In his first major speech, Attorney General Eric Holder said, "...in things racial we have always been and continue to be, in too many ways, essentially a nation of cowards." Holder urged Americans to have a forthright national conversation about aspects of race which are ignored because they are uncomfortable. Later he said, "We have to have the guts to be honest with each other..." I understand what he was saying, but... what actions have this administration taken since then?

1. On election day 2008, New Black Panther Party members stood outside a Philadelphia polling place, intimidating voters they thought might not be Obama supporters. They said things like, "You are about to be ruled by the black man, cracker!" At least one of them had a weapon (nightstick). The confrontation was caught on video, there were witnesses, police were on the scene and a report was filed. One of the defendants Maurice Heath, has since been seen on video shouting, "I hate white people—all of them!" and "You're gonna have to kill some crackers! You're gonna have to kill some of their babies!" When the defendants failed to appear in federal court, they apparently were guilty by default. However, the Department of Justice dismissed the case due to lack of evidence.? A former DOJ attorney Christian Adams (who quit his job over this), claims they were ordered not to pursue voting-rights cases against black people. No comment has come from Holder or the President.

2. During a hearing of the House Judiciary Committee, Holder could not bring himself to identify the Fort Hood shooter, the Christmas Day bomber or the Times Square bomber as radical Islamic terrorists. Apparently we not only don't talk about race, we also can't put a name on religious fanatics who are trying to kill us.

3. Holder threatened a lawsuit against the state of Arizona, saying their new immigration law might promote racial profiling. That was before he had even read the (10-page) law. The same story for Homeland Security Secretary (former Arizona governor) Janet Napolitano. President Obama wanted us to believe that Mexicans would be harassed if they dared to take their kids out for ice cream. Their propaganda caused serious racial division between people nation-wide. Then, the lawsuit that was filed didn't contain any language about racial profiling. It was an obvious (pitiful) attempt to gain Hispanic voter support.

4. Shirley Sherrod, an Agriculture Dept. director in Georgia, was hurriedly ordered to resign over (supposed) racial statements she made at an NAACP gathering. The administration feared the political embarrassment of the story appearing on the Glenn Beck program (really?).

5. Don’t forget the beer summit.

It appears to me that the administration’s policies lack “the guts to be honest with each other,” so we can have that “forthright national conversation.” I think these few instances of events are enough to prompt the question. Who are the cowards?