

Carol Swain: Americans Must Reject Identity Politics And Multiculturalism

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MURFREESBORO, Tennessee — Americans need to turn away from identity politics and multiculturalism and embrace an American identity, conservative writer and speaker Carol Swain said Tuesday at a Rutherford County GOP luncheon.



Carol Swain (left) with Donna Barrett, Rutherford County GOP Chair

That's the only way our country can move beyond the conflicts we're experiencing, said Swain, echoing a message she has given in interviews on Fox News in the aftermath

of violent clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Saturday between white supremacists and radical leftist counterprotesters. On Fox, Swain defended President Trump for blaming both sides.

Swain said Tuesday that the ranks of those attracted to “white identity and white consciousness” is growing, but that it’s illogical to maintain that blacks, Hispanics and Asians can promote an identity for themselves rooted in race, but that whites can’t. The solution, she believes, is to support and promote an American identity to cultivate a unifying bond.

Tickets for Tuesday’s luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel sold out. With 85 people attending, it was the largest quarterly luncheon gathering the Rutherford



Carol Swain speaks to a full house

County GOP has hosted. Tuesday also marked Swain’s last official day as a law and political science professor at Vanderbilt University. But Swain has no plans to retire from writing and traveling to give speeches.

Although Swain faced opposition at Vanderbilt because of her conservative views, she said Tuesday that she wasn’t pushed out, but rather, at age 63, was looking for new challenges after teaching for 28 years.

Swain believes her fellow conservatives also need to rise to new challenges. She encouraged her audience Tuesday to read, or re-read, George Orwell’s *1984*.

“What you see taking place in our society with the destruction of history and monuments and with the language codes, all of that is straight out of George Orwell,” she said. “We’re moving, I think, toward a totalitarian society.”

Swain also said conservatives need to read the work of Saul Alinsky, the leftist author of *Rules for Radicals*. Conservatives need to borrow some of the tactics he promotes and use them to their own advantage, she said. For example, Alinsky wrote, “Ridicule is man’s most potent weapon.” Swain said conservatives should use their creative minds to come up other ways to poke the left besides calling progressives “snowflakes.”