

A WORD OR 2

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“Black Nationalism is the only real solution for Black People in the United States.”

THE RIGHT TO SEE CLEARLY

I was at a friend's home in a southern state recently when a local television news program came on. I was surprised when a story about 6 million Venezuelans being provided with corrective eye surgery free of charge was done. The surgery was agreed to by Fidel Castro of Cuba and Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, and it has been in operation for quite a while. The fact that this local channel was covering it without prejudice grabbed my attention, but as soon as my attention was grabbed, they closed the feature by saying United States officials claim the surgery is possible free of charge only because of Venezuela's oil riches.

Of course, the statement made by the US official is a lie. It is worth noting, however, that the lie was not aimed at the people of Venezuela or Cuba, but at the citizens of the United States. People in other parts of the world realize how frequently United States officials lie and misrepresent the facts, but the citizens of the United States still have blinders over their minds. They refuse to believe their government officials lie to them, and they refuse to ask common sense questions that can lead them to the truth.

One common sense question is, "Is Venezuela richer than the United States?" The answer: Of course not. So oil riches is not the reason Venezuela provides free corrective eye surgery to its citizens. Venezuela does it because its government, led by Hugo Chavez, places a high priority on the well being of its citizens. The top priority of the government of the United States is the well being of big business, so it helps big business rip off United States citizens.

The Cuban government provides 30,000 doctors free of charge to underdeveloped countries throughout the world. Is Cuba richer than the United States? No, but Cuba's government is concerned about the well being of people. The well being of people doesn't carry that much weight with the US government.

Cataract surgery in the United States costs \$2500.00.

That same surgery, using the same technology and equally qualified doctors, costs the equivalent of 300.00 US dollars in India. Why the big difference? Please, don't come to me with a silly response about cheap labor and exchange rates. They don't account for that big a difference.

Cuba's objective is to train 100,000 doctors who can be sent around the world to provide medical services free of charge. If a poor country like Cuba can establish that objective and be 1/3 of the way there, why can't a rich country like the United States do likewise?

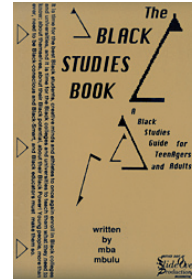
If a poor country like Cuba can provide free health care and free public school and university education, why can't a rich country like the US of A do likewise?

Why? Because the US allows big businesses to rip its citizens off, and US citizens are too intelligence challenged to realize they are being ripped off.

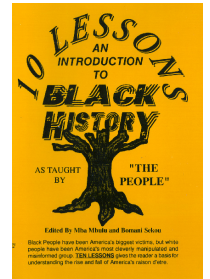
African Americans apparently have been made just as intelligence challenged as white Americans. Why else would African Americans be so stuck on white power America?



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