## **ROBERT MERCER ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

#### Highlights:

- Robert Mercer opposed civil rights.
  - Mercer reportedly argued that the 1964 Civil Rights Act was a mistake.
    - According to the New Yorker, a former employee claimed that, "Mercer asserted repeatedly that African-Americans were better off economically before the civil-rights movement."
  - Mercer allegedly claimed that Black people were racist and that there were no more white racists.
- Robert Mercer was the sole donor behind a million-dollar Islamophonic ad campaign attacking plans to build an alleged mosque in New York City.
  - o Mercer was the sole donor behind a million-dollar advertising campaign attacking a "Ground Zero mosque."
  - o The proposed building was neither a mosque nor at Ground Zero.
  - o The Mercer-funded ads were condemned as Islamophobic.

## Mercer Opposed Civil Rights

# MERCER REPORTEDLY ARGUED THAT THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT WAS A MISTAKE

**New Yorker: Mercer Argued That The 1964 Civil Rights Act "Was A Major Mistake."** According to the New Yorker, "Mercer, for his part, has argued that the Civil Rights Act, in 1964, was a major mistake." [New Yorker, <u>3/17/17]</u>

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## MERCER ALLEGEDLY CLAIMED THERE WERE NO WHITE PEOPLE WHO WERE RACIST AND THAT BLACK PEOPLE WERE RACIST

**New Yorker: Mercer Allegedly Claimed, "There Are No White Racists In America Today, Only Black Racists."** According to the New Yorker, "He has also said that the problem of racism in America is exaggerated. The source said that, not long ago, he heard Mercer proclaim that there are no white racists in America today, only black racists." [New Yorker, 3/17/17]

Mercer Was The Sole Donor Behind A Million-Dollar Islamophobic Ad Campaign Attacking Plans To Build An Alleged Mosque In New York

## MERCER WAS THE SOLE DONOR BEHIND A MILLION-DOLLAR ISLAMOPHOBIC AD CAMPAIGN ATTACKING PLANS TO BUILD AN ALLEGED MOSQUE IN NEW YORK CITY

<u>New Yorker: Mercer Was The Sole Donor Behind A Million-Dollar Advertising Campaign Attacking A</u> <u>"Ground Zero Mosque"</u> New Yorker: Mercer Was The Sole Donor Behind A Million Dollar Advertising Campaign Attacking A "Ground Zero Mosque." According to the New Yorker, "In New York, reporters discovered that Robert Mercer was the sole donor behind a million-dollar advertising campaign attacking what it described as a plan to build a 'Ground Zero Mosque' in Manhattan. The proposed building was neither a mosque nor at Ground Zero. The ads, which were meant to boost a Conservative Party candidate for governor, were condemned as Islamophobic." [New Yorker, <u>3/17/17]</u>

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