

Who Influenced Jimmy Carter?

"More than anyone else, my mother made me see the inequalities around us. She was a registered nurse living out on a farm near Plains, Georgia, during the Great Depression, and was often called upon to help poverty-stricken neighbors, both black and white, when there was no medical doctor. She worked as a nurse for as many as twenty hours a day, often for little or no pay, without regard to her patients' race or social status. My mother's quiet service to others, regardless of their race or social position, was a good lesson for me. Later as a submarine officer, I was influenced by the policies of President Harry Truman, who sought to abolish racial discrimination in the United States armed forces." (Carter, *Talking Peace*, p. 24.)

