

RNA: Identity-Territory Strategy

1. Before white people made it to the Americas, We, Black People on the African continent, were citizens of Our own nations and We were governing Ourselves.
2. When white invaders forcefully removed Blacks from their own nations and shipped them to other parts of the world, those Blacks not only retained all of their human rights, they retained the right to establish a new nation of their own in the part of the world they had been forcefully shipped to.
3. Neither human rights nor sovereign rights are diminished when one group of people is militarily dominated by a different group of people. When white invaders shipped Black victims to other parts of the world, the human and sovereign rights of those Blacks went with them to whatever part of the world they were shipped to.
4. Throughout the hundreds of years before the Civil War Blacks had made bold strokes to regain their human rights and govern themselves. Year in and year out there were slave rebellions, maroon activity, efforts to purchase their own freedom and other expressions of their contempt for white people and struggle for equality and sovereignty.
5. After hundreds of years of attempting to seize control of their human rights and national sovereignty, Blacks who had been illegally shipped to the United States took advantage of the Civil War in the 1860s to free themselves and establish self-governing towns and villages.
6. To advance the process, the people who had freed themselves would have to develop a system of government. The ablest leaders of the early Black warriors who fought to free themselves therefore recognized that having their own nation and governing themselves must be a part of the process.
7. Later, during the 1900s, men like Marcus Garvey, Hubert Harrison, Noble Drew Ali, Elijah Muhammad and many others were trying to put the wheels in motion to establish some form of Black government so Black People could run Our own affairs?
8. But it wasn't until 1968 that this nation was given the name The Republic of New Afrika, and the people themselves were called New Afrikans.

9. The Black nation, the Republic of New Afrika, and its leaders were attacked by white America's police and law enforcement agencies for years and practically destroyed. As a result the government was left in disarray and the objectives of the government began to stray. Those New Afrikan citizens who remained true to the Black nation retreated and little was heard of the RNA for many years.

10. But the spirit of the Republic of New Afrika was not defeated. Since Black nationalism is the only real solution for Black People who live in the United States, it is necessary that governing Ourselves take center stage in Our struggle instead of the quest for civil rights that has failed Us since it was first imagined. So, one of Our primary objectives must be to popularize Black Nationalism by making it part of the mainstream conversation of Black People in the U. S. of A.

11. Step 1: Popularize Black Nationalism by making it part of the mainstream conversation of Black People in the U. S. of A. As we popularize Black nationalism we must teach people about the RNA and its history.

Step 1a: Identify Ourselves as New Afrikans instead of hyphenated Americans.

In today's world EQUALITY is a national reality, not an individual one. NATIONS control how the world goes around, not individuals. If one group of people has a nation that makes and enforces laws that serve the interests of its people, and you live in that nation and are not a citizen of a nation that makes and enforces laws that serve your interest, then you cannot be an equal party. To be equal, you need to identify with a nation whose primary concern is your well-being.

Identifying yourself as a New Afrikan changes the entire context of your struggle. From being viewed as people who depend on a white government to solve Our problems, We start being viewed as people who possess the power to solve Our own problems. From having to carry out Our struggle according to the rules, laws and regulations laid out by white people, We can wage Our struggle within the context of what We define as legal, just and necessary.

Identifying yourself as a New Afrikan is an expression of racial esteem and confidence and a statement of your desire to not be identified with the national and international policies carried out by the United States government.

Independent Black Territories

12. Independent Black territories are political units of the Republic of New Afrika that can function even when the national and state governments of the RNA are in disarray. In time different independent Black territories will unite and become parts of states, and the states will be components of the Black nation, the Republic of New Afrika.

13. It is easy to found an independent Black territory. It is just like starting a study group, a motorcycle club, a tupper-ware club or a bingo club. One person can found an independent Black territory and seek others to join him/her, or a person can join an independent Black territory that already exists. Also, clubs and organizations that already exist can convert themselves into independent Black territories.

14. The difference between an independent Black territory and a club is that the independent Black territory will perform all of its customary activities but also include political education and address matters that affect the quality of Black People's lives, whereas a club normally functions as a diversion or pastime that functions within the guidelines established by a higher authority.

15. So, an independent Black territory is a laboratory or training ground that encourages New Afrikans to be major players in the governmental process and thereby prepares them to take on the roles and responsibilities that independent people normally take on. We can govern Ourselves better than anyone else can, and the formation of independent Black territories can be a starting point in proving that.

Independent Black Economic System

16. Economic independence is a major spring board toward political independence. If a people can create an economic system that they gain confidence in, they can thrive within that system, gain more respect for their abilities and capabilities, and feel secure that they can aggressively challenge the status quo without suffering indiscriminately.

17. (a) Identify Wants and Needs.
(b) Generate Goods and Services That Can Satisfy Those Wants and Needs.
(c) Popularize (Inform and Encourage Blacks to be a part of) the Independent Black Economics System.

(d) Encourage Black businesses to support the Black Economic System and accept the Black Dollar (\$BD).

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