

A Word Or 2

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

Why Black People in the USofA are not Revolutionary People

I was riding up a mountain in Venezuela a whole lot of years ago with a Black Venezuelan. He was taking me to meet and spend a few days with a young group of Sisters and Brothers who formed part of an Afro-Venezuelan network. As we ascended, he told me he liked the revolutionary spirit of the Blacks in the USofA because they frequently rebelled against the powers that be in this country. I told him I understood where he was coming from but added that Black People in the USofA are not revolutionary. Explosive, certainly, but revolutionary— not by a long shot.

There are many factors that are at play here, but I will only mention two. One of them is thousands of years old, and the other one is relatively recent. Let's go way back first.

Thousands of years ago Black People in Africa developed a political, economic and social system that is called communalism. Communalism is probably the first system generated by human beings that is truly democratic. Please don't confuse the democracy Our ancestors were practicing with the democracy the United Statesers are always ranting about, because what United Statesers refer to isn't democracy at all. But communalism is truly democratic, which meant Our ancestors became accustomed to participating in a system that was steeped in justice and humanitarianism, so they believed in it and it became a part of them. Because they believed in the system, they did not think in terms of overthrowing it. When serious problems arose, it was usually because a person in a leadership role acted in a way that was dangerous to the system. But because they could use that same system to neutralize and defecate the cancerous elements that might come along, there was no impulse to violently attack the system or do the topsy-turvy.

So, Our ancestors got accustomed to using the established system to eliminate the excrement that might corrupt the system, and they passed that down from generation to generation. It was better and more civilized to work through the system, to let the system do its thing because the system was a good system. Sometimes the process of defecation was relatively fast, and at other times it moved slowly; but they were not prone to hurried reactions because they knew the system was good and the offensive elements would be weakened and eliminated before any lasting damage was done.

That could be part of the reason Black People in the USofA are not revolutionary; it's damn near in their genes to work through the system rather than try to turn things upside down. That could be part of the reason why African-Americans have a difficult time going beyond civil rightist and integrationist initiatives as they struggle for justice and equality in the USofA. If so, that is only part of the reason. Our ancestors had legitimate reasons for not wanting to overthrow the system because they knew it was a good system. To the contrary, every Black person in the USofA with half a brain knows that democracy USA style is rotten to the core, so their reluctance to try to establish a new system has little to do with Our democratic DNA and traditions. That leads to the relatively recent factor.

Black People in the USofA are not a revolutionary people, but there are hundreds of thousands of Black individuals in the USofA that have a revolutionary spirit. These Blacks tend to shun white America and remain on the USA periphery; close to most of the USA's Black victims and far away from the dominant levers of influence. Those Blacks who are attracted to the USA core and have a greater opportunity to undue the system from within, so-called African-Americans, are the most damaged Black individuals of all. They don't have the discipline or independent mindset that being a revolutionary requires, and they are too conflicted about their personal and racial allegiances to want to fight against their attraction to white power. They don't have the smarts and commitment to a just cause that Harriet Tubman possessed. Instead, they are into the Frederick Douglass thing: too damaged to be smart and too weak to commit themselves to establishing something new, but ever ready to explode in anger and blow out hot air.



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