to overcome racial bias, we must first accept its existence

In March 2008, the United Nation’s Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination condemned what is bound to be racist derogation in the death penalty and in the sentencing of youth to life without parole to crimes committed when they were under 18, a practice the committee wants stopped. The committee said it was not bound to take steps, including a freeze on the death penalty, to end racial bias. This is only one factor that contributes to the need for an end to racist bias entrenched in our society. Only when we understand the power of racist bias can we overcome it by ending part of it in our daily decisions and actions. What will you do to battle bias in your community?