

A WORD OR 2

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

White America Reacts

In my book Not To Be (initially published in 1995), I wrote the following about white people in the United States in the title essay:

“When the American people are able to accept the extent to which they have been betrayed by their government and leaders, it is possible that they will be again... But the American people are not yet able.”

Later in the essay I added:

“The American people are not yet able. They are not yet able because they have been brainwashed and miseducated so thoroughly that they can not acknowledge the fact of their victimization. As participants, as actors, as players, American individuals can not effectively distinguish between the imagery of whiteness and the reality of a new world order. People of color have forged ahead, the white elite is unwilling to adjust for economic reasons, and the American people, who would benefit from the change, don't know how to adapt on their own.”

With the 2008 elections, both national and local, the American people have demonstrated that they can adapt on their own. The results of the vote indicate that they have, to an extent, acknowledged their own victimization. Their government and business leaders finally made the American people suffer too much economically, and the American people reacted.

In the same essay I also wrote:

“A new world stage has been set. Its major players, though already known, are yet to take their places. The American people in particular, and white people in general, have indicated that they are unwilling to take part in this new order.”

What the 2008 elections do not answer is whether or not white people are willing to take part in this new world order. They have acknowledged their own victimization and made it clear they are not going to stand for it, but are they still willing to stand for the United States' victimization of people

in other parts of the world? That is an important question.

Other important questions revolve around the United States' interference in the internal affairs of other countries; Mugabe's Zimbabwe, Castro's Cuba, and Chavez' Venezuela are only three of many. There is the question of the United States' commitment to justice; will it put up resistance to international bodies that file war crimes charges against George Bush and his cohorts, and will it change laws in order to make government officials and corporate Americans pay for their crimes. If the average person can be imprisoned or executed by the state under the cloud of doubt, certainly individuals in high government and corporate places can suffer the same fate. Will the United States government provide the environment that will let representatives of the Republic of New Afrika



educate Black People about their right to be free and form their own nation, and then allow an informed plebiscite to take place that addresses that issue? And, if Obama should be removed, would white America take the posture needed to ensure that his replacement follow the path they think Obama would have followed? If white America is not willing to address these issues, then the election of 2008 is just a selfish reaction, nothing more, and no real progress is in the making.

From a national perspective, the results of the elections are less about Barack Obama and more about the direction of America's people. According to reports I heard, 61% of Obama's support came from white voters. We already know that much of that support is based on Obama's refusal to deal with race as a distinct issue. Must he also continue to ignore other types of injustices (in the Middle East and several countries in Africa, for examples) to retain that support? In short, do the people of the United States want to be part of a new world order based on justice and equality, or was their concern based on George Bush going too far and taking away too many of their goodies?

Barack Obama was not the best presidential can-

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didate in this race; Cynthia McKinney and Ralph Nader are much better qualified and committed to justice than Obama seems to be. But neither of them was acceptable to white America. Therein lies a big problem. Barack Obama is the president elect of the United States, but Barack Obama has not been at the source of the problems that plague the United States. White Americans, on Pennsylvania Avenue, Independence Avenue, Wall Street and Main Street, are the source of those problems, and they need to change if the United States is to become a decent country. I don't think the 2008 elections are a step in that direction.

For Black People in the United States the answer is still Black Nationalism. One thing this election process has revealed is the high number of Black Power advocates who are looking for an "easy" way out. With foxhole buddies like that, who needs a powerful political adversary? The Black Power movement must rally around those who do not waver, and we must keep that in mind when those who wavered come back down to earth.

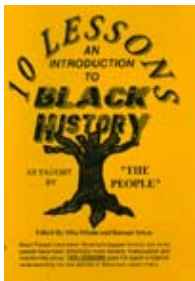
I have not written much about this electoral process because it is not that important to me. I will not write much about it in the future. What I concentrate on is revolutionary Black nation building. That is where the focus of Our attention should be.

"The only real solutions are risky solutions."

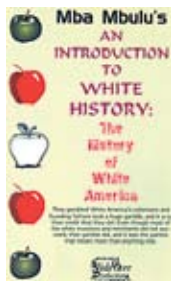
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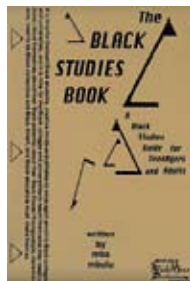
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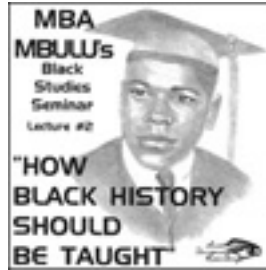
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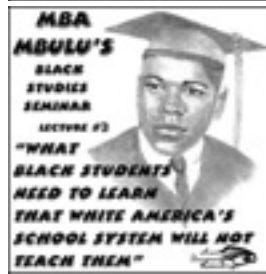
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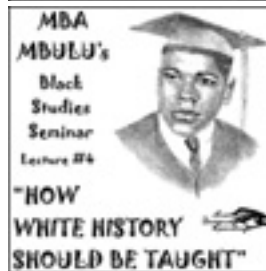
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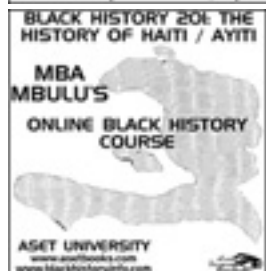
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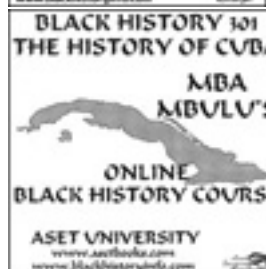
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