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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 YOUR CREDIT REPORT

A credit report is supposed to give potential creditors an assessment of how credit worthy you are, of how you have tended to pay your bills in the past. Potential creditors would use this information to help them decide whether to lend you money or not. If you have a history of good credit and proof of adequate income, a lender should consider you credit worthy and grant you the credit you applied for.

Any Black person in the United States should know it is not that simple. For instance, credit worthy Black individuals have been denied credit because of their race. Race should not be a part of the credit equation, but it is. Like so for politics. Your political activities should have nothing to do with your credit worthiness, but they do.

A clear example of this appears on your credit report. If you read your credit report carefully, you will see a line that states, "OFAC Compliance." OFAC stands for the Office of Foreign Assets Control. It is a branch of the United States Treasury Department, and its purpose is to discourage U. S. citizens from supporting foreign activities that the U. S. government does not support. For instance, if you support the struggle of the Palestinians against Israel, and you send money to an organization like HAMAS, the U. S. government, through OFAC, will fine you and let the credit agencies know that you are not OFAC Compliant. Even though that has nothing to do with credit, it will signal to creditors that they should not do business with you. The im-

plied message, for those creditors who realize that politics should not have anything to do with credit worthiness, is that the U. S. government will make doing business difficult for creditors who extend credit to customers who have been designated not OFAC compliant.

Individuals who might want to vacation in Cuba would not be able to do so without becoming non OFAC compliant and ruining their credit. The U. S. government does not like Cuba because the Cuban government does not give big business the power to exploit Cuba's people, so it makes it risky for you to carry on normal relations with Cuba. Pretty soon you might not be able to travel to Venezuela or Bolivia without risking the vengeance of the U. S. government, since those countries have begun placing restraints on big business. Those who travel to Iraq to see for themselves what is going on over there can be targeted by OFAC and lose their credit worthiness. And who knows: if the US should pull out of the United Nations, citizens of the United States who continue to support that international body might have to do so at the risk of having their credit ruined.

Black People, take note. This is another example of why you cannot do anything of note to help Africa or improve the condition of Black People in this country unless you think in terms of self determination, of establishing an independent Black Nation. If the U. S. government can open an Office of Foreign Assets Control, it can open an Of-

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Office of Domestic Assets Control. That way, any individuals who support a domestic organization that the US government is opposed to, an organization like the Black Panther Party, Republic of New Afrika or All African People's Revolutionary Party among hundreds of others, could ruin their credit in the process.

The U. S. government frequently uses the authority of the state to control its citizens. On the financial front, not only can it ruin your credit, it can seize your property and freeze your bank accounts. The U. S. government understands that most individuals are either too cowardly or too attached to a "lifestyle" to challenge the government beyond a certain point. The only way Black People in the United States can effectively help Black People in Africa and here in the United States is by going well beyond the point the U. S. government is willing to tolerate.

Are you going to fight for Africa if it means you might lose your credit card privileges? Are you going to fight for justice for Black People if it means the U. S. government might punish you by seizing your property, house or other assets? Pardon me, Brothers and Sisters, but the only honest answer most of you can give to those questions is "No."

Someone who thinks he is brilliant once said Black Nationhood is a "pipe dream" for Black People in the United States. The real pipe dream is hoping to get equality when you don't have a nation that prioritizes your concerns and aspirations.

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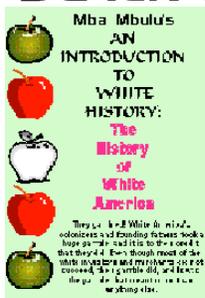
"White Americans think that any solution they come up with is better than any solution anybody else comes up with."

"So that low men in high places might make a profit, young men and women die in places like Iraq. How often we see that in the history of white America."

"What purpose does having a human brain serve if you allow yourself to get caught up in a rat race?"

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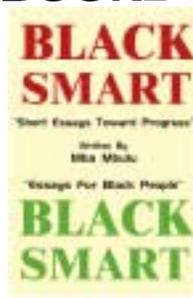
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