

Filename: Doctor Clayborne Carson: "No veo que formar parte de España sea una opresión"

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Brunat: Do you think it is licit[?], do you think it is okay to compare what Martin Luther King fight about, what his struggle, to compare it with an independence movement in Europe, in Spain?

Carson: I don't think it's fair to compare the two because Martin Luther King was trying to free black Americans from a very oppressive system. I don't see the Catalanian movement as... I don't think being part of Spain means that they are oppressed and prevented from exercising basic human rights. So, in that sense, I don't think the movements are comparable. I do think though that Martin Luther King did not copyright non-violent activism. And many groups in the United States, for example, the anti-abortion movement in the United States very publicly used the same tactics that King used to stop abortion. That's hard to believe that comparison. I've, uh, you know, I've been there. And it seems to me a very affluent area. Uh, I don't see Catalonians as, in general, being oppressed as a group. Uhm, so I think my sense, maybe there's something I'm missing, but I don't think it's the same kind of movement as the African American struggle for civil rights, I suppose, the right to, getting access to restaurants and those sorts of goals. Martin Luther King was trying to achieve basic human rights. I'm not so sure I would put separating an affluent, generally affluent area, from the rest of the nation, I don't see how you can compare that to freeing people from an oppressive system.

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Carson: It's, uh, it's a worldwide trend, and you know, I think it's a very dangerous trend. It's one that, it will, if you have 1,000 nations you would have 1,000 nations that have people who do not want to be in that nation and will feel oppressed. When they [indecipherable] their kids, and their kids are taught a different language and taught a different culture, and, and I think the world, what King was working toward was a world where we would overcome these differences, rather than give in to these differences.

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Carson: I think that that has happened in the United States.

Brunat: And out of the United States? And abroad?

Carson: Well, I think, you know, there is a great deal of hypocrisy. And governments which, by definition, monopolize violence in a society, um, proclaim non-violence. And usually, you know for example, the United States calls upon other countries to remain non-violent when they are protesting against something, but reserves the right to use violence when it wants to. So I think any time you're talking about a government, that, in other circumstances would use violence to crush demonstrations, to call upon a symbol of nonviolence to justify their actions, that can be hypocritical.

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Carson: If every person in the world had the right to organize a separatist movement, I think we would probably end up with 10,000 countries in the world. And that's part of where we are as a world. I think Martin Luther King was trying to achieve a world where we were coming together, not separating and building walls. And, so I think that that's, I can understand the legitimate right of people to form their own nation, but I think that has to be balanced against, if you do that, there's going to be a minority in your nation, if you do that for cultural or ethnic reasons, you are also going to create a new minority in your nation that feels that they are dispossessed. I appreciate the fact they you are using non-violence rather than violence, but I would say don't cloak yourself in King's legacy.

Brunat: Yeah, yeah, that's way too much.

Carson: Because you're trying to deny other people the right to do something that they should have a right to do. I think where, almost wherever you see separatist movements, it cre... I think King's [indecipherable] King's legacy was about bringing people together, not separating them, and understanding by separating you are creating a new aggrieved minority of people. You are saying that every person that doesn't want to be a Catalanian has to leave the region. Because often that happens after separation. That's what happened, that's why, India and Pakistan are still enemies many years later. Because uh, all the Muslims now live in India, and all the Indians, basically all the Indians had to leave Pakistan. So, that's a tragedy. Why couldn't they have just stayed together as a nation?