

Shelby Steele

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It is time for blacks to begin the shift from a wartime to a peacetime identity, from fighting for opportunity to the seizing of it.

~Shelby Steele

Opportunity follows struggle. It follows effort. It follows hard work. It doesn't come before.

~Shelby Steele

Every single progressive education fad of the past thirty years has hurt poor black children.

~Shelby Steele

A black conservative is a black who dissents from the victimization explanation of black fate.

~Shelby Steele

The promised land guarantees nothing. It is only an opportunity, not a deliverance.

~Shelby Steele

My experience in life tells me that the values that are now being labeled 'conservative' are the only way that blacks can get ahead.

~Shelby Steele

Freedom always carries a burden of proof, always throws us back on ourselves.

~Shelby Steele

Liberalism has become a moral vaccine that immunizes people against stigmatization.

~Shelby Steele

My honest opinion is that blacks have to fight much harder for their individuality than whites do.

~Shelby Steele

I would love to see us, as blacks, get to the place where we say, 'I'm not going to play race games with you. Here I am. This is who I am. Take it or leave it.'

~Shelby Steele

If you are a minority, it is important that you have legal ways to defend yourself in the society in which you live.

~Shelby Steele

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, good liberals both, pursued power by offering their candidacies as opportunities for Americans to document their innocence of the nation's past.

~Shelby Steele

My rule is, whatever is the most urgent is what I do next.

~Shelby Steele

Barack Obama's strategy is to get away from anything having to do with race as quickly as he can. His fear is that that might open a Pandora's Box.

~Shelby Steele

I wrote a piece in the New York Times back in the Nineties saying that racial discrimination ought to be a criminal offense, not just a civil one. I'm all for the criminalization of discrimination.

~Shelby Steele

I know that whatever power Shelby Steele has always comes out of the writing. I'm not the greatest television pundit or the best public speaker, so it's my writing that's most important.

~Shelby Steele

If you're getting harassed, it's not helpful to know that racism has generally declined in America, when you're still experiencing it. That is a reality that we're still vulnerable to.

~Shelby Steele

My individuality is my gift to my people.

~Shelby Steele

Sometimes, Barack Obama is Martin Luther King, sometimes, he a black militant from the Sixties, then he's a Baptist minister. He can be so different. There's not yet an Obama voice.

~Shelby Steele

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