

About Star Parker



Star Parker is the founder and president of CURE, the Coalition for Urban Renewal & Education, a 501c3 non-profit think tank that provides a national voice of reason on issues of race and poverty in the media, inner city neighborhoods, and public policy.

Prior to her involvement in social activism, Star Parker was a single welfare mother in Los Angeles, California. After receiving Christ, Star returned to college, received a BS degree in marketing and launched an urban Christian magazine. The 1992 Los Angeles riots destroyed her business, yet served as a springboard for her focus on faith and market-based alternatives to empower the lives of the poor.

As a social policy consultant, Star Parker gives regular testimony before the United States Congress, and is a national expert on major television and radio shows across the country. Currently, Star is a regular commentator on *CNN*, *CNBC*, *CBN*, *FOX News*, and the United Kingdom's *BBC*. She has debated **Jesse Jackson** on *BET*; fought for school choice on *Larry King Live*; defended welfare reform on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, and spoke at the 1996 Republican National Convention.

Star Parker's personal transformation from welfare fraud to conservative crusader has been chronicled by ABC's *20/20*; **Rush Limbaugh**; *Readers Digest*; **Dr. James Dobson**; *The 700 Club*; **Dr. George Grant**; the *Washington Times*; *Christianity Today*; *Charisma*, and *World Magazine*. Articles and quotes by Star have appeared in major publications including the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*.

Star has written three books. Her autobiography "[Pimps, Whores & Welfare Brats](#)" was released in 1997 by Pocket Books, "[Uncle Sam's Plantation](#)" is released by Thomas Nelson in the fall of 2003, and "[White Ghetto: How Middle Class America Reflects Inner City Decay](#)" was released in 2006.

Today, in addition to heading CURE, Star is a syndicated columnist for Scripps Howard News Service, offering weekly op-eds to more than 400 newspapers worldwide, including the *Boston Herald*, the *Dallas Morning News*, *The Orange County Register*, *San Diego Union*, *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, the *Washington Times*, and the *Star and Stripes*, the largest paper serving the men and women of our Armed Forces.