

## Re: The country I was raised in

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Melinda Meahan – take out TRASH to send wrote:

> RaeMorrill wrote:

>> Well, how do parents have any control of who sits where on a bus. First  
>> of all, I imagine mostly this was public transportation as at some  
>> points the issue on school bus was moot – the blacks were not in same  
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> In the Deep South a lot of the Christian school movement started not  
> because parents wanted to get their children away from influences that  
> could cause them conflicts with their Christian beliefs but because the  
> Christian schools were not required to desegregate.

Do you mean to say that it wasn't just coincidence that almost all of the "Christian Academies" were founded within a few weeks of court orders desegregating schools in the particular communities, counties and states where they are located? I'm shocked! <sarcasm off>

Seriously, part of the reason for the schools was that their own interpretation of their "Christian Beliefs" was that God favored segregation and that it was supported by the bible, using the same "proof texts" that had been used for centuries by slave owners to justify their own situation. It's amazing how many of them had a sudden revelation that God had changed his mind when they discovered that Federal dollars were available to schools that didn't discriminate...

The biggest issue I've seen in this thread stems from the fact that a few posters had the apparent good fortune to grow up in a place where they weren't exposed to racism, de facto segregation or other forms of blatant bigotry, and they're having a difficult time accepting that this wasn't the norm for the rest of the country or for the other folks who post here. I was fortunate to have grown up in a Navy family, stationed in places where there wasn't as much racism as there was elsewhere. I also had parents who wouldn't tolerate it for a minute, including a father who never hesitated to speak up when he didn't approve of something after having grown up in the old Hell's Kitchen section of NYC. Nevertheless, I've also lived in places where it was endemic and where people didn't even try to hide their racism. Even had a landlord in Tennessee try to use me as a "token minority" so as to avoid integrating his mobile home park, so the Army wouldn't place

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him off limits.

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