

“After two and a half centuries of slavery, followed by a century of rural semiserfdom and violently imposed segregation, wanton economic discrimination, and outright exclusion of Afro-Americans from the middle and upper echelons of the nation's economy, it was inevitable that when the nation finally committed itself to the goal of ethnic justice and integration the transition would be painful, if not traumatic. The prejudices of centuries die hard, and even when they wane, the institutional frameworks that sustained them are bound to linger. “

—Orlando Patterson from Chapter 1 of *The Ordeal Of Integration: Progress And Resentment In America's "Racial" Crisis*

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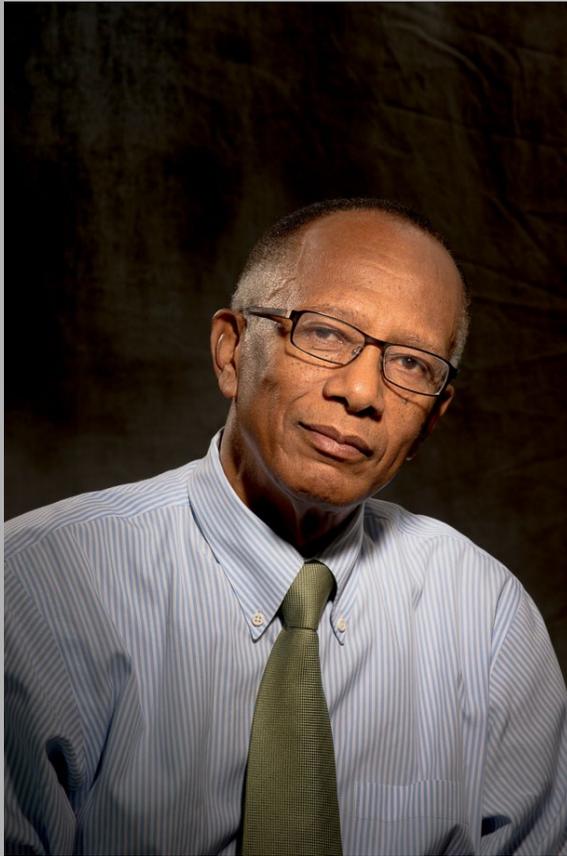
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A public intellectual, Professor Patterson was, for eight years, Special Advisor for social policy and development to Prime Minister Michael Manley of Jamaica. He was a founding member of Cultural Survival, one of the leading advocacy groups for the rights of indigenous peoples, and was for several years a board member of Freedom House, a major civic organization for the promotion of freedom and democracy around the world. The author of three novels, he has published widely in journals of opinion and the national press, especially the *New York Times*, where he was a guest columnist. His columns have also appeared in *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *The Public Interest*, *The New Republic*, and *The Washington Post*.

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