

## In Memoriam

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Colonies and empire were politically useful because they provided a national and nationalist solidarity that class division threatened. In place of class, an ideology of race was formed. This ideology was crucial to, not antithetical to, European liberalism. Their true opponents were socialists and Marxists, although even they had difficulty in disengaging themselves from the appeal of a racial ideology that supported the idea of universal progress and the fantasy of local superiority.

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