

# Melissa Harris-Perry

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So part of it is we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents, or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Therapists are less likely to perceive a black woman as sad; instead they see her as angry or anxious.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Stereotypes work to help divide women from recognizing their common interests.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

With Donald Trump, you know, what I would tell you is that he's got shelf life like I never would have guessed.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Loss of social standing is an ever-present threat for individuals whose social acceptance is based on behavioral traits rather than unconditional human value.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

You just have to be strong if you're a black woman.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Once it's everybody's responsibility and not just the household's we start making better investments.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Politics are a part of athletics now. Politics is a part of everything. And athletics is no exception.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I had a friend say to me the other day, I hate when I see Jonathan

Metzl on your show because I know it's bad news. I know that there has been a shooting.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Popular films are so powerful and compelling that it's often easier to accept their versions of history than the much more complicated true stories.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I think the most critical needs of the African-American communities aren't being addressed primarily because of decisions being made by Republican Congressional leaders.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

From 2001 to 2012 at least 6,410 women were murdered by an intimate partner using a gun. That's more than the number of U.S. troops killed in action in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan combined.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Donald Trump has changed the rule and so have the stations and the media coverage.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Many people consider darts a sport, with a live audience and very excited fans and competitors who aren't hitting the bull's-eye.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I just keep thinking of how many times I've heard Ferguson effect. And I've heard it because of protests, officers are afraid to do their job because of - because of a YouTube effect.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

The Republicans don't need black folks to vote Republican, they just need them to not vote.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

The problem is that many of our policymakers want to base sweeping laws on those feelings.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I can understand how someone might read wearing a blonde wig as a desire to be white, but I suspect that the same shaming smirk can happen if you wear a big afro or any number of other hairstyles.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

The debate was a chance for senator [Bernie] Sanders to have a game-changing moment to recapture the news cycle and build momentum going into 2016 and he took his best shot at having a moment.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Former Governor [Jeb] Bush calling for an end all together of the Supplemental Nutrition Program, or what some people call food stamps program, as part of an overhaul.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

You are five times more likely to be killed by your abuser if your abuser can get their hands on a gun. That`s not a small problem.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

On the track, you`re Tommie Smith, the fastest man in the world, but once you`re in the dressing rooms, you are nothing more than a dirty Negro.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I would agree if the race were today, most likely, our nominee would be Donald Trump, but it isn`t today.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I do feel like there`s this Republican Party establishment is in disarray. That`s the story that the Donald Trump surge seems to tell.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Adults who enter into public life implicitly consent to having less privacy, but their families - especially their children - should not be treated callously or thoughtlessly.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I don't know what people mean when they ask me whether I'm embracing my whiteness. Whiteness is ubiquitous.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Housing affects everything, and we continue to live in very, very segregated communities.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Look, I grew up in, went to school in, and now live in the American South, and southern white women are interesting, complex and quirky, even the ones with racial anxieties.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Undoubtedly, the biggest influence on my life is my mom, followed pretty closely by my dad.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

It actually does matter what people think about you.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

Having a white parent undoubtedly makes for a different childhood experience than having two black parents.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I hate to play YouTube.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I'm a sexual assault survivor. I have long felt like Bill Cosby needed to be held accountable. But I keep wondering if this is a system that can bring that accountability.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

The removal of Bill Cosby from his cultural pedestal seems pretty complete.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I'm horrible with money. I make bad business decisions every hour of the day.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

I would want to know that my daughter is going to enjoy a long, happy and healthy life.

~Melissa Harris-Perry

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