Are There More Than Two Tribes?

Description

Just a few weeks ago, Bill Whittle of Eject! Eject! Eject! posted a fine essay on â€œtribesâ€•, that was very relevant due to the news reports of the chaos in New Orleans.

Update 9/27/2005: Hereâ€™s a link to an article I didnâ€™t take the time to look for yesterday, that supports this post.

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Today, I found it disturbing to hear at least two talk radio shows discuss the reality of the post-Hurricane Katrina social â€œunrestâ€•â€¦it seems there was some, but hardly any major crime committed. It seems, like the â€œbody countâ€• assessment being grossly inflated, the other stories of general lawlessness were grossly inflated. Itâ€™s not to say crime didnâ€™t happen, but taking one â€œmetricâ€• of homocide, in a city where the going rate is about 200 murders a year, there are only 4 detected in the few weeks after the Hurricane. Remarkable.

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As I heard more on this this afternoon, I recalled the â€œTribesâ€• essay of Billâ€™s. Itâ€™s cogent, and communicates a clear message, yet, come to find out, the degree of emotion used isnâ€™t justified by the reality. Thos who commit crimes still need their full measure of justice, but â€œweâ€• may have gone overborad in our assessment and therefore, have developed some further feelings about how to look upon those who remained in town during the storm.

Now, I believe, Bill could re-write â€œTribesâ€• presenting us with 3 tribes of people, the compassionate, the criminal, and the new third member, the Media. Alternatively, he could eliminate the second group and then just replace them with the Media as those juxtaposed from the compassionate.

The HBM (Has Been Media) is purposely positioning itself where the truth is irrelevant in their eyes, and therefore we should accept that their â€œyellow jouralismâ€• tactics to make money are acceptable, as they are losing their audience.

Iâ€™m sorry, Iâ€™m not buying inâ€¦.And, note to HBM types: Try the truth, it might hurt today, but in the long run, itâ€™s a better strategyâ€¦.

Update 9/28/05: The retired SEAL adds some fuel to the fire with this infoâ€¦.

Oxbow asks the hard question that I merely alluded to aboveâ€¦.

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