

What does segregation look like?

HOW SEGREGATION SURVIVED

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You start out in 1954 by saying, “Nigger, nigger, nigger.” By 1968 you can’t say “nigger”— that hurts you, backfires. So you say stuff like, uh, forced busing, states’ rights, and all that stuff, . . .

— Lee Atwater, Advisor to President Ronald Reagan, in 1981.⁵⁴¹

