

## On “60 Minutes” Andy Rooney Said:

I don't think being a minority makes you a victim of anything except numbers. The only things I can think of that are truly discriminatory are things like the United Negro College Fund, Jet Magazine, Black Entertainment Television, and Miss Black America. Try to have things like the United Caucasian College Fund, Cloud Magazine, White Entertainment Television, or Miss White America; and see what happens...Jesse Jackson will be knocking down your door.

Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game.

I believe they are called the Boy Scouts for a reason; that is why no girls are allowed. Girls belong in the Girl Scouts! ARE YOU LISTENING, MARTHA BURKE?

I think that if you feel homosexuality is wrong, it is not a phobia, it is an opinion.

I have the right "NOT" to be tolerant of others because they are different, weird, or tick me off.

When 70% of the people who get arrested are black, in cities where 70% of the population is black, that is not racial profiling, it is the Law of Probability.

I believe that if you are selling me a milkshake, a pack of cigarettes, a newspaper or a hotel room, you must do it in English! As a matter of fact, if you want to be an American citizen, you should have to speak English!

My father and grandfather didn't die in vain so you can leave the countries you were born in to come over and disrespect ours.

I think the police should have every right to shoot your sorry ass if you threaten them after they tell you to stop. If you can't understand the word "freeze" or "stop" in English, see the above lines.

I don't think just because you were not born in this country, you are qualified for any special loan programs, government sponsored bank loans or tax breaks, etc., so you can open a hotel, coffee shop, trinket store, or any other business.

We did not go to the aid of certain foreign countries and risk our lives in wars to defend their freedoms, so that decades later they could come over here and tell us our constitution is a living document, and open to their interpretations.

I don't hate the rich, I don't pity the poor.

I know pro wrestling is fake, but so are movies and television. That doesn't stop you from watching them.

I think Bill Gates has every right to keep every penny he makes and continue to make more. If it ticks you off, go invent the next better operating system and put your name on the building.

It doesn't take a whole village to raise a child right, but it does take a parent to stand up to the kid; and smack their little behinds when necessary, and say "NO!"

I think tattoos and piercing are fine if you want them, but please don't pretend they are a political statement. And, please, stay home until that new lip ring heals. I don't want to look at your ugly infected mouth as you serve me French fries!

I am sick of "Political Correctness." I know a lot of black people, and not a single one of them was born in Africa; so how can they be "African-Americans"? Besides, Africa is a continent. I don't go around saying I am a European-American because my great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather was from Europe I am proud to be from America and nowhere else.

And if you don't like my point of view, tough...

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA , AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

Andy Rooney

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This is what I got from reading Andy Rooney's article.  
What did you get?

As a therapist, I question whether political correctness stems from genuine acceptance or if political motives drive it.

What is acceptance? Do I have to see things the way you see them to be acceptable? Do I have to say it, whatever it is, in ways that offend nobody? What if I am offended by your political correctness, then should you have to change?

There is another thing I might add to what Rooney has said, I have never seen a black person. I have seen dark brown people whose hair is black. As far as that goes, I've never seen a white person either. As I look at my hand it seems to me that most people are simply shades of brown. Labeling makes it easier to see you as different from me, therefore, easier to discriminate against you.

Labels often state what is unimportant and unnecessary. I am English-American (even though none of my ancestors have come from England in over 100 years). I have been tempted when someone says, "I'm Mexican American," to respond with "Glad to meet you, I'm an English

American!" What is the point? Is it essential for you to know that I'm not from Denmark? Is it important to tell you that I'm English, so you will not confuse me with being Danish?

If you use the "N" word, am I willing to accept you (without judgment), knowing that it is about your beliefs and emotional state, not the person you are talking about? Can I accept you, or must I judge you and force you to fit my mold of correctness?

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