

Excerpt taken from a December 6, 1957 letter in response to a woman in Cleveland, Ohio while Jesse Helms was the Executive Director at the North Carolina Bankers Association:

*“Let me emphasize that I cannot buy the doctrine of white supremacy. On the other hand, I cannot see the wisdom of trying to convince the Negro and his political sympathizers that legislation can cure the Negro’s plight. He must pull himself up by his own bootstraps, painful and arduous as the process may be. Northerners who pretend that such will not be necessary are merely deluding themselves - - and worse still, the Negro as well.”*