

If Mr. Roosevelt chooses to entertain a colored man at his private table that is his affair alone, and though other people may question his good taste, it is hardly fair to make it an issue in politics. But when he chooses to thrust upon the people of any community a public officer who is utterly distasteful to them, there is proper occasion for vigorous protest. In the selection of *their* servant (not his) for the transaction of *their* business (not his) the people have a right to be heard, and the disregard of that right will will bring an outpouring of righteous wrath upon the head of any man who persists in such a policy.