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somebody else because beating was the way things were done. The only ones that black adults could beat were black children. And that is not something that we ought to perpetuate and say it's our tradition as black people, it our heritage as black people. It's an aberration, something that foolish, ignorant, simpleminded black people will do to their children because they learned it while they were enslaved and held as property by white people. They picked up the worst things and I argue against that, I fight against it, I struggle against it every time I have the opportunity. I don't want anybody abusing black children. White marauders, black marauders, they're all the same to me when it comes to what is happening to these innocent, helpless children who cannot speak for themselves, who cannot defend themselves. When I was in grade school and they read to me about Little Black Sambo and Old Black Joe and talked about Nigger Jim in Huckleberry Finn because we were too young to read it, I had to sit there in this white classroom with the same white missionaries subjecting me to that. And I was the child whose black parents told him when you go to school you respect those teachers and you obey those teachers, and in my child's mind, I am wondering why do I have to respect these people when they're doing this to me and they let the little white kids laugh at me. That's what I came through in white schools. You all didn't experience that. You don't even know what it means. You couldn't stand it. What was it that this Jack Nicholson said, the truth, you cannot handle the truth. And you can't. You all can't even deal with me on this floor without almost losing your mind, and I'm not taking anything from you. I'm not putting violent hands on you. Why do you think I fought to get corporal punishment out of the public schools? Because I watched it being administered on little black children who couldn't help themselves, and I was too small to stand up and help them at that time, although it tore me up inside. I have trouble, and maybe it comes from what I saw happening to children, being in the presence of strong people brutalizing, bullying, mistreating those who are weak and helpless and cannot stand up for themselves. I cannot understand why somebody who is greatly stronger than another person even wants to harm that person, but there are people who will. And white people have a mind-set which causes them to think that whatever they decide is right, is right for everybody. Well, there are two societies,