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## We're Growing Backwards

## Will We Ever Get It Right?

It's been 50 years since the inception of the Voting Rights Act, Martin Luther King, Jr assassination, and the March on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. These milestones in history were thought to be the beginning of a new era of equality, fairness in education, good paying jobs and the lists goes on. But has anything really changed. Most politicians, churches, schools all gather around and embrace the concept of freedom but are people of color really free. Are we really in a post racist society. If looked at from the point of view of the powerful, yes we are. If looked at from the perspective of the powerless no we're not. Who is right? Yes, we can apply for all those jobs that in years past were deemed unreacha-

ble. The question then becomes are you going to get the job. I think not. The powerful make sure they walk you up to the line but rarely let you cross it. I rarely see people of color ring that Wall Street bell. It reminds me of the time when we used to look at the television and get excited when we saw a person with brown skin. Well it's the same way with the ringing of that Wall Street bell. I saw the news clip of the robot when it landed on Mars and all the cheers from those engineers. All white not one person of color. Google it you'll see what I mean. The current legislative arm of the country has proven my theory time and time again. I can't believe it sometimes. The misleading responses to current events, for example Char-



lottesville. I know what I saw, but they tell a whole different story. I believe, they believe that if they say it often enough, it will make some people believe what they're say is true. I watch all news and some folks live in a society of their own making. That says a lot about these United States of America. For 50 years we have been marching, singing, and chanting, but things still remain the

same. Will we ever be united?

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