

LITHONIA, Ga. — A day of eulogizing Coretta Scott King turned into a rare, in-person rebuke of President Bush, with a succession of civil rights and political leaders assailing White House policies as evidence that the dream of social and racial equality pursued by King and her slain husband was far from reality. The President and his wife, Laura, sat on stage as more than 10,000 cheered suggestions from several speakers that the 1960s civil rights movement led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — and fostered by his widow since his assassination — remains alive and that its goals have not been fully realized. They cited the debates in Washington over the war in Iraq, the recovery from Hurricane Katrina and government eavesdropping.



CLERGY WEIGH IN ON CORETTA KING'S FUNERAL SERVICE

MLK Jr's daughter's "eulogy?" It was at the very end. She said that her mother (while being treated in Mexico) caused an 8 point earthquake. She spoke of spooky, surreal things, such as her mother died of cancer in her "reproductive" organ (uterus, I suppose), and that caused her to believe that God sent her mother to another nation to emphasize the worldwide meaning of her death from reproductive cancer, i.e. the whole world was experiencing a new birth as God worked through her mom's cancer. She quoted Nicodemus, John 3, as a text for her mom's birthing a new era. This women attended Emory, don't know if she graduated. But, it sounded incredibly over the top. hlh

ANOTHER'S COMMENTS: Crazy and could you imagine any of us attempting to get away with some of the stuff that went on at the funeral: talk about people getting a free pass. We don't want to call it racial but it is, reverse racism and leaders pandering to those, who on a normal basis, wouldn't be given the time of day.

What was appalling to me, however, is how inappropriate many of the remarks were: Lowery was totally out of line and Carter, that I like, was not far behind. It is one thing to disagree with a President's policy but to use a funeral to have a public forum to attack and make him and his wife uncomfortable is wrong at its worst and bad taste at its best. Pretty sad to me. George W. was extremely gracious I thought.

My real belief about race relations and we are a far sight from getting there is that we have done some terrible things to blacks. We admit and have to attempt to made some sort of restitution which we have even if it isn't perfect but for blacks, who think about race all the time and us mainly when it is brought up: still at some point in life, AAs have to get over it. They must move on or they'll always be stuck where they are. We have, in a sense, two nations in our country; and scores and scores of angry blacks in our big cities. The African American community needs to focus their energy on jobs and education and pulling people out of the cycle of poverty. Those like me, who want to do something, can't; and, so the black community must do it. My belief. jda

I did not see the funeral, caught only snippets of it. From what I have heard you are very accurate in your assessment of the event. While I like GW I don't know how he is able to put himself into situations like this. He is either stupid, which I don't think or thick skinned and I suspect he has feelings like all of us. If the dems are trying to win people they are going about it the wrong way in my view. I agree with you on the race situation. A significant number of blacks have decided to get over the past and have moved on and doing very well for themselves. But Jackson and others don't want blacks to succeed, only to be in subservience to them and their views. Unfortunately too many blacks follow these kind of leaders blindly. *bw*

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