

Ernest W. Hartung, President, Idaho University
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Dear Mr. Hartung: —

I see by the press that black bully boys are back in the picture, also threatening black political action. The blacks seem just can't learn that their behaviour and throwing weight around among whites are counterproductive. Before they start any disruptive tactics, they should be informed that first and foremost essential for them to do is start from themselves, to what can be done about why they are being shunned by whites. There is always a reason for hostilities on part of white students, which is the core of all frictions.

It only takes few blacks with their sneers and threatening manner, and barging in on affairs where they weren't invited, behaviours like that on part of few, gives a blanket condemnation to whole black student groups. Call in their spokesmen and have a talk with them and point out why blacks themselves should institute some

rules and disciplines among themselves.
and quite complaining about
"racism". From my observations, when
it comes to accuse anyone of racism
blacks themselves could take the first
prize for racial hostility.

I saw a lot of it. I was right in
thick of all the disruptions and smash
ups and rioting in Los Angeles and
San Francisco. some of it backed-up by
white student's levatic fringe. Do I think
I am partly qualified to say what I have
just said. A bad behaviour, ill
manners and resorting to bullying of
whites by blacks, is at the root of all
trouble. racism, or being shunned by
whites, follows later. This must be
impressed on black students and it's ~~up~~ up
to them to act and do something. To start
or threat, or some sort of retaliation won't
help them only it will make matters
worse.

Yours Sincerely,
John Stepanuk

P.S. In case you may wonder of what cultural
background I am, My family hailed from Western Ukraine
- that is grand parents.