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Re: Mel Gibson's Derogatory Statement

It is unfortunate that a man of his stature and admiration, who has made his millions off of women, African-Americans and Jews harbor such racist, sexist, and anti-semitic feeling against people who have admired and respected him for decades.

An apology is insufficient given his history of racism, sexism and anti semitism. He has set one of the worse examples for our young children and adults at a time when this country is making significant progress in moving toward a color-blind society. No amount of words will change his image as an out of date and out of control racist. Only a sustained period of positive acts can his legacy be redeemed,

Leon Jenkins  
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