

Egregious injustice

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

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FULL TEXT

African Americans rarely take notice of even the most egregious miscarriage of justice if no blacks are involved. That attitude is exceedingly shortsighted. The baleful history of blacks in America should have established a profound awareness that civil rights are difficult to attain and are also challenging to retain once acquired. The bedrock of civil rights is the national commitment to the primacy of the rule of law. Civil rights do not depend, as some believe, on cordial interracial relationships. The most important element is the law that provides an aggrieved individual recourse in the event of racial bigotry.

Commitment to the rule of law is an enlightened societal value and is difficult to maintain. Those with power are often willing to deviate from this principle to achieve their goals. The civil rights leadership and others should be prepared to oppose any serious deviation, regardless of racial or ethnic considerations.

One of the most egregious cases of official misconduct in a criminal case is the refusal of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to disclose to Massachusetts prosecutors that the testimony of Joseph Barboza in the Edward Deegan murder was perjured.

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U.S. District Judge Nancy Gertner awarded a \$101.7 million judgment against the United States for the intentional misconduct of the FBI. Civil rights activists should be very concerned about the conduct of the FBI. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

DETAILS

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