

# 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.