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“Black Nationalism is the only real solution for Black People in the United States.”

How Things Look Right Now

The response of African Americans to the prospect of Barack Obama becoming president of the United States is not surprising, but it is disappointing. Disappointing -- and proof of why Black People remain white power America's whipping boy.

I was overseas recently when a discussion of Hurricane Katrina's impact on Blacks in New Orleans came up. One Black person (not African American) was so despondent that that situation had still not been resolved that he wanted to do whatever he could to help Black People here. I told him Black People in the United States do not need any help. I told him Black People in the United States already have everything We need to take control of Our destiny except the will to do so. Since no one but Us can provide Us with willpower, no one but Us can help Us. Until We do what We need to do, We will continue to be a major source of labor for those who play the power game seriously, and the butt of degrading jokes for them and millions of others.

How many Black mayors, council members and other elected officials have turned their backs on Black People? Why then should anyone expect Barack Obama to act differently? Look at how the Congressional Black Caucus quickly morphed into the Congressional Negro Caucus. It is as clear as day, and has long been that clear. The weakest Black individuals play the game the way white power wants it played, and they sometimes get elected. Obama is simply another representative of those weak Black individuals.

Most of the Black elected officials, like Obama, are very smart. But they are weak. The operative element here is that they are weak. And it is not just them. Many individuals who call themselves Black nationalists are also weak. That is why many of them have jumped aboard the Obama bandwagon. They don't have the willpower, courage or determination needed to stand up to white power. White power has, in fact, made them inferior, and that inferiority will end up being worse for Black People than a million Katrinas.

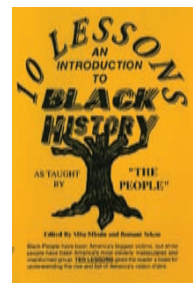
The number one potential Black Power in the world today is Nigeria. Number two is African Americans. Things don't look very good for Us right now.

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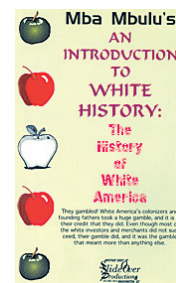
There was a meeting of educators from around the world in July. More than 1200 pre-K, elementary, high school and university teachers and administrators attended. The purpose of the meeting was to explore how to make the educational process a revolutionary process. It was for the most part a non-Black affair (even though several Black educators were there), with attendees from several countries in South America, Central America, the Caribbean and Europe. Not a single educator from the United States attended. Not surprisingly, the show went on without them.

There was also an international meeting of Afro-Americans (Blacks throughout North, Central and South America and the Caribbean) at about the same time. The meeting took place in Caracas, Venezuela, one of the most racist cities I have ever set foot in. Not a single Black person from the United States attended. Not surprisingly, the show went on without them.

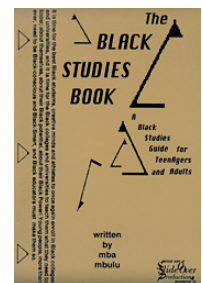
There is very little of a revolutionary or even progressive nature taking place in the United States today. Yet people who live in the United States act as if the United States is the main theatre of operations, the point around which everything else revolves. How far from the truth that is. Black and white "progressive" people in the United States are so disconnected from the rest of the world that they don't realize other people in the world are moving on without them.



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