

with certain inalienable rights, among these the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that to procure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed? And the man, Thomas Jefferson, who wrote that was a slaveholder so he certainly couldn't have believed in the freedom and the right to have liberty and happiness for all people unless he considered people of my kind not to be people. But he didn't find us so objectionable that he could not find his way to the slave huts and sire children whose descendants to this day can trace their ancestry right back to Thomas Jefferson. And there is an apocryphal story that said Thomas was doing these activities and his wife said, Thomas, you're embarrassing me; leave those black women alone. And he said, Mrs. Jefferson, I'll leave you alone first. And that was common. When visitors from across the water came to America and went throughout the south, they said there is a remarkable thing they observed. I read history written by white people, American white people and European white people. They said that when I go onto the slave plantation, I see these children and they all bear a striking resemblance to each other with the main difference being their complexion, so my conclusion is that they had a common sire, but different mothers. Where do you think all the people, if black people such as myself are indeed to be black, very dark in complexion, who poured the cream in the coffee? Who jumped over fences? You think we got this color by avoiding the sun? No, white people infused their blood into us and in a set of circumstances where we had no choice. We think deeply about procreational matters and how children are to be born into this world and how they are to be treated in this world, how at one time women could be bred like cows, pigs and chickens, under the banner called the flag of the United States of America. That's what the flag covered when it came to us and those are the things it symbolizes to this day. But even though I am not in a position to have all of the rights of an American citizen, which I supposedly am, vindicated in my case and in the case of my kind, as long as I can say or do something to help other similarly situated get some of those rights, that's what I am going to do. This is a deep and a profound issue and it goes to more than simply the decision of a woman to decide whether or not she is going to carry a pregnancy to term. It goes to the very basis of the laws and the Constitution of this country and the principles upon which it supposedly has been established. I'll get my day. I will speak and somebody is going to hear, but there is no way, that given this semibully pulpit, that I