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Memo/Reply From
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TO: Les Earnest

Dear Les

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Thank you for your wonderful article. My few efforts to rectify the system have been less effective than your own. The world isn't ready.

I believe the U.S. took a grave step backward by institutionalizing rather than erasing race, and have often said so. At least it is evolving into a cultural more than a biological concept (a Spaniard is certainly not a Hispanic!) so that self-definition is one feeble outlet. "Who is a Jew" has never not been an issue, emerging again in Israel! My mother taught me, a Jew is one whom Hitler (or x) will never stop persecuting, will never allow to forget that label. Perhaps we could use that. Very good to hear from you; and thank you for Imagen

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