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Do the Media Want a Race War?

But I can't remember a time when the media were so eager to give nationwide publicity to every vicious lie and racist accusation. Forget about trying to get calmer heads to prevail or any of that nonsense about not rushing to judgment. The media want someone's head on a platter (or at least George Zimmerman's body in jail). And they want it *now*.

If they have to doctor the facts a bit to get it, so what? They're willing to use some incredibly dishonest means to see that "justice" is done.



NBC was guilty of one of the most egregious examples, when it ran a clip on the *Today* show of George Zimmerman's call to 911. According to the excerpt NBC broadcast, Zimmerman said, "This guy looks like he's up to no good. He looks black."

Obviously, NBC wanted its audience to believe that Zimmerman is a Neanderthal racist who wouldn't hesitate to gun down an innocent 17-year-old just because he was black.

As it turns out, Zimmerman did utter those words. But the clever editors at NBC left out some incredibly important dialogue that occurred *between* the two sentences. Here's what was actually said:

Zimmerman: "This guy looks like he's up to no good. Or he's on drugs or something. It's raining and he's just walking around, looking about."

911 Dispatcher: "OK. And this guy, is he black, white or Hispanic?"

Zimmerman: "He looks black."

Clearly, Zimmerman was simply answering the dispatcher's question. He did not equate Martin's race with "being up to no good." But that's not how NBC portrayed it. I guess Sharpton has a buddy in their editing room.

As you probably know, Zimmerman claims that after calling 911, he did *not* continue to follow Martin, as many of his critics contend. Instead, he says he returned to his SUV when Martin approached him. Words were exchanged, then Martin punched him in the face, knocked him to the ground and started beating him. An eyewitness says he saw Martin on top of Zimmerman, who was yelling: "Help, help!"

That was when Zimmerman shot his assailant. So far, the police have not released any evidence that contradicts his claim. Just to make sure the facts come out, however, Florida Governor Rick Scott has asked State Attorney Angela Corey to take over the investigation. Corey has a reputation in Florida as a tough, no-nonsense prosecutor. So there is no reason to believe she will be part of any cover-up.

That, of course, is not enough for Sharpton and his cronies. They are threatening to "escalate" the demonstrations if Zimmerman is not immediately arrested. The New Black Panthers Party has gone even farther, offering up a bounty for Zimmerman.

And where is our President in all of this? He says that "If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon



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Martin.” You do have two daughters, Mr. President. Does either one of them look like Aliyah Shell?

In case you’ve never heard of Aliyah, she was a 6-year-old black girl in Chicago who was shot to death last month while sitting with her mother on the front porch of her home. She was one of 10 blacks murdered in Chicago over St. Patrick’s Day weekend. Police say all 10 were murdered by other blacks.

In fact, according to FBI statistics, 93 percent of all blacks murdered in this country are killed by other blacks. But Jesse Jackson insists that “blacks are under attack.” And Spike Lee obviously had whites in mind when he wrote, “You can’t keep killing black children.”

Meanwhile, the media continue to do everything they can to treat Martin like a saint (Don’t you just love the innocent-looking baby pictures of him they show over and over again?), while trying to cast doubt on anything Zimmerman says in his own defense.

Attacked and beaten by the youth? ABC News says that “no abrasions or blood can be seen” in the surveillance video that was shot when Zimmerman arrived at the Sanford police station.

The police report made at the time says that Zimmerman’s nose was bleeding and his back was covered in grass stains when he arrived at the police station. His lawyer said his client went to the doctor the next day and was treated for a broken nose.

But of course facts don’t matter to agitators who are looking for a cause célèbre.

Even some liberals have acknowledged what’s been happening. Writing in the *New York Times*, Bill Keller referred to Al Sharpton’s rabble-rousing as “the kind of demagoguery that could prejudice a prosecution or mobilize a mob.” Then he added, “Is it not creepy, by the way, that Spike Lee was tweeting the suspected home address of George Zimmerman? As if to say, ‘Go get him!’ ”

Of course, as you probably heard, the leftist film producer (and host of a million-dollar fund-raiser for Barack Obama) got the house number wrong. Instead of terrorizing Zimmerman, he gave the street address of an elderly couple who fled their home in fear. Lee later apologized for sending out the wrong address — but not for trying to create problems for Zimmerman.

On March 28 Bobby Rush, a black Congressman from Chicago who says he is proud to have been a member of the Black Panthers, demonstrated his support for Martin by appearing on the House floor in a hoodie and sunglasses. He was escorted off the floor a few moments later for violating House rules on decorum.

Of course, Rush had achieved exactly what he wanted: more one-sided publicity in the national media. To my knowledge, he has said absolutely nothing about the murder of so many blacks, including Aliyah, in the district he actually represents. After all, those are merely statistics, while Martin’s death is an opportunity.

Who was it who said that the Democrats should never let a crisis go to waste? Clearly, Sharpton, Jackson and their cohorts will use this tragedy all they can. Too bad the national media are so willing to help them.

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