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Black Nationalism is the only practical answer for Black People in the United States of America.

Let's Get Busy!

A WORD OR TWO

BLAMING THE IMMIGRANTS

It seems that one can take a peek at what Black individuals say about immigration and determine if those who speak are geared toward integrating with white America or preparing Black America for self government.

Several individuals recently emailed me a press release that declares that immigration harms Black America. Curiously, none of those who forwarded me the email commented on its contents. I'll take the liberty to make my position known.

The press release states that "immigration's impact on native Blacks and their communities is disproportionate, direct and devastating..." It goes on to link high unemployment rates among Blacks to working immigrants. It continues by opposing amnesty for illegal immigrants and "supports increased restrictions on illegal and legal immigrants until the nation first lifts the legacies of slavery and Jim Crow on native Black Americans."

Black nationalists should not take such a position. Black nationalists should recognize that immigration is not what is hurting Black People, that white America's racism, capitalism and violence are what's devastating Black People. To blame immigration for this smacks of political immaturity, and maybe even cowardice. Why political immaturity? Because We allow white America to drive an artificial wedge between Us and others who are being abused. Why cowardice? Because even integrationists know that white economic

systems and white power are the real sources of Our misery. White power is what We need to go to war against, but integrationists tend to be too afraid to do that. It's less dangerous to point the finger at immigrants.

The press release that was emailed to me alleges that "immigrants drive down the wage scale and displace Black Americans in skilled and unskilled jobs." Curiously, it continues with the following: "... there are many categories of jobs that native Black would like to perform, but immigrants are often preferred."

Capitalistic individuals are, among other things, selfish and greedy. It is my belief that capitalistic individuals drive wages down because they do not want to share the wealth equitably. Everybody has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and there is enough stolen, hijacked wealth in the United States to hire tens of millions of new workers and increase the wages of every employee. The barrier that keeps Black People from pursuing the life, liberty and happiness We desire is composed of European immigrants, not Hispanics and Asians. White America revolves around capitalism, and white Americans are capitalistic to the max. They are the ones We need to be pointing the finger at.

Let's think about the second matter a little while. Now really, does it make sense for Us to blame immigrants because white Americans do not prefer to hire Us? Are

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the immigrants the problem, or is the problem (1) racist whites and (2) seemingly shell shocked Blacks who can not quite come to grips with the staying power of white racism. Blacks who are desperate for recognition from whites, those who prefer to integrate at whatever cost, are prone to those type errors in reason, but Black nationalists should be above that type of lapses in logic. These press releasers seem to be asking white America to punish everybody until white America stops abusing Black People.

That's downright pitiful.

For a myriad of reasons, We have a legacy of confused individuals and astonishing stances. While some slaves plotted to overthrow their masters, other slaves looked for an opportunity to snitch. When John Brown arrived at Harper's Ferry with his band of Black and white freedom fighters, the first person they had to kill was a Black man who was running to warn the whites. When the southern states seceded from the Union in order to protect the institution of slavery, not a small number of free and slave Blacks supported the Confederacy. Some of Us, too many of Us, just seem to have a penchant for not dealing with THE issue. Blaming the immigrant rather than the perpetrator of the crime is a continuation of that disempowering penchant.

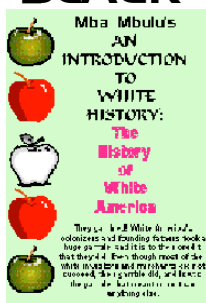
The condition of Black People continually evolves from worse off to worser off, and press releases such as this suggest why that downward spiral has been so consistent. There is a lot about this press release that reminds me of how unqualified most Black "leaders" are. There is something backward, something 16th century about this press release. It is impotence actualized, it is frightening and it does not reflect well on Us as a people.

Power Quote

"In the white American scheme of things, the ultimate role of business is not to create jobs for the people, but to make certain individuals wealthy."

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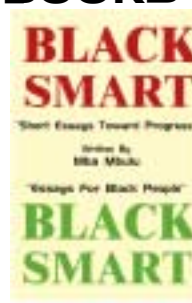
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