

PANEL DISCUSSION

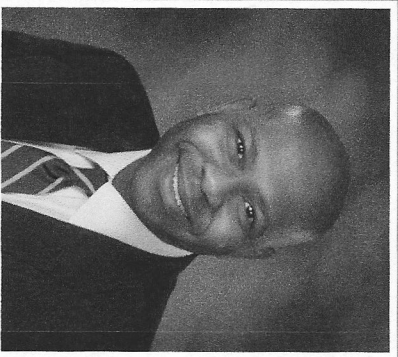
Racism in America

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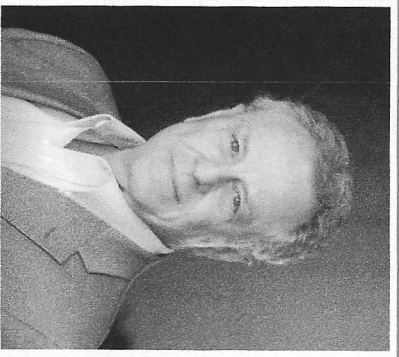
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MORRIS DEES

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More than 50 years after the Civil Rights Act, three distinguished panelists will explore *Racism in America* from their divergent perspectives: Michele Norris, former host of NPR's *All Things Considered*; Jason Riley, *Wall Street Journal* columnist and author of *Please Stop Helping Us*; and Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Michele Norris is an award-winning journalist with more than two decades

of experience. Norris served as co-host of NPR's newsmagazine *All Things Considered*, public radio's longest-running national program. Before coming to NPR, Norris was a correspondent for ABC News and reported extensively on education, inner city issues, the nation's drug problem, and poverty. In September 2010, Norris released her first book, *The Grace of Silence: A Memoir*, which focuses on how America talks about race in the wake of Barack Obama's presidential election, and explores her own family's racial legacy. Norris earned both an Emmy Award and Peabody Award for her contribution to ABC News' coverage of 9/11.

Jason Riley is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a columnist for the *Wall Street Journal* where he worked for more than 20 years writing opinion pieces on politics, economics, education,

immigration, and race, among other subjects. He is also a commentator for Fox News, where he has appeared for more than a decade, and a frequent public speaker. In 2008 he published *Let Them In*, which argues for a more free-market oriented U.S. immigration policy, and his second book, *Please Stop Helping Us*, which is about the track record of government efforts to help the black underclass, was published in 2014.

Morris Dees is the son of Alabama cotton farmers who witnessed social and economic deprivation and Jim Crow treatment at its worse. To combat the power of hate groups and address cases of racial discrimination, Mr. Dees began taking on controversial civil rights cases and, in 1970, co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of America's most successful and innovative public interest law firms. He has received numerous awards in conjunction with his work, including being inducted into the Trial Lawyers' Hall of Fame by the American Trial Lawyers' Association and being awarded the ABA Medal by The American Bar Association, which is the organization's highest honor.