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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

In early March, I received an email from a Brother asking for my analyses of the "State of the Black Union" forums, in particular one hosted recently by Tavis Smiley. The following is my response to that email. After reading what I wrote, the Brother suggested that others need to read this, so I told him I would make it available to the readers of "The Black Eye" newsletter.

Bro

As a rule, I pay very little attention to people like Tavis Smiley, Cornel West, etc. Having said that, I'll give you my non in-depth response to what you posed.

There are several problematic areas. The first is that the individuals at the forefront of this pipe dream can not imagine a solution that is a threat to white power's status quo. Therefore, they can not initiate a solution that will benefit Black people. Everyday Blacks who invest their time, energy and resources, etc., in support of such pipe dreams are flushing some good assets down the drain.

The second problematic area is that the Blacks who get all giddy minded and excited about ideas like this are, for the most part, willing to accept their condition if push acts like it might come to shove and prefer to not rock a boat that will disturb white power. If you force such Blacks to face up to the uselessness of Tavis Smiley's pipe dream, they will go into a melancholy funk until a new pipe dream emerges that they can invest unspent energy in.

If you really want to waste your time (it

might not be a complete waste of time, but I think that's likely), I would suggest that you follow a well worn path: (1) revolve your efforts around contrasting the standard of living of Tavis Smiley and his panelists with the standard of living of the everyday Black. Make audiences aware of differences in salaries, social and business circles and things like that, and make it clear that the conditions that the Tavis Smileys face are noticeably different from those of the everyday Black person. Since the differences are so noticeable, stress that the solution that will serve the purpose for the Tavis Smileys will not serve the purpose for everyday Black People.

The second part of the well worn path is to concentrate on one political reality and harp it to the max. That political reality is the powerlessness of Tavis Smiley and his panelists. In order to deal with the issues that face Black People, persons with the force of law behind them must get with the program. The only force of law that is available to Black People is the formation of an independent government whose aim is to establish a Black nation.

What is in fact needed is for white power or Black Power to create conditions that force Black individuals to make a choice. Black People must be backed into a corner where they are damned if they do and damned if they don't, where they have to choose to ally themselves with the forces of white power or ally themselves with the forces of Black Power. Once such conditions are created, it is my opinion that at least

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80% of the Tavis Smileys, etc., will figure out how NOT to come out in favor of Black Power (even as they continue to keep the Black rhetoric engine running), and at least 50% of the giddy minded AfAms I referred to earlier will do likewise. Those of Us who are ready to move on will benefit tremendously from this because we will be ridded of a lot of excess baggage (and all of the discord and inertia generated by excess baggage).

Our army of warriors, imaginers, audaces and creators is on the streets. We have to get to the 21st century field niggers. By simply impacting on a handful of gang leaders initially, we could take a giant step forward for Us as an independent people. In fact, the gang members are already doing much of what We need to do. We just need to get them to politicize their activities and objectives.

Somehow, some way, We have to effectively enter the battle for the people on the streets. Once We get a foothold there, We can start winning the war.

I wish I could give you a better response, but I can't. [END OF EMAIL]

POWER QUOTES

"A Black Power economy is impossible outside of the context of a Black Power political reality. As We seek political independence, a Black Power economy will evolve and grow into itself."

"Injustice and cowardice ride the same horse. When people have the courage to stand up and fight for what's right, justice tends to prevail."

"The only real checks and balances in a political system is the authority of the people to render immediate punishment upon officials who tend to misrepresent them."

"Normal people concentrate on what they can do to make things better. Black People in white America concentrate on not doing anything that might upset white people. Somewhere, Black People lost control of something valuable."

"Black People will not be able to define in advance what a Black economic system will be."

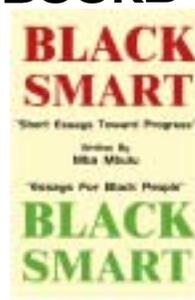
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