

When Two Sides Are One Too Many

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Columnist Jelani Greenidge looks at the heart of opposing viewpoints.

1. Consumers are increasingly being made aware of the conditions and policies of the manufacturers who make their clothes, food, and other products. What do you still buy even though you might not fully agree with what you are supporting?
2. Jelani Greenidge says, “If you try hard enough, you can frame any issue as if there are two equally valid viewpoints.” What personal experience or cultural situation can you think of that supports this statement?
3. Greenidge quotes James 4:8: “Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” How do you understand this verse?
4. Much has been written about race in the media lately. Where in your sphere of relationships do you see tensions having to do with race and ethnicity?
5. How can we be sure that “we’re on the side of God” as Abraham Lincoln once stated?