently, soon-to-be former Los Angeles Clippers owner David Sterling is no longer the most recent NBA affiliate to "unwittingly" act like a dumb turd. Utah Jazz rookie point guard and former University of Michigan standout Trey Burke recently took it upon himself to make fun of a disabled man's selfie on Instagram--you know, because clowning on people with genetic disorders is hilarious.

After posting a picture of himself to his Instagram account, Michigan resident Jahmel Binion discovered that his photo was the butt of a viral joke perpetrated by thousands of people--including Burke, former NBA player Shaquille O'Neil and Atlanta-based rapper Waka Flocka Flame.

Binion was born with a rare disorder called ectodermal dysplasia, a condition that results in a reduced ability to sweat, abnormal hair growth and missing teeth. Even though he claims he's been bullied his entire life, the 23-year-old wasn't amused.

"People were coming to me, they were telling me, 'Yo, Shaq posted a picture with you,'" said Binion in an [interview with Detroit's Fox 2](#). What Binion is referring to is an Instagram post showing O'Neil openly mocking

Binion's appearance in a side-by-side photo with the caption "Smile Today."



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17,703 likes

shaq SMILE PEOPLE

Photo via Fox 2

"Why is he making fun of me when he's supposed to be this role model?" asked Binion. According to Fox 2, Trey Burke and Waka Flocka also jumped on the "let's pick on this disabled guy" bandwagon and posted similar pictures that openly make of Binion's appearance. The photos, which were allegedly just as offensive, have since been removed from their respective Instagram accounts.

Exhibit 2 is an article by Dr. Lilian Glass. She writes:

[Shaquille O'Neal As TOXIC as Donald Sterling As He Makes Fun of Genetically Disabled Man](#)



"As someone who spent the early part of her career working the craniofacially deformed individuals, including patients with Ectodermal Dysplasia, a condition affecting the skin and teeth and sweat glands with protrusion of the upper part of the skull, and I am completely sickened by what basketball star Shaquille O'Neal did to a young man from Detroit, Jahmel Bionion, who is suffering from this condition."

Dr. Glass continued:

" I especially can never look at Shaquille the same way after I saw the video if the young man, Jahmel Binion, talking about how hurt he was by Shaquille O'Neal (who was once one of Jahmel's hero's) I shed tears. below is a link to the video.

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What Shaquille did is awful!! It is NOT funny to make a face and mock someone else, especially if they are disabled. Shaq of all people should know better as there by the grace of God goes he.

If it wasn't for basketball, Shaquille too may have found himself victimized and made fun of due to his giant size . While he has served as a volunteer reserve officer with the Los Angeles Sheriff's department when he was a Laker, as law enforcement was one of Shaquille's childhood dreams, the reality is that his extreme height and size would have made him ineligible for any police department or law enforcement organization due to their height and weight regulations. Had he not been a celebrity. He could have been easily turned away from many a job opportunity because of his size and height.

Even though the internet is filled with people who feel as horribly as I do about what Shaquille did to this young man , he has yet to offer up an apology, or a face to face meeting with the young man, or to help repair the damage he contributed to this young man's self esteem. If he does happen to apologize to the young man, in my view it is too little too late. He needed to do it immediately, not after there was public disdain."

Petitioner Taitz believes that if NBA is to keep the fine against Sterling, NBA should fine O'Neil and Burke \$2.5 million each and forward \$5 million collected from them to the charity "Hug, don't Judge" started by the disabled victim Jahmel Binion.

Further, O'Neil publicly ridiculed an Asian athlete Yao Ming. Exhibit 5 Article by Kevin Saito, "10 outrageously racist moments in sports"

Saito writes: when he (O'Neil) was asked about the league's newest sensation, Houston Rockets center Yao Ming. Perhaps feeling a bit overshadowed, and like Yao was maybe stealing a little bit of the limelight he believed belonged to him, Shaq responded to the reporter's question by saying, "Tell Yao Ming, 'Ching-chong-yang-wah-ah-so."

Nobody ever accused Shaq of being an intellectual heavyweight or particularly mature. But even by the lowest of standards, his racially charged mockery of Yao's heritage is a little below the belt." *id*

**b. NEW ADAM SILVER STANDARD OF PUNISHMENT FOR
PRIVATE STATEMENTS WILL LEAVE NBA WITH NO PLAYERS,
NO COACHES, NO OWNERS AND NO FANS, EFFECTIVELY
WITH NO NBA**

Petitioner would like the Commissioner of the NBA and the Board of Governors to see evidence of wide spread statements that are inappropriate, racist, or seen by some as inappropriate, racist, misogynist, offensive to other ethnic groups. Athletes are treated as kings and often they engage in

inappropriate behavior or use inappropriate language; they call whites - crackers, women are called bitches, gays are called fruit cakes and so on.

The Board of Governors and Commissioner Silver are asked to weigh in on the statements of the members of the league members and the spectators.

Let's take a number of examples: it was reported recently that former talk show host Oprah Winfrey showed her desire to purchase the Clippers in case the Board of Governors decides to force Sterling to sell the team and the courts ultimately uphold this decision. Well, let's look at recent statement by Oprah. Please, see attached link to an interview given by Oprah to BBC while promoting her film "the Butler". Exhibits 6 and 7. See attached an article by an African American reporter Denine Borelli (Exhibit):

"During an interview with the BBC, Oprah said [President Obama](#) is disrespected because he is black:

Yeah, I think that there is a level of disrespect for the office that occurs, and that occurs in some cases and maybe even many cases because he's African-American. There's no question about that and it's the kind of thing nobody ever says but everybody's thinking it.

As if that's not bad enough, Oprah doubled down on her twisted view of Americans.

Oprah [claimed](#) that blacks are still "terrorized because of the color of their skin, because of the color of their black skin" and concluded that America's race [problems](#) will not be solved until the older generation of southern whites die.

I say this, you know, I said this, you know, for apartheid South Africa, I said this for my own, you know, community in the south – there are still generations of people, older people, who were born and bred and marinated in it, in that prejudice and racism, and they just have to die.

Oprah is absolutely wrong.

Americans are opposed to [President Obama](#) because of his failed policies and not the color of his skin and for Oprah to say that people need to die because they won't change their views is a complete distortion of reality.

Based on my experience as a black conservative activist, Oprah is way off base. I am a sought after speaker for events around the country and I've been warmly welcomed – and yes Oprah – even by older white Americans in the south.

Unfortunately, using race to promote her projects is nothing new for Oprah." *id*

Oprah, who became a billionaire due to the fact that U.S. is not a racist country and white Americans tuned in to her show, in an BBC interview claimed that Obama is being criticized by Americans because they are racists and these racists simply need to die. So Oprah made a public statement, where she showed herself to be a black racist, attributing all of the legitimate criticism of Obama to his race and wishing death on white Americans who criticized Obama. So based on the new Adam Silver standard Oprah Winfrey not only should not be allowed to buy Clippers, she should be banned for life from attending all NBA games.

Exhibit 8 is another Kevin Saito's article regarding racist statements by ESPN writer Jason Whitlock:

"ESPN writer Jason Whitlock has never been one who is afraid to voice his opinions. Even sometimes controversial ones. But there is a line between giving voice to a strong opinion, and perpetuating racially insensitive stereotypes and Whitlock absolutely blew through it.

As "Linsanity," the hyped up craze that surrounded then-New York Knicks point guard [Jeremy Lin](#) exploded, he obviously caught the attention of the world. As one of the few Asian-Americans to play in the NBA, Lin seemingly came out of nowhere and set the league on fire.

On a night that Lin dropped 38 on the Los Angeles Lakers, Whitlock took to Twitter to "acknowledge" Lin's terrific performance. In perhaps what was supposed to be a "congratulatory" message, Whitlock Tweeted out, "Some lucky lady in NYC is going to be feeling a couple of inches of pain tonight."

See what he did there? He played off that whole stereotype of Asians having small privates to make a funny. Hilarious, wasn't it? Using racial stereotypes to belittle somebody actually isn't funny. And it's not clever. What it is though, is ignorant and stupid. And a writer of Whitlock's caliber and talent should know better than that." *id*

Based on Silver standard Whitlock should be banned for life from attending NBA games.

Let's take an avid NBA fan African -American movie director Spike Lee, who uses racially charged language makes public racist statements against mixed race couples and against white residents in Harlem stating that Harlem is Second Complaint to Commissioner Adam Silver against Shaquille O'Neil, Trey Burke bullying disabled

supposed to be a black neighborhood. Based on the new Adam Silver standard Spike Lee should be banned for life from attending any and all NBA games for his public racist statements. Exhibit 9

Sometimes individuals who did not do anything wrong can be targeted as well.

Please, see Exhibit 10

[Lefties Target Christian “Homophobes” in NBA Alex Jones' Infowars ...](http://www.infowars.com/lefties-target-christian-homophobes-in-nba/)
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Lefties Target Christian “Homophobes” in NBA this article in Infowars.com states that other members of NBA and team owners may be targeted for their Christian beliefs and their support of Christian organizations which oppose gay marriage. One of such individuals is an NBA Orlando Magic team owner Mr Doug DeVos. Infowars writes:

"...politically incorrect opinions on race, the next phase of the purge can begin – excluding and exiling Christians for opposing gay marriage.

Earlier this week, [Toure' Murry](#), a player for the New York Knicks, told MSNBC the NBA now needs to target owners opposed to gay marriage. "Some of them are not the most savory folks. Some of them are bank rolling anti-gay marriage initiatives," he said. Murry also said owners who support fracking should be ostracized.

AOL Huffpo piled on when [Craig Crawford](#) wrote that although Donald Sterling was booted for his private opinions on social etiquette, others with more dangerous political ideas remain.

"Doug DeVos, who owns the Orlando Magic and the direct-selling company Amway, gave the cash to the anti-gay National Organization for Marriage back in 2009 through his family's charitable foundation. Much like the Chick-Fil-A folks," he wrote on Wednesday.

Crawford was stunned that a boycott in response to DeVos' personal beliefs went nowhere. "Not a peep from anyone associated with the NBA about the 'values' they are now touting," he complained.

The lib echo chamber on Twitter soon began its war chant:

Mark Cuban's [slippery slope](#) is now ramping up. "I think you've got to be very, very careful when you start making blanket statements about what people say and think, as opposed to what they do. It's a very, very slippery slope," said the owner of the Dallas Mavericks after the roasting of Donald Sterling.

Mr. Crawford and his lib pals are obviously upset that Doug DeVos was not punished for his Christian beliefs. He may yet suffer such a fate and, like Donald Sterling, be "fined" for crimes against the liberal orthodoxy and his money used to fund pro-homosexual marriage groups.

Sterling, after all, was fined and the money siphoned off to the PC agenda. [Adam Silver](#), NBA boss, said "these funds will be donated to organizations dedicated to anti-discrimination and tolerance efforts that will be jointly selected by the NBA and its Players Association."

Considering the political opinions of Toure' Murry and others, we can expect additional confiscations and transfers of wealth to fill the coffers of the agenda-driven liberal left."

One can find a reason to ban for life literary anyone.

Here is another example: owner of Miami Heat, Micky Arison, has a legitimate construction business in Israel, however some Palestinian and radical Muslim groups sought to boycott him. It is a matter of time until these groups will seek a forced sale of his team.

C EXPOSURE OF NBA TO MASSIVE BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION IN LIGHT OF STERLING DECISION

NBA is facing today a catch 22 situation. If NBA punishes Sterling, but not O'Neil and Burke, NBA will face a serious winning legal challenge for breach of an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, NBA and Silver will be challenged for discriminatory, unreasonable and capricious actions.

If NBA does not reverse Silver standard, than NBA will be exposed to a wave of extortion and blackmail. After all there is an army of gold diggers swarming around the NBA. 99% of them ultimately become scorned gold diggers and there will be complaints against most, if not all, of the members for some types of inappropriate private statements made by athletes, coaches and owners. This is the reason why there is a statement: my home-my castle. While petitioner does not condone any inappropriate statements, however people are human, they are not robots and everyone makes some inappropriate statements or some offensive jokes in the privacy of one's home. Even commissioner Silver is not a mother Theresa. Petitioner does not know whether Commissioner Silver is straight or gay, however it is quiet likely that his former girl friend or boy friend might come up with some inappropriate statement or a joke, which might be offensive to some ethnic group or to women or to gays. What will he do if a complaint is filed against him? Will he ban himself for life from the NBA? Will he fine himself \$2.5 million? Will the Board of Governors apply these penalties if Silver doesn't?

What's more, even if the statements are not private, but public, still the members of the NBA have to have a notice, a prior knowledge, a prior notification that a certain public statement will carry a certain punishment.

When one violates a traffic law, he will not lose his driver's license for life and will not lose his car. There is a system, a scheme of punishments for the first, second and third offense. Most administrators and administrative agencies have Second Complaint to Commissioner Adam Silver against Shaquille O'Neil, Trey Burke bullying disabled

such schemes of punishments in order to apprise the parties of the penalty the party will face for specific violations. NBA does not appear to have such a defined scheme of penalties, hence a high probability of an abuse, of excessive, unpredictable punishments from the commissioner.

D. NEED FOR AN EQUAL PUNISHMENT OR A POLL OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE MEMBERS AGREE WITH SILVER INTERPRETATION OF THE CONTRACT AND ARE WILLING TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE SAME STANDARD OF PUNISHMENT

Petitioner believes that the most reasonable resolution of the matter would be a poll of the full membership of the NBA: players, coaches and owners to ascertain whether they believe that overly broad interpretation of the NBA contract by the new commissioner is the correct interpretation and members are liable and are willing to be subjected to the same harsh punishment of a ban for life from the NBA and a \$2.5 million fine for any inappropriate statement made in a private conversation, which was illegally recorded.

If majority of players, coaches and owners agree with this broad interpretation and are willing to be subject to the same penalties, then there should be an immediate ban and \$2.5 million penalty assessed against Shaquille O’Neil and Trey Burke for their public bullying of a disabled. If most of the membership believes that interpretation of the contract used in Sterling case is too harsh and the contract was not intended to be a thought and views police or private conversation police, then Commissioner Adam Silver and the Board of Governors should reverse/reconsider Sterling decision and apply the same punishment impartially, which in this case calls for a public apology from both Shaquille O’Neil, Trey Burke and Donald Sterling. Moreover, the punishment against O’Neil and Burke should be more harsh and apology might be accompanied by some fines to go to centers for disabled, while Sterling’s penalty should be limited to apology for unintentional hurt feelings in African – American community when a third party has maliciously recorded and made public his private statement.

REQUESTED ACTION

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Respectfully Dr. Orly Taitz ESQ

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Exhibit 1

Binion <http://www.westernfreepress.com/2014/04/29/hypocrite-shaquille-oneal-cyber-bullies-disabled-boy-on-instagram/>

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No doubt many on the political left will consider Sterling's comments to be far worse. There are numerous reasons for that, not the least of which is that the left tends to see people as members of a collective rather than as individuals. Without a doubt, Sterling's comments were vile and Sterling deserves the reaction he is getting. But in our shock at insults to *groups*, we must never forget about the rights and feelings of *individuals*. That path eventually leads to the denial of the humanity of individuals, as we have seen so many times in lands where collectivist thinking has lease.

That is what O'Neal did. He forgot that Jahmel Binion is an individual. He deemed Sterling's comments to be "repugnant," but failed to see the repugnance staring back at him in Instagram's mirror.

O'Neal is a hypocrite.

Exhibit 2

<http://drillianguassbodylanguageblog.wordpress.com/2014/04/30/shaquille-oneal-as-toxic-as-donald-sterling-as-he-makes-fun-of-genetically-disabled-young-man/>

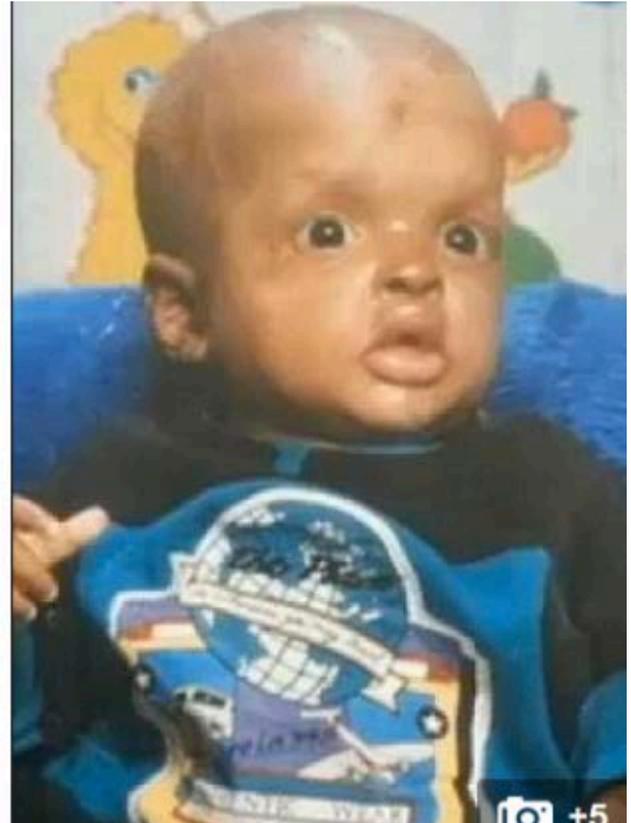
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To me, Shaquille is now as Toxic as Donald Sterling as I am sickened by both of their egregious actions. Please don't tell me that one is different from the other. It is not. Both O'Neil's and Sterling's words and actions are devastating to others. While Sterling showed abusive discrimination towards Blacks, Shaquille O'Neal showed the same abusive discrimination towards a genetically challenged person. I can NEVER respect Shaquille again just as I can NEVER respect Donald Sterling.

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Even though the internet is filled with people who feel as horribly as I do about what Shaquille did to this young man, he has yet to offer up an apology, or a face to face meeting with the young man, or to help repair the damage he contributed to this young man's self esteem. If he does happen to apologize to the young man, in my view it is too little too late. He needed to do it immediately, not after there was public disdain.

Just as I have boycot tDonald Sterling, I am doing the same to Shaquille O'Neal, whom I once considered one of my favorite basketball players. I can't even look at him for the added abuse he did to Jahmel's already fragile self esteem. Just as what Donald Sterling said and did is unforgivable, Shaquille O'Neal's Toxic and sickening actions are unforgivable as well.

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[That's heartbreaking': Shaquille O'Neal under fire for mocking fan ...](#)

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SPORTS BLOG

This Week In NBA Douchebaggery: Trey Burke Mocks A Disabled Man



by Colin Wolf



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Apparently, soon-to-be former Los Angeles Clippers owner David Sterling is no longer the most recent NBA affiliate to "unwittingly" act like a dumb turd. Utah Jazz rookie point guard and former University of Michigan standout Trey Burke recently took it upon himself to make fun of a disabled man's selfie on Instagram-- you know, because clowning on people with genetic disorders is hilarious.

After posting a picture of himself to his Instagram account, Michigan resident Jahmel Binion discovered that his photo was the butt of a viral joke perpetrated by thousands of people--including Burke, former NBA player Shaquille O'Neil and Atlanta-based rapper Waka Flocka Flame.

Binion was born with a rare disorder called ectodermal dysplasia, a condition that results in a reduced ability to sweat, abnormal hair growth and missing teeth. Even though he claims he's been bullied his entire life, the 23-year-old wasn't amused.

"People were coming to me, they were telling me, 'Yo, Shaq posted a picture with you,'" said Binion in an interview with Detroit's Fox 2. What Binion is referring to is an Instagram post showing O'Neil openly mocking Binion's appearance in a side-by-side photo with the caption "Smile Today."



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Photo via Fox 2

"Why is he making fun of me when he's supposed to be this role model?" asked Binion. According to Fox 2, Trey Burke and Waka Flocka also jumped on the "let's pick on this disabled guy" bandwagon and posted similar pictures that openly make of Binion's appearance. The photos, which were allegedly just as offensive, have since been removed from their respective Instagram accounts.

And, because we live in a world where celebrities can say and do stupid shit online and later apologize for it on Twitter, Shaq, Burke and Waka have all issued public apologies:



Trey Burke
@Trey_Burke3



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Had the opportunity to talk to Jahmel Binion yesterday and apologize about the post on IG! #Intentionswerenttohurt #MyApologiesfam

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Right I wanna apologize to #JahmelBinion for being a ass and making a mockery of him #SaluteLiLHomie #WeAllTheSame Waka Flocka

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According to Fox 2, the Utah Jazz have officially responded to the issue and are [making amends by offering Binion complimentary tickets](#) to watch Burke and the Jazz take on the Detroit Pistons next season at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Though it's unclear if Binion has fully accepted these apologies, Twitter apparently has not ...



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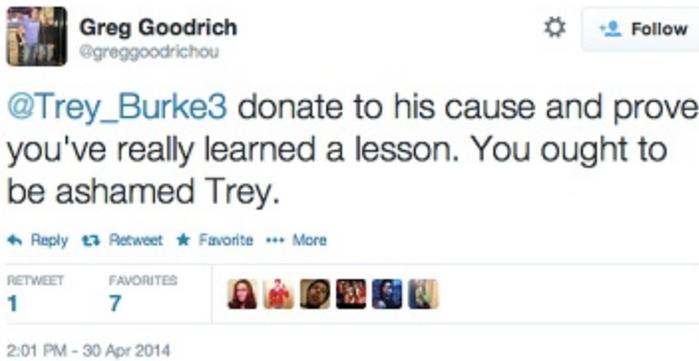
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However, despite the online abuse, Binion seems to be taking it all in stride and has launched a public-awareness Facebook page called [Hug Don't Judge](#). "I've got a mind view like, 'I can't let it get to me. Then I'd get hurt and depressed,'" said Binion. "I just keep my mind high and positive."

Twitter: [@WolfColin](#)

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Binion's missing teeth and abnormal hair growth are a result of a rare disorder called ...



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'That's heartbreaking': Shaquille O'Neal under fire for mocking fan with rare disorder on Instagram

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While the media's attention is focused squarely on Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, there is [another story](#) featuring an NBA legend that is as sad as it is offensive. Former Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal posted a picture on Instagram — mockingly captioned "smile today" — showing his face alongside Michigan man Jahmel Binion:



Image Source: Instagram via WJBK

The only problem? Binion's missing teeth and abnormal hair growth are a result of a rare disorder called ectodermal dysplasia.

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"It was really awful," Pat said on radio this morning. "This is a young man has some sort of genetic disease that, you know, messed up his face and his teeth don't grow properly. So Shaq did a mocking face and put himself side by side and then sent it out on Instagram mocking the kid."

As though O'Neal's immature behavior wasn't bad enough, [in an interview with WJBK-TV](#), Binion explained that while he has grown somewhat accustomed to getting stared at and teased, he had always looked up to the NBA star.

"I was kind of hurt because I've always looked up to him," Binion said. "I've watched Shaq play basketball since I was... so I was like, why are you making fun of me? He is supposed to be this role model."

"That's heartbreaking," Pat said.

After reading about this incident yesterday on TheBlaze, Glenn took to his own Instagram account to show his support of Binion:

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"So yesterday I put up on Instagram my response to it. And I put it up on Instagram and Facebook and then I tweeted it as well because I think it is so awful what Shaq did... It's despicable," Glenn said. "So Shaq comes out [in response to Donald Sterling] all about how [racism is horrible](#). What is racism? Judging somebody by their color. Hey, Shaq, how about not judging somebody by their teeth or the way they look and feeling like you have a right to make fun of them?"

Last night, Shaq tweeted that he had gotten in touch with Binion and apologized for the offensive picture:

Made a new friend today when I called and apologized to Jahmel Binion. Great dude. [#alwayslearning#MYBADCUZ](#)

"Shaq just apologized for making fun of the guy with the genetic disorder... He tweeted, 'I made a new friend today when I called to apologize to Jahmel Binion. What a great guy,'" Glenn said. "Really?! Can [Sterling] apologize? It's okay for Shaq to do it."

Exhibit 5

10 Outrageously Racist Moments in Sports

by [Kevin Saito](#) on April 29, 2014 in [Other sports](#)4. Shaquille O'Neal



Everybody loves [Shaquille O'Neal](#) for his playful, oftentimes childlike personality. He seems to have a good time doing everything he does. It's all part of his charm. Unfortunately, it also lets him get away with a lot of things that he should probably be held to account for. Instead, most people just laugh it off as, "Shaq being Shaq." One such instance was in 2002, when he was asked about the league's newest sensation, Houston Rockets center Yao Ming. Perhaps feeling a bit overshadowed, and like Yao was maybe stealing a little bit of the limelight he believed belonged to him, Shaq responded to the reporter's question by saying, "Tell Yao Ming, 'Ching-chong-yang-wah-ah-so.'"

Nobody ever accused Shaq of being an intellectual heavyweight or particularly mature. But even by the lowest of standards, his racially charged mockery of Yao's heritage is a little below the belt. No doubt he thought he was being funny and witty, but then, so did Marge Schott, Jason Whitlock, and a host of other people who've gone off on racially insensitive tirades. Just ask them.

Exhibit 6

AFRICAN AMERICAN JOURNALIST DENEEN BORELLI CRITICIZED OPRAH WINFREY FOR BEING A BLACK RACIST, FOR OPRAH WINFREY CALLING WHITE AMERICANS "RACISTS" BECAUSE THEY CRITISIZED OBAMA AND SAYING THAT "PEOPLE (MEANING WHITE AMERICANS) NEED TO DIE BECAUSE THEY WOULDN'T CHANGE"

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See what Oprah had to say about racism during an interview about the "The Butler" in the UK.



"I'm [shocked](#), shocked to find that" Oprah Winfrey shamelessly dealt the [race card](#) while promoting her movie "The Butler" in the United Kingdom.

During an interview with the BBC, Oprah said [President Obama](#) is disrespected because he is black:

Yeah, I think that there is a level of disrespect for the office that occurs, and that occurs in some cases and maybe even many cases because he's African-American. There's no question about that and it's the kind of thing nobody ever says but everybody's thinking it.

As if that's not bad enough, Oprah doubled down on her twisted view of Americans.

Oprah [claimed](#) that blacks are still "terrorized because of the color of their skin, because of the color of their black skin" and concluded that America's race [problems](#) will not be solved until the older generation of southern whites die.

I say this, you know, I said this, you know, for apartheid South Africa, I said this for my own, you know, community in the south – there are still generations of people, older people, who were born and bred and marinated in it, in that prejudice and racism, and they just have to die.

Oprah is absolutely wrong.

Americans are opposed to [President Obama](#) because of his failed policies and not the color of his skin and for Oprah to say that people need to die because they won't change their views is a complete distortion of reality.

Based on my experience as a black conservative activist, Oprah is way off base. I am a sought after speaker for events around the country and I've been warmly welcomed – and yes Oprah – even by older white Americans in the south.

Unfortunately, using race to promote her projects is nothing new for Oprah.

In an earlier [post](#), I described how Oprah successfully exploited race to generate [news](#) about the movie when it launched in the U.S. over the summer.

I'm disgusted that Oprah is using her fame and access to the worldwide media to smear Americans.

Oprah took advantage of America's exceptionalism to become a billionaire and now she rewards Americans who supported her rise to fame and fortune with a knife in the back.

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EXHIBIT 7

DAILY MAIL REPORTS ON BLACK RACIST STATEMENTS OF OPRAH WINFREY

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2508646/Oprah-Winfrey-says-racist-generations-need-die-end-discrimination.html>

Oprah: Generations 'marinated' in racism will need to die out for discrimination to end across the world

- **Chat show host says Obama faces challenges because he is African-American**
- **Star of The Butler says civil rights movement has come a long way but more needs to be done**

By [DAILY MAIL REPORTER](#)

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Oprah Winfrey has said racism is still a problem around the world and the only way for it to end is for generations of racists to die out.

In an interview with the [BBC](#) to coincide with the release of her latest film *The Butler*, the chat show host said generations had been 'marinated' in racism.

The 59-year-old added that President Obama was treated with disrespect because of the color of his skin and said she feels fortunate to have been born after segregation ended in the U.S.



Pressing issue: Oprah Winfrey talks about the problems of racism during a BBC interview

When asked if some of the challenges faced by Obama were down to the color of his skin, Winfrey, who had been a high-profile backer of his presidential campaign, said: 'There's no question'.

She highlighted an incident in 2009 when Republican congressman Joe Wilson called out 'you lie', as Obama gave a speech to Congress.

'I think there's a level of disrespect for the office that occurs,' she said. 'And that occurs in some cases ... because he's African American. There's no question about that. And it's the kind of thing no one ever says, but everybody's thinking.'

More...

- [Outrage as Detroit police 'force black men to sing and make animal sounds while they film them from patrol cars'](#)
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Her opinion upset some critics, with a news website dedicated to 'exposing and neutralizing liberal media bias' accusing her of 'playing the race card'. The [News Busters](#) site said Winfrey was narrow-minded for focusing solely on racism against the black community, and added that it was 'patently absurd to suggest that racism is caused by old white people when racism and religious bigotry cut across all generations and ethnicities'.



Support: Winfrey, pictured here during her backing for Barack Obama's campaign, says the President faces challenges because he is African-American

While Winfrey may have focused on the treatment of African-Americans in the U.S. and under Apartheid, she added: 'As long as people can be judged by the color of their skin, problem's not solved.'

Winfrey told BBC Art Editor Will Gompertz that she feels lucky to have been born in Mississippi five years after segregated schools were phased out.

'If I'd been born five years earlier, none, not any of the benefits that I've been blessed to be successful with would have occurred,' she said.

However, Winfrey said that although films such as *The Butler* and *the Scottsboro Boys* have helped show how far the civil rights movement had come, more needed to be done to tackle racism across the world.

'As long as people can be judged by the color of their skin, problem's not solved,' she said.

History: Winfrey with Forest Whitaker in *The Butler*, a story she says people are ready to hear

'There are still generations of people, older people, who were born and bred and marinated in it, in that prejudice and racism, and they just have to die.'

Winfrey, who has a starring role in *The Butler*, a film about an African-American who serves under eight Presidents in the White House, said she was excited to be part of the film project.

'I thought it was an important story for our time and particularly for young people who won't read the history,' Winfrey said, adding that 'people are ready to hear it'.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2508646/Oprah-Winfrey-says-racist-generations-need-die-end-discrimination.html#ixzz30fPUnVWF>

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Exhibit 8

Jason Whitlock



ESPN writer Jason Whitlock has never been one who is afraid to voice his opinions. Even sometimes controversial ones. But there is a line between giving voice to a strong opinion, and perpetuating racially insensitive stereotypes and Whitlock absolutely blew through it.

As “Linsanity,” the hyped up craze that surrounded then-New York Knicks point guard [Jeremy Lin](#) exploded, he obviously caught the attention of the world. As one of the few Asian-Americans to play in the NBA, Lin seemingly came out of nowhere and set the league on fire.

On a night that Lin dropped 38 on the Los Angeles Lakers, Whitlock took to Twitter to “acknowledge” Lin’s terrific performance. In perhaps what was supposed to be a “congratulatory” message, Whitlock Tweeted out, “Some lucky lady in NYC is going to be feeling a couple of inches of pain tonight.”

See what he did there? He played off that whole stereotype of Asians having small privates to make a funny. Hilarious, wasn't it? Using racial stereotypes to belittle somebody actually isn't funny. And it's not clever. What it is though, is ignorant and stupid. And a writer of Whitlock's caliber and talent should know better than that.

Apparently though, he doesn't. In his "apology" for the incident, Whitlock said, "I debased a feel-good sports moment. For that, I'm truly sorry." Notice what's missing? An apology to Lin— and all people of Asian descent— for using a stereotype about the size of their junk to appear clever and witty. Classy.

Exhibit 9

Spike Lee's Racism Isn't Cute: 'M— f— Hipster' Is the New 'Honkey'



Director Spike Lee attends a screening of

"OldBoy" in New York City, Nov. 11, 2013. Jim Spellman—WireImage/Getty Images

<http://time.com/10666/spike-lees-racism-isnt-cute-m-f-hipster-is-the-new-honkey/>

What's really bothering Lee is that he doesn't like seeing his old neighborhood full of white people, which makes him historical detritus.

by Taboola

It's interesting that the director of the richest oeuvre of black films in the history of the medium doesn't understand what the Civil Rights revolution was for. In his [expletive-laced comments](#) about the gentrification of Fort Greene during an interview at the Pratt Institute, Spike Lee seemed to think that what we Overcame for was to be grouchy bigots.

Basically, black people are getting paid more money than they've ever seen in their lives for their houses, and a once sketchy neighborhood is now quiet and pleasant. And this is a bad thing... why?

Lee seems to think it's somehow an injustice whenever black people pick up stakes. But I doubt many of the [blacks](#) now set to pass fat inheritances on to their kids feel that way. This is not the old story of poor blacks being pushed out of neighborhoods razed down for highway construction. Lee isn't making sense.

"Respect the culture" when you move in, Lee growls. But again, he isn't making sense. We can be quite sure that if whites "respected" the culture by trying to participate in it, Lee would be one of the first in line to call it "appropriation." So, no whites better open up barbecue joints or spoken word cafes or try to be rappers. Yet if whites walk on by the culture in "respectful" silence, then the word on the street becomes that they want to keep blacks at a distance.

In his [interview with Anderson Cooper](#) on Wednesday to clarify, Lee mentioned the controversy in Harlem some years ago over park drumming, which new white residents protested. Lee thinks whites were supposed to put up with being woken up on weekend mornings by the drums. That was a subtle issue. I refer to it in my Western Civilization class as a difficult judgment — the kind that shows that real life offers few easy answers.

Lee seems to think it was an open-and-shut case — but then how would he feel if it were whites drumming and blacks moving into the neighborhood and complaining? Maybe

he thinks blacks are supposed to be accommodated as payback for the past. But for how long? Pity is not respect. W.E.B. DuBois once said that “Black America needs justice and is given charity.”

But on gentrification Lee doesn't have time for making sense or trying to, despite the nuance he so brilliantly displays in his films. His comments are instead a tantrum, and an ugly one. What's really bothering Lee is that he doesn't like seeing his old neighborhood full of white people.

Or whitey, perhaps. Just as “thug” is a new way of saying the N-word in polite society, Lee's “m—f— hipster” epithet for the new whites of Fort Greene is a sneaky way of saying “honkey.” Lee is less a social analyst than a reincarnation of George Jefferson with his open hostility to whites.

But George had grown up in Jim Crow America. We let his bigotry pass as “cute” because it was just desserts for a nasty past that was barely even past. But it's been 40 years.

Surely what bothers Lee is not that Fort Greene is now a cushy neighborhood. He just wishes it had gotten that way with all black faces. He's yearning for the multi-class black communities that people of his generation regret the dissolutions of after the end of institutionalized segregation (when black people like my parents, for example, moved out to mixed or white neighborhoods).

But let's face it: The reason there were black communities like that was because of segregation. If there still were black communities like that, no matter how beautiful they would look when shot lovingly in films like Lee's, it would signify racial barriers. The neighborhood would be prime fodder for people like Lee to intone with smug indignation about how non-post-racial America is. “You barely see a white face on the streets. What's that about? What are they afraid of?”

Enough, Mr. Lee. Enough.

When racial barriers come down, people mingle, cohabit, and mate. People grumbling on the sidelines about the losses and appropriations and whatnot that this involves are historical detritus. That becomes ringingly clear in how impossible it is to scorn the multiracial children who grow from processes like this, who grow up to be perfectly normal adults — and life goes on.

And black will go on — but hopefully not the way people like Lee would prefer. There are those who think recreational contrarianism is the soul of blackness — surely, if we aren't mad, we aren't truly black.

by Taboola

But history records no human group whose core essence was eternal indignation. Lee's films, ironically, teach much about what black is and what it will be. Odd that in real life he thinks hearkening back to the social politics of Fred Sanford is moving on up.

EXHIBIT 10

1. [Lefties Target Christian “Homophobes” in NBA Alex Jones' Infowars ...](http://www.infowars.com/lefties-target-christian-homophobes-in-nba/)
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Lefties Target Christian “Homophobes” in NBA

Infowars.com

May 1, 2014

Now that the NBA has handed the progressive left a victory and made it a crime for team owners to hold politically incorrect opinions on race, the next phase of the purge can begin – excluding and exiling Christians for opposing gay marriage.

Earlier this week, [Toure' Murry](#), a player for the New York Knicks, told MSNBC the NBA now needs to target owners opposed to gay marriage. “Some of them are not the most savory folks. Some of them are bank rolling anti-gay marriage initiatives,” he said. Murry also said owners who support fracking should be ostracized.

AOL Huffpo piled on when [Craig Crawford](#) wrote that although Donald Sterling was booted for his private opinions on social etiquette, others with more dangerous political ideas remain.

“Doug DeVos, who owns the Orlando Magic and the direct-selling company Amway, gave the cash to the anti-gay National Organization for Marriage back in 2009 through his family’s charitable foundation. Much like the Chick-Fil-A folks,” he wrote on Wednesday.

Crawford was stunned that a boycott in response to DeVos’ personal beliefs went nowhere. “Not a peep from anyone associated with the NBA about the ‘values’ they are now touting,” he complained.

The lib echo chamber on Twitter soon began its war chant:

Mark Cuban’s [slippery slope](#) is now ramping up. “I think you’ve got to be very, very careful when you start making blanket statements about what people say and think, as opposed to what they do. It’s a very, very slippery slope,” said the owner of the Dallas Mavericks after the roasting of Donald Sterling.

Mr. Crawford and his lib pals are obviously upset that Doug DeVos was not punished for his Christian beliefs. He may yet suffer such a fate and, like Donald Sterling, be “fined” for crimes against the liberal orthodoxy and his money used to fund pro-homosexual marriage groups.

Sterling, after all, was fined and the money siphoned off to the PC agenda. [Adam Silver](#), NBA boss, said “these funds will be donated to organizations dedicated to anti-discrimination and tolerance efforts that will be jointly selected by the NBA and its Players Association.”

Considering the political opinions of Toure’ Murry and others, we can expect additional confiscations and transfers of wealth to fill the coffers of the agenda-driven liberal left.

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Exhibit 11

Donald Sterling -- BAN IS COMPLETELY UNFAIR ... Says Larry Elder

DONALD STERLING BAN IS COMPLETELY UNFAIR ... Says Larry Elder

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FOX

Donald Sterling is getting SCREWED by the NBA ... so says African-American radio host Larry Elder who actually blames Magic

Johnson for blowing the whole thing out of proportion.

Elder appeared on **Fox 11 in L.A.** yesterday and DEFENDED the disgraced Clippers owner during a heated exchange ... saying Sterling would still own the team if Magic would've kept his cool after the audio was released.

"Magic Johnson could have taken this thing to a nice high level ... and he could've said, 'I don't care what Donald Sterling says,'" Elder said.

Elder went on defend Sterling's statements "The worst thing [Sterling] said was 'Don't bring your black friends to the games.' The black friends can go, just don't have em sit next to you. If Magic wants to go, just don't have him sit next to you ... for that, he loses his team?"

"It's not fair."

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