



The Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention (PBSC), rejects the practice and language of racism that appears to be accepted and embraced in the twenty-first century. Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, in his classic, The Souls of Black Folk, stated, "...the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line..." This book was written in 1903, and it proved prophetic. Now the problem of the twentieth century has infected the twenty first century. The case of Roseanne Barr is but the latest exhibition of the virulent spread of the infection.

Actress/Comedian Rosanne Barr wrote a twitter post which states, "the Muslim Brotherhood and the Planet of the Apes had a baby named Valerie Jarrett." Although Ms. Barr claims that she was tweeting this message as a joke, the Political Action Committee of the PBSC, does not find any humor in this twitter post. On the contrary, we find it racist and degrading. Unfortunately, our country, the United States of America, has been infected with virulent racist tendencies for some time. The PBSC will not sit in silence. We stand to add our voice to all voices that denounce such vitriolic language infecting our world.

Genesis 1:27(NKJV) states, "*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him: male and female He created them.*" Rosanne Barr's depiction of Valerie Jarrett, characterizes her as inhuman, which is at the heart of racism in America.

We applaud the American Broadcasting Corporation for immediately canceling Rosanne Barr's sitcom television show. As constituent Churches and Associations of the PBSC, let us unite in the Spirit of Jesus Christ to denounce and reject racism and hatred in all forms, wherever and whenever it is infecting our world. Let us work and pray to make this a transformative teaching moment, as agents of Jesus Christ in a fallen world.

In His Service,

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*"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."* Acts 17:26-27 (NIV)