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In June 1997, President Clinton announced "One America in the 21st Century: The President's Initiative on Race." As the Clinton website at the National Archives notes, "The President recognizes that, even as America rapidly becomes the world's first truly multi-racial democracy, race relations remains an issue that too often divides our nation and keeps the American dream from being real for everyone who works for it." Under the auspices of this program, president Clinton visited Akron in December 1997 to hold the first of several town hall meetings on race. It is this program and visit that has inspired this website and all the programs associated with "Black, White and Beyond" on The University of Akron campus.

For more information see the following Clinton websites at the National Archives:

http://clinton4.nara.gov/Initiatives/OneAmerica/america_onrace.html

<http://clinton2.nara.gov/Initiatives/OneAmerica/cevent.html>

For a transcript of the event in Akron by PBS:

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/race_relations/july-dec97/town_12-3a.html



President Clinton in Akron, December 1997
Source: PBS



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