

1935 NÜREMBERG RACIAL LAWS AND AMERICAN RACISM

We may have come a long way in the 21st century fighting racism against African Americans, but we all must never forget the injustices committed against them in the name of segregation.

After reading the Nüremberg Racial Laws, you will not find it difficult to recognize the connection with the following so-called legal measures taken against African Americans in southern states.

Alabama: “The term ‘negro’ includes mulatto ... a person of mixed blood, descended on the part of the father or mother from Negro ancestors without reference to or limit of time or number of generations.”

Arkansas: “The words ‘person of Negro race’ shall be held to apply to and include any person who has in his or her veins any Negro blood whatever.”

Louisiana: “Negroes, 3/4 or more Negro blood; Griffe, 1/2 Negro, 1/2 mulatto; Mulatto, 1/2 Negro, 1/2 White; Quadroon, 1/4 Negro, 3/4 White; Octoroon, 1/8 Negro, 7/8 White.

Quoted in Eddy L. Harris, *South of Haunted Dreams—A Ride Through Slavery’s Old Backyard*; London: Penquin Books, p. 17.