

# The Conspiracy Theorist's Form of Blind Justice

✘ It doesn't surprise me that a lot people were disappointed by the acquittal of George Zimmerman – the Martin family in particular. They believed, as most parents would in the same situation, that the man who shot their 17 year-old child deserved to be held accountable in some meaningful way for the taking of their son's life.

I get that.

But expressing disappointment and sorrow is one thing. Claiming that *justice* wasn't served (as many have done over the past week) is another. Anyone who followed the trial with even an inkling of objectivity understands that there just weren't any grounds for convicting George Zimmerman of a crime. He wasn't found innocent due to a technicality. He wasn't found innocent because of a racist jury or an incompetent prosecution. He was found innocent because all available evidence of what happened on the night Trayvon Martin was killed pointed to a classic case of self-defense.

What I've found shocking is that for far too many people, that just doesn't seem to matter. The mere, unsubstantiated presumption that George Zimmerman is a racist has been grounds for disregarding practically everything that actually happened that tragic night. There was a real hope for Zimmerman to be convicted and sent off to prison, and it wasn't because of anything that was presented during the case. It was because of the prejudicial thoughts that *might* have been running through Zimmerman's mind when he first spotted Trayvon Martin walking through his neighborhood.

So when I listen to people call Florida an "apartheid state", propose an economic boycott, and remark that it's *open season*

for killing black teenagers there, it seems to me that “justice” is the very last thing on their minds.

Clinging to a false conclusion, and doing so by willfully ignoring all evidence and facts that negate that conclusion more resembles a conspiracy theory than it does an earnest quest for justice. Like a conspiracy theory, the passion behind it isn't fueled so much by the facts of the event, but rather by the general mistrust of a powerful establishment – in this case, what is perceived as the *white establishment* in this country. And when that mistrust is so deeply rooted, there's always an eagerness by certain individuals to attribute heinous acts to it, without factoring fairness or accuracy into the equation.

In this case, Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson (among others) are those individuals. When you think about it, they aren't so different than Alex Jones and Jesse Ventura: A pair of opportunistic nuts whose public relevance relies on the fanning of conspiratorial flames. Unfortunately, Sharpton and Jackson have more influence. 

I would love for someone to try and make the case to me that associating Trayvon Martin's name with self-serving charlatans somehow pays respect to the boy's memory. Because as far as I can tell, all it's done is make the “Justice for Trayvon” movement as shallow of a call to action as the 9/11 Truther movement's call for “truth.”

It's a rhetorical crusade driven by its own form of prejudice.

Who exactly is being served by that crusade? Certainly not the Martin family, and certainly not the African American community.

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# The New Meaning of Justice

✘ Since the day Trayvon Martin was shot, all I've heard are screams for "justice." What exactly does that mean?

According to my dictionary, justice means, "n. 1.a. The principle of moral rightness; equity. b. Conformity to moral rightness in action or attitude; righteousness. 2. The upholding of what is just, esp. fair treatment and due reward in accordance to honor, standards, or law; fairness. 3. Something that is just or due. 4. The quality ofr being just, fair, or impartial. 5. Conformity to truth, fact or sound reason. The administration and procedure of law.

After the George Zimmerman verdict came down on Saturday, there were plenty of people tweeting about the verdict, among them lots of celebrities. There were demonstrations all over the country and, according to news reports today, vigils are scheduled all over the country to demand "justice for Trayvon."

So, based on the cries for justice after the verdict, I think a few new definitions should be added to our dictionaries.

## **Justice:**

1. Whatever any one person wants or thinks justice should be.
2. A jury verdict which should be ignored by anyone who doesn't like it even though said jury sat through an entire trial, observed witnesses testify, saw the evidence, listened to arguments from both sides, was instructed by a judge as to the relevant law, reviewed all the evidence and applied the law to reach said verdict.
3. A person's personal determination of what the truth is even though not a witness to the occurrence or part of a jury or even present during the entire courtroom proceeding

including jury deliberations.

4. Ignoring the rule of law and making stupid statements like those made by professional poverty pimp, Al Sharpton (who also wasn't witness to the occurrence, part of the jury or even present during the entire courtroom proceeding including jury deliberations and who, if you remember, helped perpetuate the false allegations made by Tawana Brawley in 1987), "The acquittal of George Zimmerman is a slap in the face to the American people but it is only the first round in the pursuit of justice. We intend to ask the Department of Justice to move forward as they did in the Rodney King case and we will closely monitor the civil case against Mr. Zimmerman. I will convene an emergency call with preachers tonight to discuss next steps and I intend to head to Florida in the next few days."

5. Making such demands on the Department of Justice even though

previously filed FBI documents show agents had not turned up any accounts that Zimmerman, before the February 2012 shooting, exhibited racial bias.

6. Rejecting our legal system by the likes of actress Sophia Bush who tweeted, "The wind is more than knocked out of me... My heart aches for this boy's family. Justice System? I don't think so. #justicefortrayvon."

7. Playing the race card whenever it's convenient as in the case of actor and comedian Steve Harvey who tweeted, "A Child is Dead & The Man that Killed Him is Free & Again The Child is Black...My Country Tis of Thee?"

8. Being outraged following the George Zimmerman verdict yet remaining silent about the black-on-black murder rate in Chicago and elsewhere throughout the United States. According to what I read today, in the 513 days between the Martin-Zimmerman incident and the verdict, an astounding

11,106 blacks have been murdered by other blacks.

9. Making race the focus of the Zimmerman trial, as the media did, while ignoring and failing to report on the trial of late-term abortionist Kermit Gosnell and his killing of innocent black babies.

I know my memory isn't the greatest, but I really can't recall any nationwide protests or vigils after O.J. Simpson was acquitted of killing Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman. How come we didn't hear demands on the Department of Justice to file civil rights' violations against O.J. Simpson? Why wasn't the race card played after the verdict by white people demanding "justice for Nicole and Ron"? No one is ever going to convince me that O.J. didn't kill Nicole and Ron, but I wasn't out there demanding "justice" and ignoring the jury verdict. Everyone accepted the verdicts and moved on.

Bottom line on the definition of "justice": Even if you don't know what happened, if you think or believe someone is innocent and they're acquitted, justice was served; if you think or believe someone is guilty and they're acquitted, justice wasn't served. Unfortunately, justice, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.

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## **Trayvon Martin – The Cast of Characters**

✘ On February 26<sup>th</sup>, I was no where near the shooting of Trayvon Martin so I have no idea what happened. I don't know Trayvon; I don't know George Zimmerman. I don't know if

Trayvon did anything to provoke George and I have no idea what went on in George's head or heart so I have nothing to say about the actual incident because the investigation is still ongoing and we don't have all the facts.

But that hasn't stopped a whole lot of other characters from injecting themselves into the national drama.

I'll leave the **media** to the experts like Bernie Goldberg whose article Trayvon Martin and Media Hypocrisy tells us all we need to know about the media's bias and its reporting of the story.

I can't begin to imagine what **Trayvon's parents** are going through, but I also can't imagine how, amidst all the grieving, his mother had the time, energy and composure to consult an attorney to file trademark applications for "I Am Trayvon" and "Justice for Trayvon." Enough said.

**President Obama** was asked a question during one of his press conferences about the case. Not having learned his lesson from the Gates situation at Cambridge, he went head first into the quagmire by saying that if he had a son, he would look like Trayvon. With that statement, Mr. Obama did more than just personalize the situation; he put a racial spin on it thereby excluding 86% of Americans. A person with true leadership skills would've had us collectively thinking of Trayvon as one of our own young people rather than reminding us that he was a black young man. I guess I have to give him some slack because he was speaking off the cuff without his teleprompter.

Enter poverty pimps, **Al Sharpton** and **Jesse Jackson**, the race-baiting maggots who are genetically drawn to any opportunity for national attention. Al Sharpton was calling for the immediate arrest of George before the investigation was completed and only absented himself from the controversy to attend his own mother's funeral. Jesse Jackson called Trayvon

“murdered and martyred.” Jackson told the LA Times that “blacks are under attack,” adding that “targeting, arresting, convicting blacks and ultimately killing us is big business.” How irresponsible can two people be?

I’m not off base here particularly when you have the former NAACP leader **C.L. Bryant** accusing both Sharpton and Jackson of “exploiting” the Trayvon Martin tragedy to “racially divide this country.”

Who can forget those lovable **New Black Panthers** whose spokesman, Mikhail Muhammad, called for vigilante justice, saying “an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth” and offering a \$10,000 reward for George’s “capture.” Not a word from President Obama or Eric Holder about this type of vigilantism but then again, it was Eric Holder who failed to follow through with the prosecution of the 2008 New Black Panthers’ voter intimidation case.

Then there’s the moron, **Spike Lee**, who decided to tweet George’s address but got it wrong and tweeted the address of an elderly couple whose lives were disrupted by this idiot’s need for revenge. Since then, the couple has “settled” with Spike Lee (I hope they got plenty of bucks out of this bozo.) He’s since tweeted an apology. Maybe someone should tweet his address. He is a perfect example of why I cannot and will not separate the man/woman/actor/actress from their politics. As long as I know that one dime of my money will end up in his pocket, I will never see a Spike Lee movie. Period.

Before this is over, we’re going to see a whole new bunch of unsavory characters coming out of the woodwork. I’m sure there are plenty of publicity whores thinking right now how they can monetize the situation.

If there’s an arrest and George is put on trial, I’m sure Court TV will have a huge daily audience watching and picking apart every shred of evidence. I will go out on a limb and

say that, just like there was no way OJ would ever be convicted, there will be no way that George will not be convicted.

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.

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## Peeling the Onion Known as Trayvon Martin

*After you finish this bonus article inspired by recent events, we hope you'll also enjoy [It's Time to Focus on Current Events](#).*

In the beginning, we were told that Trayvon Martin, who was shot and killed by George Zimmerman, was a model student and a credit to his race. We were told that he had been suspended from school for tardiness. And we were constantly shown his photo, in which he looked almost cherub-like.

Then we heard that it wasn't tardiness, but truancy. Finally, we got the news that his suspension was drug-related. Later, we learned that the photo of the smiling Trayvon was five years old. We then got to see a photo of 17-year-old Trayvon looking like a thug. We also learned that he was 6'3" and that his twitter comments hardly paint a picture of a choir boy. We also learned that he had been found to have stolen jewelry, a screwdriver and graffiti paraphernalia, in his backpack.

None of that is an excuse for being shot down in cold blood. But, then, George Zimmerman was found to have gotten his nose broken and the back of his head bashed and bloodied in the aftermath of his encounter with Martin, so it may not have been cold-blooded, after all.

What we do know is that if George Zimmerman's father, rather than his mother, had been Hispanic and if his last name had therefore been Gomez, Lopez or Chavez, nobody would have ever heard of the incident. We certainly know that Obama wouldn't have chimed in, and Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and the Black Panthers, would never have rushed down to Sanford, Florida.

Some people have said that Obama had to respond to a reporter's question, after all, but we all know that nobody gets to ask Obama a question he doesn't want to answer. And while other people seem to be perfectly satisfied with his response, I'm not. For one thing, when it's a white victim of black crime, he never says anything. This time, he felt compelled to say, "If I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon Martin." I wonder how the media would have responded if a white 17-year-old had been shot by a black person, and a white president had said, "If I had a son, he would look like Billy Jones."

With Obama and his hand puppet, Attorney General Eric Holder, it always comes down to race. That's bad enough, but the fact that Obama sold himself as the first post-racial president makes his response all the more insufferable.

While Sharpton and all the other usual suspects are screaming for justice, is there anyone who actually believes that if it's determined in a court of law that George Zimmerman is innocent of any wrongdoing that America won't experience Rodney King-type riots in the aftermath?

In a related matter, Rep. Laura Richardson, a black congresswoman from California, who is already being investigated by the House Ethics Committee for various violations, has now been accused by a former aide of treating her and other staff members like chattel.

This comes after Sheila Jackson Lee was voted the most obnoxious member of Congress by congressional staffers;

Charles Rangel was found guilty of 11 infractions by a House committee; Maxine Waters is under investigation for questionable financial dealings; and Rep. Hank Johnson made America cackle by worrying during a House hearing whether the island might tip over if too many sailors and their families were relocated to Guam.

It's not white America that has set back race relations; it's Obama, Holder and the corrupt and ignorant dingbat members of the Black Congressional Caucus. It's they, along with race baiters like Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, who consistently ignore black crime and the black illegitimacy rate while berating whites for alleged grievances.

It takes an honest black man such as Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson to say, "It's hypocritical of so-called black leaders to call for the prosecution of George Zimmerman and accuse the police of racism without knowing the facts. Black-on-black crime takes place every day. And blacks kill whites in far greater numbers than whites kill blacks. Yet, we only see these leaders and their hypnotized black followers worked up when a black is victimized by another race. This is racist and evil.

"Where were the NAACP, Al Sharpton, the Black Caucus and black ministers when black flash mobs were terrorizing the city of Philadelphia and attacking whites and others? It was so bad that Mayor Michael Nutter threatened to jail parents if they were not willing to get their thug children under control. In Kansas City, a 13-year-old white kid was attacked by two black teens who poured gasoline on him and set him on fire, saying, 'You get what you deserve, white boy.' If these leaders were sincere, they would condemn crime across the board.

"It's unfortunate that the parents of Trayvon Martin would associate with the likes of Al Sharpton and allow their loss to be exploited. Just imagine the support they would receive from Americans of all races if they rejected hate and called for calm and due process to allow the truth to come out."

Instead, Trayvon's mother has trademarked his name and hoodies just like Trayvon's, as they're being marketed, are selling on the Internet for \$80.

Is it any wonder that Republicans of all colors can't wait for regime change to take place on November 6th?

Speaking of the election, I just heard Rick Santorum say that he would be willing to run as Romney's vice-president.

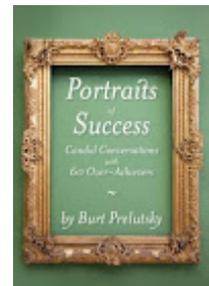
All I know is that if it comes to pass, President Romney would not only need a chief of staff and a solicitor general, but an official food taster.

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## In Cold Blood?

I read an op-ed in the New York Times the other day about the Trayvon Martin shooting. The writer, an author named Rich Benjamin, was mainly talking about his dislike of gated communities where residents, he says, develop a bunker mentality and see outsiders – “the young, the colored and the presumably poor” – as threats to their safety. So it “isn't just racism,” as a sub headline states, it's also “the bunker”

that led to Trayvon Martin's death.

Benjamin says people who live in gated communities often have an exaggerated fear of crime. They think it's a greater threat to them and their families than it really is, based on police statistics. He makes their desire to stay safe inside the confines of their gated community sound like a bad case of paranoia, or some other kind of mental disorder. But that's not why I'm writing.

In his op-ed he casually states that George Zimmerman shot "the youth in cold blood."

Could be. And if that's what happened, Mr. Zimmerman must be punished. But Rich Benjamin, since he wasn't there, has absolutely no way of knowing if that is what happened. Besides, "in cold blood" means that the deed was done ruthlessly and without any emotion. That's a reckless term to use when you can't possibly know what you're talking about. Did Mr. Benjamin learn nothing from the so-called Duke Lacrosse rape case?

A lot of people also knew for sure, without a shred of evidence, that three young white men supposedly from privileged backgrounds raped a not-so-well-off black woman who had to dance at frat parties to make a living. How could it be otherwise, they figured? The athletes were white, right? The "victim" was black. The story fit all their pre-conceived notions about jocks and race and power and powerlessness.

Except, it turned out that the woman was mentally unstable and made the whole thing up. Oops!

Every decent person wants justice in the Sanford shooting. But by promiscuously stating that a young black man was shot "in cold blood" – and stating it in the New York Times, no less – Mr. Benjamin may have made that goal more difficult. So has Florida Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, who recently said, "Now, I'm not going to be politically correct. I'm going to

say it like I see it. Trayvon was hunted down like a rabid dog.”

Given America’s history with race, we can understand why African Americans (both Mr. Benjamin and Congresswoman Wilson are black) might jump to conclusions, absent any hard facts. We can understand that black people experienced things that whites haven’t and so assume certain things – about the police, the justice system, and other powerful American institutions – that whites might not.

But Congresswoman Wilson doesn’t know that “Trayvon was hunted down like a rabid dog” anymore than Mr. Benjamin knows that he was shot “in cold blood.” You get the impression that while they may see themselves as progressives, they haven’t allowed themselves to progress very far from the bad old days of Jim Crow.

What if it turns out that George Zimmerman, the shooter, committed no crime? Will the people yelling loudest for justice accept such a finding – or is “guilty” the only permissible verdict for a “cold-blooded” shooting?