

A Word Or 2

“Our own Black nation, the Republic of New Afrika, is Our only Real solution”

Why Is Black Nationalism in the USofA Stagnant

Black People’s response to Black nationalist movements like the Republic of New Afrika and “back to Africa” initiatives has been minimal at best. The question is “Why?” Black nationalist advocates clearly have missed the point somewhere, so let’s look at a couple of the possible reasons in this short essay.

(1) Black nationalists talk the talk but don’t walk the walk. Their personal priorities are the same as those of the average USA resident. They want to enjoy as many creature comforts as possible while they talk about “free the land.” But you can’t have it both ways: to be an effective Black nationalist or a productive New Afrikan, you have to sacrifice a great deal of the lifestyle you have become accustomed to. It’s not enough to talk the RNA talk, you have to walk the RNA walk. Right now that walk is more difficult than it will be when we have taken the RNA to an advanced level.

The separatists who promote going back to Africa as priority number one are as much Black nationalists as those who declare themselves citizens of the RNA, but most of them have failed to return to Africa or leave the USofA for good. As a matter of fact, I would suggest that a high percentage of the Blacks who have returned to Africa or left the USofA have not done so because of a Pan-Africanist ideology, but because of personal considerations or racism. It would not surprise me at all if the number of Pan-Africanists who have left the USA for ideological reasons is smaller than the number of Blacks who left the USofA for good or returned to Africa who have little to no understanding of Pan-Africanism. Like the RNA Black nationalists, the Pan-Africanist Black nationalists talk the talk, but don’t walk the walk.

(2) A second reason can be that Black People prefer to remain in the USA and seek civil rights even if they remain victims of institutionalized and personal racism. Maybe they are convinced they can make white Americans “act right,” or maybe they don’t care about how white America treats them as long as they can “make-do.” While they realize white America treats Black People unfairly, they as individuals might be living a relatively decent life and don’t want to risk seeking a dramatic change. They identify Black led countries with poverty, inefficiency and corruption, and choose hell they are used to over a change that

might produce a type of hell they are unfamiliar with.

We have to ask ourselves what are the arguments Black nationalists have traditionally focused on to get the attention of the Black masses, and accept the likelihood that those arguments are not powerful enough to convince Black People to separate from the USofA. As such, it is imperative that we de-prioritize those arguments and come up with some new approaches. If we continue to do the things that have not produced the desired results in the past, We shouldn’t expect them to produce different results in the future.

I published a book 40 years ago titled *Ten Lessons: An Introduction to Black History*. The closing chapter of that book was titled “The Future: Will Black People Be Prepared?” My conclusion was Black People would not be prepared because We are politically irresponsible, politically immature and suffer from the hangover effects of Our cosmogeny. At the time I wrote that I was thinking in terms of the Black masses, but 40 years later it seems that those same factors abound among so-called “conscious” Blacks. There are a thousand little tribes out there and a thousand little chiefs. The odds are great that, unless some changes are made, none of them are going to benefit the Black community.

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We are Black People!
Say It Loud!
New Afrikan and Proud!

Black People from Nigeria call themselves Nigerians because that expresses their national status. Black People from Ethiopia call themselves Ethiopians because that expresses their national status. Black People from Haiti call themselves Haitians because that expresses their national status. Black People who live in the USofA call themselves African-Americans. That doesn’t say anything about their national status. We need to call Ourselves New Afrikans because the Republic of New Afrika is Our expression of national status. We need to “Say it Loud! New Afrikan and Proud.”



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