

William Julius Wilson

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But the person who scored well on an SAT will not necessarily be the best doctor or the best lawyer or the best businessman. These tests do not measure character, leadership, creativity, perseverance.

~William Julius Wilson

Crime, family dissolution, welfare, and low levels of social organization are fundamentally a consequence of the disappearance of work.

~William Julius Wilson

There is a tendency to want to treat blacks as a monolithic socioeconomic group.

~William Julius Wilson

My research clearly reveals that if we want to put inner-city workers to work immediately, we just can't rely on the private sector. They don't want to touch them; they don't want to hire them.

~William Julius Wilson

The middle class has just fallen further and further behind the rich.

~William Julius Wilson

Black employers are just as negative as the white employers concerning inner-city workers.

~William Julius Wilson

Prior to 1940, the affluent and the middle class began to converge, but after 1979, the economic gap between the middle class and affluent widened significantly.

~William Julius Wilson

There are many positive things to say about the black community. No question about it.

~William Julius Wilson

Liberals were intimidated by the Reagan administration and did not want to appear naive by talking about programs that called for government support. I just said, 'The hell with that. I'm out there.'

~William Julius Wilson

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