

Global Ethics Day 2016
Race, Human Rights & The U.N.

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A. GLOBAL ETHICS DAY 2015: Discussing 'Patriotism' and the notion of 'True Patriotism' in connection with gender and militarism <https://vimeo.com/152335063>

B. AN APPEAL TO THE WORLD: A STATEMENT ON THE DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO MINORITIES IN THE CASE OF CITIZENS OF NEGRO DESCENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AN APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR REDRESS

Introduction (W.E.B. Du Bois)

"The disenfranchisement of the American Negro makes the functioning of all democracy in the nation difficult; and as democracy fails to function in the leading democracy in the world, it fails in the world."
~ page 6

I. The Denial of Legal Rights of American Negroes (Earl Dickerson)

"It is a sad commentary on American constitutional jurisprudence that because of the absence of effective sanctions there exists a pitiable chasm between doctrinal idealism of constitutional guarantees and the practical realization of constitutional protection." ~ page 15

II. The Legal Status of Americans of Negro Descent Since World War 1 (Milton R. Konvitz)

III. The Present Legal and Social Status of the American Negro (William Ming Jr.)

IV. Patterns of Discrimination in Fundamental Human Rights (Leslie S. Perry)

*"There is general agreement that the "fundamental human rights" which the United Nations are pledged to promote for all peoples "without distinction as to race," include **Education, Employment, Housing and Health**. The Negro in the United States is the victim of wide deprivation of each of these rights"* ~ page 62

V. The Charter of the United Nations and its Provisions for Human Rights and the Rights of Minorities and Decisions Already Taken Under this Charter (Rayford W. Logan)

"The Charter [of the U.N.] did not leave it to the individual nations to decide for themselves whether they accepted the obligation to protect human and minority rights by writing this obligation into a treaty"
~page. 86

"The Major obstacle in the way of any effective implementation of the evident intent of the drafters of the Charter... is Article 2, paragraph 7 which provides: "Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state ..." ~ page 90

C. THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

There are 9 'core' Human Rights Treaties and 'Treaty Bodies' – among them:

a. **Committee Against Torture** (Michael Brown)

b. **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** (Trayvon Martin & Jordan Davis)

"Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" vs. "Civil and Political Rights"