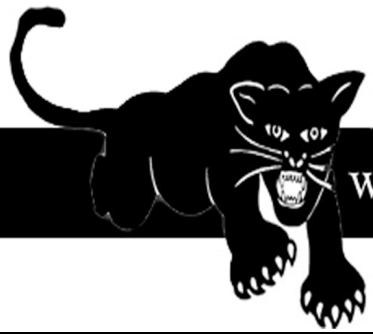


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# 4 years and a Bucket of Hope: THE CHANGE THAT NEVER CAME



By Chawn Kweli

**F**ebruary is a month designated for “Black History” and the remembrance of great men/women from our ancestry. While Black people are busy learning about the great ones of our past, we would be silly not to look at the historical implications of Mr. Barack H. Obama.

Obama became the 44th president and did so in grand fashion. President Obama broke records with black voter participation and also innovated campaign tactics previously uncharted by candidates before him. Barack Obama stands on the shoulders of greats before him who attempted to ascend to the office of President but did not secure the momentum needed like, vice presidential nominee Julian Bond in 1968 (he turned it down), Shirley Chisholm in 1972, Rev Jesse Jackson in 1984’ and 88’, Alan Keys in 1996, 2000, and 2008. Lenora Fulani as well ran as an Independent in 1992 and in 1988, Carol Moseley Braun and Al Sharpton both campaigned for a Democratic nomination in 2004.

In contrast to all the beautiful souls who ran before him, one thing stands out in stark variance, OBAMA WON! Minus the emotion of him, being having African bloodline and running grassroots campaigns in Chicago, IL. I think we had better deeply examine what Obama’s win means for the present and future.

The New Black Panther Party Program Ten Point Program point number three calls for the end of Neocolonialism. A vivid example of Colonialism is the way the Aboriginal people were defeated for this land in early American history. When a power structure takes [by force] land and adds it into their land, also subjugates the inhabitants, and forbids

the original inhabitants from reclaiming their land; that is one stage of Colonialism. The original people were made to exchange their aboriginal way of life for the customs of the European.

The word ‘NEO’ means new. In saying NEOCOLONIALISM, we were speaking on a new form of the old subjugation. Presently a Black man presides in the White House but is the presidential policies good for black people?

Mr. Obama’s policies have not corrected the economic troubles of America they have gotten worse. The debt continues to expand [into the trillions], and the administration’s handling of international relations has hardened dialogue with foreign nations. Mr. Obama’s policies have been especially harsh to us the Black community. He [Obama] bailed out Wall Street and the auto makers but kept us at the top of the unemployment ladder.

Mr. Obama’s presidential victory provided him with an opportunity not afforded to anyone before him. He had the attention of the world, a universal pulpit and the chance to use it to and talk and act on serious matters in relation to the black and indigenous community. Mr. Obama could have [at that point] signaled a positive direction into the black community and most would have followed. Mr. Obama instead chose to bow to Israeli Zionist, pandering to the corporate interest, and bomb the motherland [Africa]. Mr. Obama has effectively ignored the struggle of poor blacks the United States.

Mr. Obama displayed himself in the light of Dr. Martin Luther King’s dream. It appears he has failed the black community in the important area of character. Dr. King stressed the importance of character and keeping your word. Mr. Obama made promises during his campaign four years ago it appears he never had any intention of fulfilling. With ground-breaking influence Mr. Obama could have stressed “content of character”, and maneuvered in the same manner as Dr. King; Mr. Obama would have breathed new life into a previously hopeless people and, steered a negative generation into a better path.

Mr. Obama has gone out of his way not to directly address the issues of blacks in America, unfortunately it is black people in America that are in most need of direct intervention. According to U.S., statistical data the unemployment rate for Blacks in America is at rates unseen since the era of the Great Depression. In larger cities, the unemployment rate is approximately 35%.

There is an inordinate amount of blacks wasting away sitting in numerous city, county, state, prisons and jails. Mr. Obama spoke on the amount of Black men and women in the jails and prisons, but offered no viable solution to end the cycle. Approximately 70% of all Black babies are born to single mothers in America with no end in sight.

When campaigning before election, Obama was on point

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# THE CONSERVATIVE OF 2012:

## The prospect of another Obama victory

By Dr. Anthony Monteiro

Obama, in spite of the crisis of unemployment and poverty, has a good shot to win the 2012 Presidential race. Obama will run and has governed as a center-right Republican and a minion of Wall Street and the hated 1% and of the military industrial complex and the war makers. In fairness to the much-maligned GOP field, they face a formidable hurdle: how to credibly attack Obama when he has adopted so many of their party's defining beliefs.

Depicting the other party's president as a radical menace is one of the chief requirements for a candidate seeking to convince his party to crown him as the chosen challenger. Because Obama has governed as a centrist Republican, these GOP candidates are able to attack him as a leftist radical only by moving so far to the right in their rhetoric and policy prescriptions that they fall over the cliff of mainstream acceptability, or even basic sanity.

In July 2011, the nation's most influential progressive domestic policy pundit, New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, declared that Obama is a "moderate conservative in practical terms". Last October, he wrote that "progressives who had their hearts set on Obama were engaged in a huge act of self-delusion", because the president – "once you get past the soaring rhetoric" – has "largely accepted the conservative story line".

Krugman also pointed out that even the policy Democratic loyalists point to as proof of the president's progressive bona fides – his healthcare plan, which mandates the purchase of policies from the private health insurance industry – was designed by the Heritage Foundation, one of the nation's most right-wing thinktanks, and was advocated by conservative ideologues for many years (it also happens to be the same plan Romney implemented when he was governor of Massachusetts and which Newt Gingrich once promoted, underscoring the difficulty for the GOP in drawing real contrasts with Obama).

How do you scorn a president as a far-left socialist when he has stuffed his administration with Wall Street executives, had his last campaign funded by them, governed as a "centrist Republican", and presided over booming corporate profits even while the rest of the nation suffered economically?

But as slim as the pickings are for GOP candidates on the domestic policy front, at least there are some actual differences in that realm. The president's 2009 stimulus spending and Wall Street "reform" package – tepid and inadequate though they were – are genuinely at odds with right-wing dogma, as are Obama's progressive (albeit inconsistent) positions on social issues, such as equality for gay people and protecting a woman's right to choose. And the Supreme Court, perpetually plagued by a 5-4 partisan split, would be significantly affected by the outcome of the 2012 election.

It is in the realm of foreign policy, terrorism and civil liberties where Republicans encounter an insurmountable roadblock. A staple of GOP politics has long been to accuse Democratic presidents of coddling America's enemies (both real and imagined), being afraid to use violence, and subordinating US security to international bodies and left-wing conceptions of civil liberties.



But how can a GOP candidate invoke this time-tested caricature when Obama has embraced the vast bulk of George Bush's terrorism policies; waged a war against government whistle-blowers as part of a campaign of obsessive secrecy; led efforts to overturn a global ban on cluster bombs; extinguished the lives not only of accused terrorists but of huge numbers of innocent civilians with cluster bombs and drones in Muslim countries; engineered a covert war

against Iran; tried to extend the Iraq war; ignored Congress and the constitution to prosecute an unauthorized war in Libya; adopted the defining Bush/Cheney policy of indefinite detention without trial for accused terrorists; and even claimed and exercised the power to assassinate US citizens far from any battlefield and without due process?

Reflecting this difficulty for the GOP field is the fact that former Bush officials, including Dick Cheney, have taken to lavishing Obama with public praise for continuing his predecessor's once-controversial terrorism policies. In the last GOP foreign policy debate, the leading candidates found themselves issuing recommendations on the most contentious foreign policy question (Iran) that perfectly tracked what Obama is already doing, while issuing ringing endorsements of the president when asked about one of his most controversial civil liberties assaults (the due-process-free assassination of the American-Yemeni cleric

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# OBAMA: Victim of Racism or



2008 Cover of The New Yorker

By Chawn Kweli

I do not think that too many people are under the illusion that the election of Barack Obama to President would signal the end of racism and prejudice against blacks in America. I also believe that even Barack Obama knew that himself. From the moment he made his candidacy announcement he was met with a mix of sneers and jeers and jubilee. Some within his party even presented some strict opposition during the early primaries. He [Obama] also faced a clear racism during the general election. No matter what he did, no matter how articulate he spoke. No matter how brilliant he presented himself. No matter his patriotic value. No matter how direct and clear his vision for America was. No matter that his mother was White. None of that really made any difference because at the end of the day, he still functioned as a Blackman.

Many Presidents were feared, hated, and loved, however there is one blaring factor that stands out without exception, all of those Presidents were treated with the highest honor of any respect deserving the office of the President of the United States.

This honor held true until America was faced with the fact of a black man winning the office. It is shameful that a Blackman who ascended to the highest office in the country has to be disrespected because of the color of his skin and at the same time, held to a standard higher than virtually any President before him. Being the "Black President", Barack Obama has to perform at a higher level than any president in modern history.

How many times in the media is he described as just "Obama" rather than "President Barack Obama?" How many times do the right-wing create a mountain out of a mole hill issue? How long did the masses of America put up with President Bush's non-reading arrogant self, but it took them just a few months to drop the hammer all over Mr. Obama because he's could not wave a magic wand to fix the issues of the problems left before him?

Too often the media acts condescending toward Mr. Obama when they talk about him, and only measuredly condescending when they are talking directly with him. In the past channels like CNN would keep the chan-

nel locked with no interruptions but when it came to Mr. Obama they went to multiple commercials. This kind of behavior is expected from the Right wing, but it's from the left and mainstream media also. Many White Democrats/Republicans look like they're going to throw up in their mouths when they have to say "Mr. President."

Sarah Palin received great praise and adulation during her campaign with John McCain, although she was ill prepared and geographically off balance, yet when she makes a comment on President Obama it becomes a media sensation.

Aside from all of that, Mr. Obama actually deludes himself to believe he is a bipartisan President, the kind everyone can like. It's almost as if this was the first attempt by a President to have bipartisan appeal. In some ways the more he panders and bows to please everyone he is looked at like a President with no backbone--- why do you think that is?

I understood that his winning the Presidency would show the ugly racist core of America that formed from thirteen scrawny little colonies on the back of black and indigenous people, but to be honest the blatant racism that's shown is even a more severe manner than I thought it would be. The racist attack coming from the Right Wing is obvious and unrelenting. There is also a subversive sickening underlying undertone behind many of the things that you will find coming from the Left.

Hate him or love him the fact remains that Barack Obama is the President of the United States of America. No matter what he does or tries to do (in the eyes of many) Barack Obama is an educated Negro, who got his good education on the wings of affirmative action, and his black skin is tainting the White House. The racist White Power Structure in America will not accept a Blackman as commander in chief and in this upcoming election the racist whites and uncle toms will do everything in their power to remove him from the highest visible office in the country.

Already the Republicans candidates have amped up racial rhetoric, in reference to President Obama. Newt Gingrich, referred to President Obama as the "welfare president." A remark with meant to classify Obama as a "socialist" but also a black citizen who leeches off the support of white America. It can only be assumed that Newt Gingrich associates welfare with Black.

Maybe it will be a lesson learned for Barack Obama, but it darn sure must be a lesson for advocates of Black Empowerment and Pan-Africanism. If President Obama's is re-elected it will obviously be because he's going to try to do his best to pander to all sides and to make his [behind the scenes handlers] happy. This is another sad case of a Blackman having to buck dance in order to try to swim up into the mainstream. The rise of Barack Obama is something [natural or man-made] that will not be seen in this

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# Supporter of Imperialism?

By Omali Yeshitela, Chairman of the African Socialist Int'l

*African workers and peoples of the world:*

**O**n Tuesday, November 4 Barack Obama became the 44th president of the United States to the obvious joy of millions of African people in the U.S. and around the world, especially in Africa, our national homeland. Other peoples of the world also welcomed the election of Obama.

The jubilation over the election was the result of relief at the end of the hated Bush regime, but mostly it was the result of an assumption that Obama's election represents a drastic change for the better in the conditions of African people in the U.S. and an end to the United States' predatory relationship with most of the world.

Sisters and brothers, friends and comrades: none of this is true. The fact is that the election of Obama to the U.S. presidency represents the highest stage of neocolonialism, white power in black face.

As we have seen in Africa and some other places, when our political consciousness develops to the extent that it becomes impossible for imperialist white power to rule us directly, indirect rule or neocolonialism has been employed as a method of undermining our struggle to win our freedom.

Instead of imperialism with the white face that had become so hated by our people because of its history of brutality and humiliation, imperialism donned a black face giving the appearance of freedom and progress while our resources remained in the hands of the same imperialist white power as before.

Sisters, brothers and comrades: some of us are old enough to remember the joy and hope that we experienced with our independence and the emergence of African heads of state in Africa during the 1960s. Others experienced the same elation that accompanied the election of Nelson Mandela as president in South Africa in 1994. Today that joy has been dulled by the reality of our continued exploitation by the same imperialist countries and corporations that have exploited us historically.

Sisters and brothers; friends and comrades: Today our people are swimming in a sea of misery throughout Africa under the indirect rule of neocolonialism. This is true even after Mandela in South Africa where nearly 50 percent of African people are unemployed and thousands are required to live in shanties unfit for human habitation. This South Africa that we are told has overcome its racial past and now constitutes a "Rainbow Nation," is one where the white ten percent of the population still own 87 percent of the land that they stole with their initial brutal occupation that lasts to this day.

In the U.S., where Barack Obama also told us that racial oppression is no longer a factor in life, the black-white health gap costs the lives of more than 83,000 African



people each year. Additionally, African men in the U.S. are incarcerated at rates 8 times higher than white men and one out of three African males in his 30s has a prison record. One out of eight African men in his 20s is now in prison or jail on any given day. This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the conditions of existence for African people, most of whom are workers, in the U.S. Clearly the election of Obama is not a sign that things are better for African people.

Sisters and brothers, friends and comrades: the same thing that made it necessary for imperialist white power to employ neocolonialism on the Continent of Africa has made it necessary for our imperialist oppressors and exploiters to employ neocolonialism globally through the election of Barack Obama, whose presidential campaign cost more than 600 million U.S. dollars.

Throughout the world people are struggling to overturn their oppressive relationship to the U.S. These are struggles that have been ongoing for some time now and were highlighted in the past by the glorious struggles of the Vietnamese and Cuban peoples. Today these struggles are evident in the resistance to U.S. occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the Challenge to U.S. hegemony by growing numbers of peoples and countries in the Middle East and Persian Gulf.

Another critical component of the imperialist strategy

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# UNITED IND The National Day of



**W**ith several successful National Day of Action events in the books, there is one lingering question that has still remained unanswered, “What is this National Day of Action” about? To explain it in full detail would take up more than the allotted space available in this newspaper, however I will do the best I can to explain it in brief.

The National-International Day of Action is a call to action that sprang into action from the mind and heart of Dr. Malik Zulu Shabazz and the National Central Committee of the New Black Panther Party. The spark of the movement ignited when we witnessed to horror of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (N.A.T.O), which is an intergovernmental military alliance, produced from the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 wage what appeared to be a military offensive campaign against Africa and innocent civilians. This unholy alliance includes the United States and European forces. When paralleled to the bombs of unemployment, poverty, homelessness, ignorance, violence, drug-abuse, disease and general danger faced by the American population and in particular the black (urban) areas—The New Black Panther Party had no other alternative than to take action.

Our central objective to organize the lumpenproletariat (have-nots) stayed at the forefront of all of our activities, giving us the needed resolve to face the fact that no one was interested in saving the black community, but the activated visionaries embedded within the black community. We knew there was no corporate sponsorship, nor extensive treasury to enact grandiose miracles, however we were strengthened by a will to do what we could, with what we had, and add on to that with the might and will of the people. We understood the mega national maneuver could not be accomplished without the help of the people, Black people who were ready to take destiny into their own hands, and stop begging white people, or government for handouts we could receive and accomplish for ourselves.

We in no way are satisfied with absolving responsible parties from heinous acts committed against Blacks, Indians, Latinos, Chinese or Aborigines of any nationality; we are just not at a juncture in time where we are interested in marching, picketing and protesting only to receive empty promises or a look of disdain that leads to nowhere. Dr. Malik Zulu Shabazz used twenty years of activist experience to (with a council of elders and trusted advisors) arrange a statement of mission that would allow for clarity as well for clear direction.

The mission although uphill, was honorable it included but was not limited to actions against, “Disunity, apathy, racism, violence, self-genocide, poor health and health care, self-hatred, ignorance, MIS-education, white supremacy, gang warfare, military aggression, police harassment and brutality, gentrification, economic underdevelopment, corruption in government, attacks on school systems, integration, disorganization, poverty, homelessness, disunity, lack of self-responsibility, no knowledge of our history, a conspiracy to destroy Black men, abuse of Black women, inadequate land and property ownership, economic exploitation, weak self-defense and military force, uncle-tomism, neocolonialism, imperialism, Zionism, neglect of our youth, and many other obstacles and enemies of righteousness.

We simply could not hope to achieve all this with an organization of worthy Panthers, no matter how courageous. The task was to reach out to black men and women of every background, religion, political spectrum and concern. Our vision in doing this is to create a mass movement that wouldn’t be revolved around cult personality, or a magnetic spokesperson so that the movement would die out once the leader sits down, or stops speaking. The kind of movement



# DEPENDENCE:

## Action in Summary



we envision is one for black people so that Black people can unite around common issues and go to work, creating our own agenda and solving our own issues- and that's just what we got.

With the help of Black Christians, Muslims, Hebrews, Moors, Buddhist, Rastafarians, Atheist, Agnostics we launched our first action, on April 23, 2011. Coordinated by massive one on one discussions, conference calls, emails and text messages sixty cities were geared up for action. The news media projected it as the "Tahir Square style New Black Panther-National Day of Rage" A title that would have been fitting if our sole motivation was the rage of the atrocities attributed to our lineage and ancestors-not that it wouldn't be justified.

The National Day of Action's are in line with every Revolutionary act, as explained by Ernesto "Che" Guevara: "Every Revolutionary act is an act inspired by love." The National day of Action springs from the eternal fountain of Love exhibited by the Creator and implanted in us from the beginning of time. We love our people so much we are willing to face any mountain of opposition, slander, defamatory or derogatory sentiment, to win the minds and hearts of our people toward self-determination and brighter days.

The National Day of Action events were capped off by a worldwide keynote address by New Black Panther National Chairman, Dr. Malik Zulu Shabazz, who gives a message of inspiration and information broadcast live through the movements' website [dayofactionmovement.org](http://dayofactionmovement.org). Dr. Malik Zulu Shabazz says to the newblackpanther, "Panthers and over 55 organizations all moving on the same day on the same agenda marks a watershed moment in history and a great opportunity."



The National Day of Action in the interest of creating Black spending awareness, called for Black people to boycott all non-black businesses, and to experience the how sparse black ownership and business really is. It was a tough task not only for the organizers but the community as a whole. The boycott pointed a glaring light at the immediate need to establish a Black economy and infrastructure.

The second installment of the National-International Day of Action on June 25, 2011, according to Co-organizer Dr. Malik Zulu Shabazz represented the fact that consistency and follow up is paramount in order for us to be successful in this liberation struggle." Broadcasting live from Atlanta, GA titled, "a 'United Front for Black and African Peoples'" which ended with a town-hall style question and answer session to deal with the issues at hand.



October 1, 2011, Harlem, New York City produced the third in the series of "Days of Action." Organizers listened to legends like, Professor James Smalls, Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Senegalese Presidential candidate Mustafa Mbeki, Black Panther/Councilman Charles Barron, Zayid Muhammad, Divine Allah. All committed to working together and tackling the massive NYC together as a unit.

The Next National Day of Action is scheduled to take place on May 19, 2012, the same birthdate as Minister Malcolm X, both Nationally and Internationally. If you would like to join us in planning "A Day of Action" in your city, visit our website at [www.dayofactionmovement.org](http://www.dayofactionmovement.org) for more details.



# UNFORGIVABLE

## THE MURDER OF TRAYVON MARTIN

By Chawn Kweli & Aza Nedhari



What was Trayvon Martin's crime? Did young Trayvon steal? Did Trayvon harm anyone? NO! Trayvon's only crime was his unforgivable blackness, living as a young black male in America. In the eyes of a 28-year-old George Zimmerman, that was enough to "look suspicious", that was enough to die! This is not the stereotypical case of a young black male involved in mischief that is caught, nor a young black male committing a crime that resulted in use of deadly force, this is about **RACISM**. It is also about outdated laws on the books being manipulated by prejudice opportunist resulting in the powerful against the powerless.

The New Black Panther Party took to the Sanford Police Department in droves, backed by strong community support to secure justice in the case of 17-year old Trayvon Martin. The immediate goal of the effort is to bring awareness to the facts of the case not explored by national news outlets and to call for the arrest of George Zimmerman, the 28-year old man, born in a multi-racial family. Regional Leader Mikhail Muhammad said firmly "We don't hate anyone (because of their color), we hate injustice and what is being done to our youth by racist bigots." Brother Muhammad told the community, "We will find and detain him and produce justice if Sanford police are not willing to do so." Raising the battle-cry and cementing the strengthening determination, Mikhail Muhammad and members of the NBPP led the community in the chant of "Justice for Trayvon!" and "Black Power!"

Earlier in the week, The New Black Panther Party canvassed the Black Community and dialogued with concerned members of the community and offered support to loved ones and family members of Trayvon Martin. Mikhail Muhammad labeled the murder of Trayvon's killing and the failure of the Stanford Police Department to

make an arrest, a "miscarriage of justice" and a "slap in the face of Black people."

Trayvon Martin was murdered on Feb. 26, in a gated predominately white community while walking back to his father's fiancée's apartment (from a local store) in the area. His killer George Zimmerman contacted the Police Department's non-emergency line to report a "suspicious person" in the neighborhood and was given instructions by the 9-1-1 dispatcher to "not follow" Trayvon and "wait for the Police." Zimmerman ignored those instructions and continued pursue Trayvon Martin, which ultimately led to the death of the young teen. In a statement to police, Zimmerman claimed he acted in self-defense. However his "Self-Defense claim quickly eroded when witnesses contacted police reporting they saw George Zimmerman, "on the back of the young man", and that they heard "a child's screams" Currently George Zimmerman has not been charged with a crime. Subsequently, Zimmerman's family claims he is of Hispanic ethnicity but police have recorded him as white.

The Florida "Stand Your Ground" law, which extends the right to claim self-defense beyond the home, has come under severe scrutiny in this case. The apparent grey area of the law has forced co-author and Representative Dennis Baxley to chime in and say, "It may need to be clarified." "Nothing's ever finished in the legislature, I learned that. Everything can always be re-addressed," he said. He continued saying, "The law wasn't intended to cover citizens who pursue suspected threats. Reviewing the actions by the Sanford Police Department, in a 3-2 split vote, the Sanford City Council, inclusive of the Mayor, Jeff Triplett, backed a no-confidence motion against Sanford Chief of Police Bill Lee.

Dr. Malik Zulu Shabazz, NBPP National Chairman and co-organizer of the "Day of Action Movement" expressed his disgust for the mishandling of the case and his contempt for teen murderer, George Zimmerman in the most vehement tone saying, "The senseless murder of our [little





# THE BLACKNESS: IN & THE DEMAND FOR JUSTICE

brother] Trayvon Martin, by this ruthless stalker, Zimmerman is a stark reminder that the Blackman and Black youth are still the prey of the wicked in this racist society. As we mourn his [Trayvon Martin's] funeral, we look forward to the expeditious funeral of his murderer, for the only standard of justice here is capital punishment or an 'eye for an eye' as the bible teaches. Dr. Shabazz drives the point home saying, "The fact that he is not under the jail house is prima facie evidence that the Blackman must defend himself and we must build a defense base quick fast and in a hurry."

Due to the failure of the Sanford, Florida Police to arrest Zimmerman, Attorney Ben Crump, the legal defense for the family, has appealed to the U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder for an investigation. Attorney Holder responded and the FBI, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division

enraged, and disgusted with the handling of this case by Police Chief Bill Lee, who originally closed the case until it went viral on social media.

It has now been over 26 days since the murder and Zimmerman is still a free man, while Trayvon has been forever extinguished from this earth, and now takes residence in a Florida mausoleum. Zimmerman's attorney Craig Sonner, suggest that his client is "not a racist" and that the "Stand Your Ground" was properly applied, in the situation of self-defense. It is further detailed that Zimmermsn's father is white and his mother is Hispanic. Well from his actions and the support of the Sandord Police, it appears that Zimmernan, functions as a white man, and since being white in America is about function and the privileges that are granted to one because they are white, the mention of his Hispanic mother irrelevant.



and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida will investigate the murder of Trayvon Martin. A statement was released on March 19, 2012 by the U.S.

Justice Department which affirmed, "the department will conduct a thorough review of all of the evidence and take appropriate action at the conclusion of the investigation. The department is also providing assistance to and cooperating with the state officials in their investigation into this incident." President Obama also responded calling this incident a "tragedy" and stating, "I think every parent in America should be able to understand why it is absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this."

## UPDATES: THE DEMAND FOR JUSTICE

The murder of Trayvon Martin and the failure of action on the part of the Sanford Police Department to bring George Zimmerman to justice, has resulted in a nationwide protest and mobilization. Marches and rallies have been organized in Philadelphia, New York, Washington, DC, Chicago, Sanford, FL, Seattle, Jacksonville, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Iowa City, and Baltimore. The Nation is angered,

Trayvon Martin's murder signifies a history of lynching of Black males in America. Lynching that now occurs most often by the hands of the Police. While this is not a situation where the police were the perpetrators, they made every effort to cover up this case. From reporting that Zimmerman was the voice heard crying on the 911 tapes, to not bagging Trayvon's body, taking it to the morgue, and labelling him a John Doe, even though they had possession of his cell phone, it was clear that they had no interest in serving justice in this case. The family did not know their son was dead until Ms. Martin reported her son missing on the morning of February 27th and police showed up hours later with a photo of the deceased Trayvon with blood pouring from his mouth.

We the people demand Justice. As it is clear that Sanford police will not bring George Zimmerman to justice, we call for citizen's arrest. The New Black Panther Party has offered a **\$10,000** reward for the capturing of Zimmerman. We are tired of our Black men, women, and children being murdered. You will produce justice by force of the people. This FREEDOM or DEATH!



THE LIBERATED MIND

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLACK PRESENCE IN SCIENCE FICTION

By Rasheedah Phillips

Social constructions of race, class, and gender affect the experiences of most, if not all, people who live in societies which candidly and plainly perpetuate those constructions. Most people know that, even though they may think of themselves as individuals, they are in fact labeled and boxed into a particular group for purposes of convenience, or perhaps to satisfy some particular agenda. Everyday social norms do not always allow the freedom for individuals to see themselves as separate from these categories. What we may think of as the right of association or affiliation to a particular group may not be merely a right, but is often also a requirement. In accepting our given categorizations as male or female, Black or otherwise (and any other constructs imposed upon us), we are accepting both a burden and a gift. One of the burdens is found in having to navigate through these social constructions in a world that places value on particular categories of identity to the detriment of other categories; the gift is a shared culture, shared history, shared traditions, and shared experiences. We all want something to belong to, something to call home.

I first became aware of this gift and burden as an adolescent. Being into science-fiction and generally being what my peers deemed “nerdy” provided me with my first real awareness of the fact that I had an identity, and that it was being shaped and influenced by a multitude of factors. Each of these influences had their own particular agenda or message, and as such, the messages that I received were mixed and often contradictory. As a skinny, dorky, pimple-faced black kid who did well in school, I heard from my peers that I “talked like a white girl” and that I “thought I was all that” because of my good grades. In that environment, I wasn’t Black enough. Yet, in stark contrast, the perm that was slapped in my hair every few weeks told me that, in fact, me and my nappy hair were too Black. Those same peers who taunted my “white” accent, would, a few years later, come to accept me as desirable due to my skin tone.

I have since developed comfortably into my identity as a Black woman, but there, of course, remain various struggles, some large, others more understated. Visiting a bookstore is one such struggle, unassuming in its simplicity, but impactful nonetheless. Whenever I step inside of a bookstore, even if I do not plan to purchase a sci-fi novel on that particular visit, I always visit the sci-fi section, just to see the composition of the shelves. My first thought,

without fail, is “Does this section have Octavia Butler novels, or has she been categorized under the African American fiction section?” 9.5 times out of 10, Ms. Butler has been placed on the shelves beside other African American literature titles.

To me, this sends a very clear message to readers and would-be readers. The sense of identity of Blackness that is attached to the story or the author somehow makes the story different than the other books in the store. It says this book is for Black people and Black interests, only, and if you have any interest in it, you are taking an interest in something fundamentally Black, or something fundamentally “other,” if you are not Black. For a speculative fiction novel such as *Midnight Robber* by Nalo Hopkison, it is to say to readers that this book is not actually sci-fi, or its not sci-fi for everyone. Its sci-fi for Black people, and that’s a different sort of sci-fi than it is for anyone not Black.

This method of categorizing is, itself, subject to that analysis of duality that I discussed above, the gift and the burden. On the one hand, it makes sense to put Black science fiction beside other Black literature because it is Black literature and it caters to people who identify themselves culturally or racially as Black. It can also function as a powerful message to others who may not be aware that yes, we, Black people, do in fact write science fiction. For a person of color who might otherwise not bother to stroll over to the sci-fi section, thinking that there would be nothing relevant to him, a sci-fi novel shelved with other Black novels could quickly and easily convert him or her into a fan and believer.

On the other hand, this sort of categorization allows for devaluation of Blackness as “otherness,” and in its otherness, less than, in both value and quality, the normal pool of science-fiction novels that get its own category. And, for that skinny, dorky, pimple-faced Black kid who may feel like an alien and wants something or someone to relate to, not seeing a Black face on any of the covers of the novels in the sci-fi category can make all the difference in their world. Here, that lack of reflection of themselves on the shelves does a disservice to their imaginative potentials, and it somehow diminishes the infinite possibilities that have been bestowed upon them as a birthright.

So I can see both sides of this issue clearly, why Black sci-fi should and shouldn’t be categorized amongst its literary kin. As a result, I walk away from the bookshelves frustrated, each time, not knowing whether to feel disrespected that Ms. Butler and others like her have not

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## WHAT'S THE LATEST

# Rekia Boyd Shot and Killed in a Double Shooting by Office Duty Chicago Police Officer



One of two people shot by an off-duty police detective on the West Side of Chicago has died, while the other person has been charged with assault, officials said.

22 year old Rekia Boyd, died Thursday, March 22nd, at Mount Sinai Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office following a gun shot wound to the head. The other person wounded by the detective, Antonio Cross, 39, was released from Mount Sinai Hospital after being treated for a gunshot wound to the hand.

Cross has been charged with aggravated assault, a misdemeanor, according to police. The details as to what happen are conflicted as Cross reports standing on the corner with friends when the office duty police officer opened

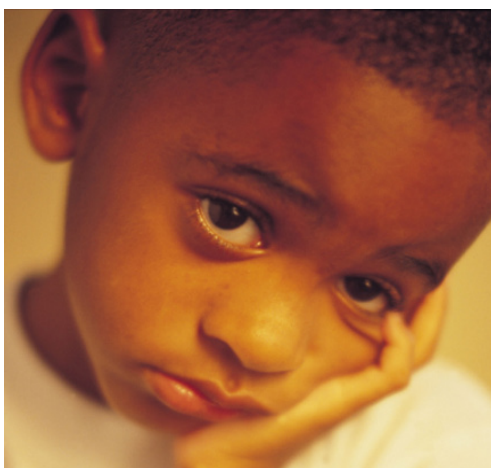
fire, shooting into the crowd, and hitting innocent bystander Rekia Boyd. Cross also reports being on the phone at the time of shooting, and stated that his phone records will back him up. After being shot, Cross claims that he asked the cop several times "why the f\*\*\* did you shoot me?" and the cop replied that he thought Cross had gun. The police officer allegedly mistook the cell phone that Cross had to his ear as gun. Police said Cross approached the detective's car and brandished a handgun. The detective opened fire, hitting the him in the hand but also striking Boyd in the head, according to police the police report. The family of Rekia Boyd is demanding answers and justice. No weapons were recovered from the scene of the crime and the name of the officer has not been released. The department is currently investigating the case.

In the wake of the murder of Trayvon Martin, city residents are livid at the senseless crime that has occurred at the hands of Chicago PD who has a history of murdering innocent Black people as well as a history of being a city of corrupt government and politicians.



## Black Children Delayed in Autism Diagnosis

*Courtesy of Afro.com*



Early detection is key in trying to treat and adjust to autism, according to medical researchers. Yet, Black children are diagnosed way later than their White counterparts, and even when the disorder is detected early, minority children display more severe symptoms, according to a recent study.

The American Academy of Pediatrics advises that toddlers be screened for autism at 18 months but warns that it can manifest at an earlier age. Yet, on average, U.S. children aren't diagnosed until they're 4 ½. And, according to University of Pennsylvania autism expert David Mandell, one of the study's principals, minority children are being diagnosed about a year-and-a-half later than White children.

"We found the toddlers in the minority group were significantly further behind than the non-minority group in de-

velopment of language and motor skills and showed more severe autism symptoms in their communication abilities," stated Landa. "It's really troubling when we look at the data alongside diagnosis statistics because they suggest that children in need of early detection and intervention are not getting it."

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has created a list of typical "red flags" that may point to autism. Consider having your 18-month old screened if he/she:

- Doesn't respond to their name;
- Is slow to develop language skills;
- Doesn't point or wave "bye-bye";
- Was babbling or trying to say a few words but has stopped trying; Throws intense or violent tantrums;
- Seems to tune people out;
- Is not interested in other children;
- Doesn't smile when smiled at;
- Resists changes in routine;
- Has poor eye contact and does not pretend play



# DR. KHALID ABDUL MUHAMMAD

## “The Bullet or The Bullet”



Excerpt taken from 1996 Speech

**M**y subject this evening...I will cover many topics under this subject, but with us standing on the threshold of the National election it was 30 years ago that Minister Malcolm X...in his message to the grassroots, spoke to the grassroots of our people and tonight, I want to speak to the grassroots; to those who are in the dirt; those who are in the muck and the mire of the white mans world. 30 years ago Malcolm said it was a case of the chickens coming home to roost and I say to you tonight 30 years later, it is a case of the chickens coming home to roast. Malcolm's subject 30 years ago on the threshold of a National election was *The Ballot or The Bullet* and my subject 30 years later on the threshold of a National election is *The Bullet or the Bullet*. You don't have another choice.

You talking about civil rights, ain't no damn civil rights. The cracka ain't never been civil and he ain't never been right. You talking about well, what about human rights. The cracka ain't human and he ain't never been right. It's the year of *The Bullet or The Bullet*. You either deal or die. You either fight back or get destroyed. You either get on the right side or its genocide. It's the year of *The Bullet or The Bullet*. You've been voting for crackas ever since they allowed you to vote and tonight I want to cover some of the history.

The history teaches us that from 1870-1901 Blacks served in the various States as Congressman and sat in every congress from the 41st to the 56th...they were brilliant men, they were great orators. In fact, in the period during Reconstruction we were mayors, sheriffs, senators, congressman, and even B.K. Bruce was in the Treasury Department and his signature was on all paper money in America. No matter how racist a cracka was...no matter how much he hated niggers, he handle currency that had the signature of

a Black man in the Treasury Department on it.

What is my point? During Reconstruction, it looked like a period of political prosperity. It looked like we were going to make it...we had good jobs working for ourselves. We had good farmland. We were making what is called “good money” and we were in high positions, but when the white man decided that he was through with niggas being in political office, then no matter how many elected positions we had; no matter how much money we had; no how much land we had; no matter what we had, the white man stood in the door of Congress and they were armed in the door of Congress, and they said no more nigga Senators coming through these doors. They went to the floors of the Senate and the Congress and stood in the door armed to make sure that we did not enter, those they called the ‘portals’ of the government of the United States of America. They went to the Sheriff's office, crackas stood armed, shotguns, pistols, big beer-bellied peckerwoods standing outside and the Black Sheriff showed up at the Sheriff's office, he was elected by the people, when the Black Sheriff showed at the office, crackas armed, cocked their guns on him, and all you could here was the staccato of the cracking of their weapons on him saying “nigga you not the Sheriff no more. We got a new Sheriff in town, Big Bubba here is the Sheriff now nigga.” And the Black Sheriff said, “But I was duly elected”, they responded, “you betta get away from here nigga, you ain't the Sheriff no more...we are taking the law back into our own hands.”

It looked like a time of political prosperity. Civil Rights Act. Voting Rights Act. Johnson sitting down penning the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If the Civil Rights was worth what was written on the paper, then Martin Luther King, and those that came behind him wouldn't have had to fight so hard if it meant anything. If the Voting Rights Bill meant anything during Reconstruction, then Fannie Lou Hamer and others wouldn't have had to fight so hard coming behind the Voting Rights Bill.

What I am saying here tonight? I am taking the unpopular stance, which is not new for me. I'm saying that separation is the best and only solution! I'm saying as a reminder to you, that we must have a nation of our own because every time we have worked together in a solid block...I know what Malcolm said to you 30 years ago. And all the great that Malcolm did, Malcolm was feeling, Malcolm was studying and searching, digging and researching and finding himself, and so Malcolm said in such matters, vote in a solid block.

He talked about the Democrat and the Dixiecrat. “Stop talking about the South” he said, “anytime you are South of the Canadian border you are in the South.” Malcolm said there is no democracy, nothing but disguised hypocrisy. No American dream, nothing but an American nightmare.





Emory Douglas, poster from *The Black Panther*, May 27, 1972

"This was about survival. Bobby Seale was running for Mayor of Oakland, Elaine Brown for City Council, Ron Dellums for Congress, and Shirley Chisholm for President. What you see in the artwork is what we talked about, what politicians didn't even talk about then. We said politics started with the community, with unemployment, inferior education, and dilapidated housing." -Emory Douglas



ORIGINAL PANTHERS

# Erase the Fear Of Above Ground Self-Defense

By General T.A.C.O, Black Riders Liberation Party

Confrontational Politics is a new name for an upgraded style of militant, forceful, head-on tactics; designed to challenge the racist oppressor. It incorporates armed and unarmed aggressive self-defense in an above ground blend of disciplined Black formations. Its early beginning has roots that stretch way back to Marcus Garvey's United Negro Improvement Association's self-defense wing called the Black Legion and Malcolm X's trained 1950s Fruit of Islam. Garvey's Black Legion wore military clothing, trained openly in military drills, and carried long swords publicly whenever it was legal to do so. It was an above ground apparatus. When the US government's secret police force, known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), recognized the threat of the Black Legion, Marcus Garvey was one of the first blacks put on the dangerous subversive list. The US government's secret war plan called Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) was originally created to target him and his organization. COINTELPRO's insidious use of legal and illegal tactics to disrupt and neutralize Garvey's "Back to Africa" movement consisted of Informants, agent provocateurs, attempted assassinations, and bogus trumped up charges against innocent Black people in the UNIA.



In the late 1950s Malcolm X was fresh out of prison where he was recruited into the NOI. Since Malcolm was

a former street hustler and ex-prisoner, he maintained a link to Black people in those areas. Malcolm brought brothers in off the streets and taught them judo, martial arts, military drills, discipline, and the NOI self-defense philosophy. Officially they carried no carnal (bodily) weapons.

On one amazing politically charged night, Malcolm



X was put in an extraordinary dilemma when a NOI member was brutally beaten by the racist NY police. The Muslim brother was savagely dragged to the precinct and denied medical treatment after his head was busted open by police nightsticks. Malcolm, the head minister at the NY NOI temple, led a large, disciplined formation of the FOI through the streets of Harlem, causing a large commotion and a Black crowd of people followed them there to ensure proper medical care and justice. One officer on the scene remarked, "that's too much power for one Black-man to have."

There were many different organizations that had a critical influence that advanced confrontational political strategy throughout the 1960s like Robert Williams' armed chapter of the NAACP, the Student 'Non-Violent' Coordinating Committee, the Deacons for Defense, Malcolm X's Organization of Afro-American Unity, the Revolutionary Action Movement, and a host of others.



The Black Panther Party for Self-Defense started in 1966 by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale, took confrontational politics to its highest level during the '60s. Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton was a street devotee to Malcolm X's theories and practice. Huey decided to confront the racist police forces in Oakland whenever they pulled over Black people and tried to brutalize them.

This was also a small scale adoption of Malcolm X's late night confrontation at the New York police station. Huey learned from Malcolm that the racist authorities could be effectively challenged and confronted with Black Power against the White Power approach. As long as a group maintained a disciplined and legal posture, then the police couldn't continue on with their illegal brutality and murder of Black people. Huey and Bobby also began to call the police "pigs" on these patrols because it was also a legal thing to do. Huey understood that such a serious act of confronting a deadly tentacle of our oppression in a militant way would inspire brothers and sisters from off the block to join the struggle for Black liberation.

The Black Riders are the New Generation Black Panthers. We have scientifically analyzed history and mastered the art of confrontational politics. We started off striking fear in the enemy by creating our Watch- A-Pig program. This hard line program consists of fearless Black Rider

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## POLITICAL PRISONERS

# FROM DEATH TO LIFE: THE QUEST TO FREE MUMIA

By Chawn Kweli

Not willing to risk deep investigation into the real underlying reasons why comrade Mumia Abu-Jamal spent twenty-nine years in the dungeons on America, prosecutors announced at the end of the year that they would not continue to seek the death penalty for Political prisoner and international activist.

District Attorney Seth Williams said to reporters his office and he would rather “opt for a life sentence than have to keep dealing with lengthy drawn out appeals.” The news of this came after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a decision by the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals – in conjunction with the lower courts to re-examine the decision. Prosecutors also weighing in on the possibility of comrade Jamal would receive a new sentencing hearing with an all-new jury said, “Every reviewing court has found the trial fair and the guilty verdict sound,” Mr. Williams “. . . Our best remaining option is to let Mr. Abu-Jamal to

Mumia -Abu Jamal’s work and international support from vari- world. Mr. Jamal being the Association of Black Journalist stated from the beginning his delphia police officer Daniel racism by the prosecutors and

In a 2001 report for example, Mr. Abu-Jamal’s original trial did of international law. His sup- his guilty verdict must be con- unacceptable,” the International Abu-Jamal, said in a statement the right to a new trial based on faced years of prosecutorial and bias.”

Supporters from around the and verdict in the case of Mr. ceptable.” An extremely impor- by the prosecutor and Inspec- person at the crime scene, Kenneth Freeman. Hours after the shooting, a driver’s license application found in Officer Faulkner’s shirt pocket led the police to Freeman, who also was identified as the shooter in a line-up. Withholding evidence of the innocent is illegal according to the U.S. Department of Justice and requires the overturning of a conviction.

The “investigation” that convicted comrade Mumia involved the tampering of evidence and corrupt officials who would do whatever they could to incarcerate Brother Mumia Abu-Jamal. New photos of the crime scene show a different picture than previously presented. Labeled the “Polokoff” photos taken at the scene reveal that Officer James Forbes testimony was false. Forbes stated he “handled the guns found at the scene correctly” however the pictures show Forbes holding the weapons with his bare hands. In addition, taxi driver Robert Chobert became discredited as the photos showed his taxicab facing away from the slain officer’s car contrary to his official testimony used to convict comrade Mumia. These stunning omissions and more have not be investigated, looked at or unearthed by any court of law.

How does the conviction still stand? Without doubt, this will be a new chapter for comrade Mumia Abu-Jamal and every supporter. His removal from death row will also be a challenge for the black liberation movement and lovers of truth and freedom in general. Brother Mumia in many respects finds himself in the same position as General George Jackson with the eyes of the world on him and the chance to take a terrible situation and make it something revolutionary. Will he be the new leader of a political process that will ignite a movement in the concentration camps of Amerikka? Only time will can tell one thing is for sure comrade Mumia Abu-Jamal is a prime example of leadership and remaining true to your revolutionary principles under the heaviest of conditions and intense pressures. Long lives the freedom fighter! Long Lives Mumia Abu- Jamal!



Abdul, Pam & Michael Africa visit Mumia in general population, 2012

case has garnered national and ous activist groups around the president of the Philadelphia when arrested thirty years ago conviction in the death of Phila- Faulkner was the result of blatant the original trial judge.

Amnesty International noted that not meet the minimal standards porters have long insisted that sidered “more than flawed. It is Friends and Family of Mumia Dec. 7. “He has been denied racial bias in jury selection, has police misconduct and judicial

world agree that the conviction Faulkner is “flawed and unac- tant fact in this case suppressed tor is the existence of a fourth



CONSCIOUS HEALTH

FROM SLAVE DIET TO NUTRITIONAL FREEDOM

By Aza Nedhari

Many of us were reared on “soul food”. We ate pork, unless our parents were introduced to Islam or another spiritual system where pork was prohibited; Summertime cookouts featured BBQ chicken and ribs smothered in sauce, grill hotdogs, smoked sausage, bushels of crabs, potato salad, and how could one forget “little hugs, the beer and spirits.” And every now and then when it was too late or we were too tired to cook or we were out for the day, we stopped at McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Chick-Fil-A, Popeyes, the Carry Out, or another fast food place of our choice; And for us, these are the good times where family and friends come together to share in this “feel-good experience.”

And then, the children were diagnosed with ADD/ADHD, asthma, and eczema; and grandma, grandpa, aunty, uncle, and others had diabetes, cancer, strokes, high blood pressure, and gout; they took their daily pharmaceutical “pills” and that was our normality. And then maybe, just maybe, by the grace of God, healing would happen. But, grandma died and grandpa had dementia, and aunty takes daily insulin, and on Sunday, we drown our sorrows, our stress, and our frustration, in greens cooked in smoked meat, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, some type of meat, and other so-called delicacies of the Black diet in America.

What has been passed down from family to family for countless generations is this idea that the food we are eating is “good food”; And even though, the preparation of meals are rooted in love, and foster memories while maintaining family rituals and traditions, what has remained true through evidence of our collective health is that what we are eating is killing us.

Our “soul food” extends back to enslavement where diets consisted of leftover scrapes from the table of the “white master” and his family. Where Black women were forced to used every aspect of an animal as a mechanism of survival. The consuming of pig (pork) was prohibited in many indigenous cultures, and many of those traditions exist today. The “slave diet” of the past, has in modernity become a integral part of the cultural identification of Black American dietary habits, which we now call “soul food.”

Eating 100% organic is not always realistic nor is it feasible for many living in America. Rising prices, unemployment and underemployment has created a financial burden on many families resulting in the food budget getting smaller and more restricted. For some it means eating out less, and cooking at home more; while for others, it means buying less fresh food and more convenience food that is not as nutritionally dense. Whatever your situation, the disproportionate numbers of health disparities that exists within the Black community in America reflects the culture of poor health that has prevailed for the past 600 plus years.

In the late 1800s, Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, conducted a sociological study entitled the Philadelphia Negro. In this study, Du Bois examined every area of Black life ranging from religion, education, and entertainment, to health and economics. He revealed “the Negroes problem is rooted not in their heredity, but rather in their environment and the social conditions that confronted them” (Du Bois, Anderson, & Eaton, 1996, p. xvii).

Du Bois, further found that Blacks were dying at a much higher rate than white people and attributed it to poverty, lack of fresh air, cleanliness, healthfully located homes, and proper food. The attitude of white America towards the condition of Black health appeared to be one of joy that Black people were apparently dying off at high rates, giving them the idea that Black people would soon become ‘extinct.’ This attitude, though not stated, continues to exists today. What was also interesting in larger study of Black people in the 1900s also done by Du Bois, was that the causes of death for Black people was not cancer, diabetes, alcoholism, or heart disease as it is today, but rather syphilis, TB, pneumonia, maternal death, and infant mortality.

I ask, what changed! Was there less processed food; less genetically modified fruit, vegetables, and meat; Were the animals not induced with hormones, and cereal, snacks, and drinks not laden with Red 40, Yellow 5, High Fructose Corn Syrup, and other artificial sweeteners. Possibly yes. And maybe if these things existed, Black people still grew their own food because they could not afford to buy processed food, so the health issues of today, were not their realities.

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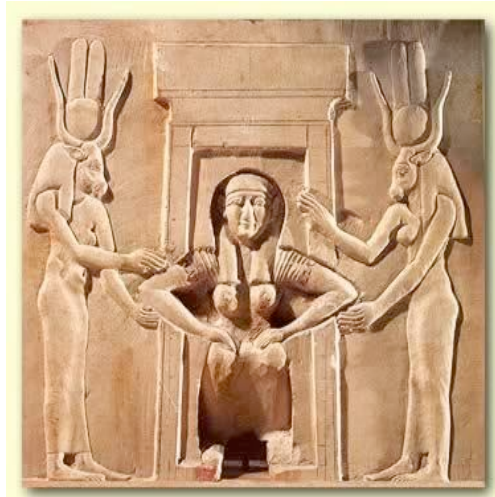
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THE BLACK FAMILY

# reclaiming our birth rite

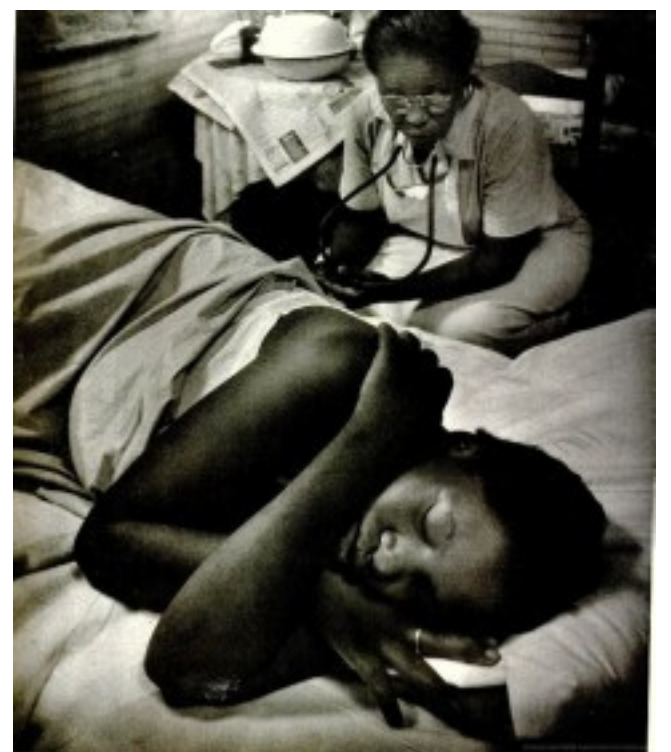
By Student Midwives Aza Nedhari & Asaiya Muhammad



The practice of midwifery began long before bureaucratic institutions and corporate states granted approval for women to assist birthing by way of professional licensure. Since then we have seen “Professional” midwifery branch out in forms ranging from Certified Nurse Midwives in hospitals to Underground Midwives who attend births outside the radar of state legalities opting for more traditional forms of service. The modern proliferation is part of a growing movement of women who reject the artifices of the technocratic birthing model and understand the important role that women play in the natural birthing process.

Women supporting women during birth began as less a profession and more of a social role for women in the community. Birth being a sacred milestone, experienced women became designated as the wise women to attend births in their communities. Birth was not a medical event reflective in modern birthing culture where a physician—armed in face mask and protective garb, equipped with vacuums and gadgets stands at the foot of a bed with his head between a birthing mother’s legs drilling her to “Puuush”. The wise women of traditional ancient midwifery approached birth as a spiritual event and thus their chief armor was wisdom, confidence, and Divine guidance. Incidentally the ancestral roots of midwifery, as we now know it, can be traced to Ancient Kemet (Ta Mu Re, Egypt) as indicated in the Ebers papyrus and bas reliefs illustrating laboring women accompanied by other women depicted as protective deities assisting during the birth process (explain or make succinct). The ritual welcoming of new life to the community was taken with special care, understanding that the nature and circumstances into which life is received will not only affect the soul and wellness of that individual as s/he grows but also the soul of the larger community.

These values were not a theoretical emblem of spirituality, but a way of living to insure the vitality of a people. The science of birthing was threaded into the fabric of the culture as a survival mechanism and could no more be abandoned, as could the science of agriculture or the science of warfare. Indigenous people maintained these practices throughout their global migration and passed it on to the following generations of indigenous women worldwide, including North America. The most prolific example being Indigenous Black women in the deep-south who relied on one another for medical care and midwifery services before, during, and after so-called Emancipation. These women were the midwives, caregivers, and guides in their communities, as well as among white women in many cases.



Nurse Midwife Maude Callen

That said, the face of modern midwifery bears a weak resemblance to its roots. Instead, it reflects white dominance and upholds the values of black subjugation in the form of hierarchical control and exclusion. A tradition heralded by the eradication of “lay midwifery” among Indigenous Black women. White women now account for majority of the certified midwives in the United States while Black and other Indigenous women, account for the minority. The inability of black women to penetrate the modern-day institution of midwifery even with its various pathways, has literally left the progeny of midwifery’s foremothers in the hands of strangers. The result of this phenomenon has led to five crucial outcomes amongst Black Americans: 1) disproportionate infant and maternal mortality rates 2) inadequate/ or no prenatal care and education 3) lack of empowerment regarding reproductive rights 4) broken bond among Afro-Indigenous women 5) black genocide.



Midwife Mary Colley

and offer solutions that will empower women to be informed regarding their bodies and their care while encouraging more women of color to become involved in midwifery.

This series of articles will seek to analyze the exclusionary culture of midwifery regarding Black Indigenous people

STAY TUNED FOR PART 2 OF RECLAIMING OUR BIRTH RITE





EDITORIAL

DEMANDS FROM  
THE PEOPLE'S PARTY

*“If there is to be revolution, there must be a revolutionary party.” (Mao Tse-Tung)*

We the people of these United States in recognition of our shared oppression under the current, corporate-dominated government do hereby propose the establishment of a revolutionary political party. Such a party will be launched outside of the established parameters and will not be dependent upon corporate financing or subjected to its lobbying influence. Our people’s party recognizes and acknowledges:

- The genomic breakthrough of the new millennium confirms the biological, singular human race to which we all belong regardless of color or other physical differences. i.e., there’s one race, the human race.
- The Constitution is a flawed, antiquated, and racist document that needs to be corrected and updated. In 1970, the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention (RPCC), led by the Black Panther Party, assembled some 10,000 people in Philadelphia to rewrite the Constitution. It was written in 1787 by British Aristocrats who were slave owners of poor Europeans and Africans, excluded indigenous peoples and all women, and referred to the common people as “a great beast” and “scum.” States can import Persons but the tax or duty cannot exceed “ten dollars for each Person.”
- Although an Amendment abolished chattel slavery, slave labor in prison is still protected. Moreover, its 27 amendments cover civil rights but no provisions are made for human rights.
- The real minority is the opulent one percent whose cumulative wealth exceeds that of the bottom 90 percent of the U.S. population.
- The disparities in wealth and the ever-increasing poverty and decimation of the majority demand revolutionary change, not mere reform.
- The current political system must be abolished and replaced by one that enshrines in law human rights encompassing the basic right to live and thrive in a modern, global reality. Such human rights, comprising our collective demands, are as follows:

1) **Clean, fresh water.** Climate change and environmental pollution are infecting and threatening our access to clean, drinkable water. Corporate profiteering and privatization of this vital resource, without which life cannot exist, must be stopped.

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2) **Healthy, organic and/or pesticide free food.** The virtual elimination of the family farm as the main agricultural producer and its replacement by agri-businesses such as Monsanto has wreaked havoc with the food system and introduced genetically modified produce and patented seeds that have jeopardized domestic and global food production. Such arrangements must be completely transformed and reorganized to provide for the equitable redistribution of food worldwide.

3) **Full employment and job security.** The global multinational corporations have enjoyed a race to the bottom in low-wage labor contracts moving from one nation to another to maximize profits. We propose a universal living wage for workers worldwide to compel companies to remain in their countries of origin, save shipping costs, reduce their carbon footprints, and provide full employment at living wages to their employees.

4) **Universal (single payer) health care.** Health care is a human right and as such should be guaranteed to every person living in the USA. Medical care should be a vital service provided by the government (the people's revenues), not a for-profit business. Nursing homes should be phased out in favor of independent, community living.

5) **Affordable Housing.** Every person should have the human right to shelter from the harsh elements, privacy, and space in which to extend or raise a family. Today's budget cuts will virtually eliminate subsidized housing in the face of massive homelessness and critical need. The "fastest growing public housing" is prisons, and when those residents are released, they're denied Section 8 (affordable apartments) because of their prison record -- a clarion call for recidivism -- back to slavery. Gentrification, home foreclosures and urban removal must be stopped.

6) **Universal Education and Job Training.** The current race to the top, a continuation of the Bush Administration's no child left behind debacle, has practically destroyed quality education in public schools. We need to provide all our children with a free, quality education from preschool to graduate school. Such education should teach us critical thinking, encourage current events discussion and debate, as well as required studies on the histories of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, their indigenous peoples and their contributions to the arts, sciences, and literature. Job training should provide students with the latest tools and skills in construction, technology, and agriculture. Such training and education should be instituted in the prisons to assure employment upon release.

7) **Affordable childcare.** Businesses, schools and colleges should provide on site childcare to employees with children and parental leave for newborns and childhood illnesses. Government subsidies should apply where needed. Such provisions have succeeded in other countries with very positive impact on employee productivity.

8) **Social Security, unemployment insurance, and the safety net.** In a country as wealthy as the USA, every person should be guaranteed an adequate income during hard times, illness, disability, and aging infirmity.

9) **Justice and Peace.** We demand an end to the current system of injustice that has institutionalized a prison industrial complex tantamount to chattel slavery. We advocate abolition of the death penalty, trying children as adults, insanely long sentences and prolonged solitary confinement. Prisons should be transformed into places of educational productivity and therapeutic healing with the ultimate goal of being phased-out altogether. We demand that aggressive, imperialist wars be terminated and that peace be given top priority in policy making.

10) **Gender Equity.** Women's liberation gave women more employment within the capitalist system at a lower rate of pay, double duty at work and home, token representation in Board Rooms and politics per se. It changed the all male pronouns and gave us more access to sports and construction jobs. But men are still totally dominant, and the abuse of females is worse than ever, beginning with the fetus (selective abortion), infants (infanticide!), and lack of respect for girls, mothers, and grandmothers. Male supremacy is alive and well everywhere, which translates to aggressive wars and no balance. Women are more than half the population, and should be at least half of all governing bodies (from city counsels to Congresses). There should be equal pay for equal work, compensation for caring and household work, and respect for women's right to self-determination. We also recognize that in order to finance the people's demands, we would need to nationalize at least some industries. Since life in the modern world requires utilities such as gas, electricity, and telephone communications, we think these industries should belong to the people and provide for their basic human rights as described above.

"The two parties have combined against us to nullify our power by a 'gentlemen's agreement' of non-recognition, no matter how we vote...May God write us down as asses if ever again we are found putting our trust in either Republican or the Democratic parties" (W. E. B. Du Bois).

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience has shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.





# THE BALLOT or the BULLET Which Way for

By Chairman Malik Zulu Shabazz, Esq.

The strong political winds whip and swirl about the nation, and the stiff iciness of winter begins to thaw as we embark once again upon the spring of this election year, which guarantees to bring forth the most serious and weighty matters into a full bloom. Our core aspirations will be questioned, our consciousness pricked, while our hopes, dreams and desires will be laid bare and made manifest.

The Black Man and Woman of America will again traverse and navigate the valley of decision of the political future of this nation called America, and this nation within a nation consisting of the Black People- the descendants of the free and the enslaved.

Blindly wandering without light, in the gross darkness of the white man's world, we stumble on. Crippled by the perverse limitations set forth at the white man's political table, we have a seat, but we are constantly given an empty plate, and as Malcolm suggested, "we are not dining."

In modernity, the American Negro, inflicted with illness of Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome identifies with the oppressor crying out, 'our country' 'our government', 'our president', akin to how Malcolm X described the House Slave as seeing himself through the lens of "massa" equating "massas" experiences as their own, utilizing "we" as descriptor for the inclusion of the enslaved, such as "if massa is sick, we are sick."

Rare, precious and virtually unseen is the serious dialogue and agitated conversation of the political future of Black and African people in America and World. Thus the question must be posed, "2012: The Ballot or the Bullet?"

Have you lost your mind Black People? Again revisiting the slop troths of White American Poli-tricks like a dog returning to his vomit; Perfectly playing the role of mistress for the Democratic Party only to be courted at election time through just a few sweet notes from an Al Green classic, "Let's Stay Together."

Minister Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik Shabazz), the fiery prophet of Black Nationalism, first raised the question 'The Ballot or the Bullet?' in 1964. During that time, certainly the prophetic words of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad rang true, "The number one problem facing America was the mistreatment of her former slave."

In the 1960's, the Black masses were hungry for an end to the inequality in America as they were awakening to a knowledge of themselves. While white society, Government and Negro leaders tried to persuade us to accept the piecemeal hypocritical offers of integration and political

progress, another voice rang loud and true. That voice demanded Black Power and an ideology and philosophy the advocated the practice of Black Nationalism.

In 1964, when Malcolm taught on "The Ballot or the Bullet" his words were ripe with prophecy. Even though the Civil Rights Act was passed, guaranteeing us the right to vote and the provision of legal remedies for discrimination in all Federal travel, accommodations and the workplace alike, the Black Masses rejected the Ballot as the only option. They did not swallow the bitter lie that Lyndon B. Johnson or the Democratic Party or electoral politics would solve our problems. We were not seduced or bamboozled to naively believe that we could vote our way to freedom and independence.

History recalls that after Malcolm's prophetic words, Black Power and Black Nationalism replaced civil rights as the primary vision and ideology of the people and they placed non-violence and all strategies designed to make the white people more comfortable on the sidelines.

Insurrections occurred in a domino effect; 1965 Watts blew up and later Newark and Detroit blew up and over 120 American cities became major battlegrounds for Black Resistance. Some battlegrounds were violent, some non violent, but nevertheless, we battled with a fighting spirit.

Every gain and concession that the Civil Rights Movement extracted; every job, and appointment, legislation was obtained via the duress, pressure and threat of an exploding radical Black Movement, foretold by Malcolm X, but fulfilled by his disciple H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Comrade Huey P. Newton, Robert Williams, the Deacons for Defense and countless other unnamed soldiers on the ground in the bounds and hells of North America.

In present-day, most of the authentic prescient voices have transitioned. They have been assassinated, sabotaged,

## THE BALLOT OR THE BULLET



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# FOR THE BULLET?

## r Black People



imprisoned, intimidated to the point of fear, or they have transitioned to the ancestors by other means. In 2012 our most consistent living voice in the post 70s era has been the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, who will be 79 this May 2012.

Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Dr. Yosef Ben Jochannon, Baba Herman Furgeson and many of our esteemed elders are advancing in age. Thus the legitimate questions must be raised as to the future of the leadership in our Liberation Movement. Where does our future lie? Where is the alternative to this watered down, uncle-tom philosophy and program that plagues the Black Masses like dreaded disease?

The Honorable Dr. Khallid Muhammad, to whom praise is due forever, was a die-hard, consistent and true adherent to the doctrine of Black Nationalism, Pan Africanism, Black Liberation Theology, Revolution and Black Power. These are the only teachings and doctrines worthy of following and the only way to our absolute liberation and salvation as a Black Nation.

Dr. Khallid Abdul Muhammad was a universal preacher, teacher, Supreme Captain and revolutionary voice in the divine mold of the Black Messiah; the same Black Messiah feared by J. Edgar Hoover and the same Black Messiah heralded by the divine coming of the Most Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey and the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and militarized by the coming of Dr. Huey P Newton, Kwame Ture and H. Rap Brown (Imam Jamil Al Amin).

Now the ancestral bird is resting on our soldiers and destiny calls a new generation. I, Malik Zulu Shabazz, am a student and mentee of Dr. Khallid Muhammad and a son of Minister Louis Farrakhan. I too come in the mold of

Minister Malcolm X and am here in the earth to maintain the legacy of H. Rap Brown (Jamil AL Amin) Huey P. Newton and Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael).

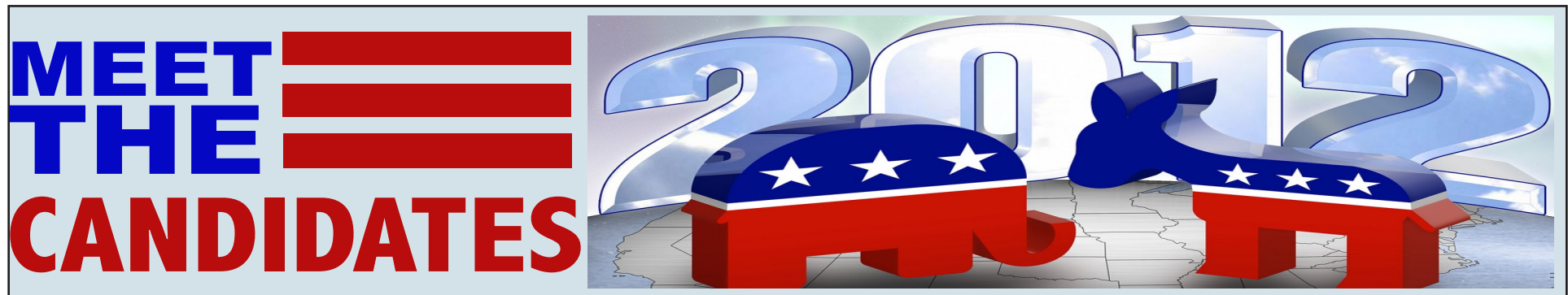
For over 22 years, since I was a revolutionary College Activist, I have held firm to the teachings of Black Nationalism and have been consistent, year after year. I have held of the banner and legacy of Dr. Khallid Muhammad alive, despite stiff and stubborn opposition. Against all odds, without funds, without true support I have forged ahead. While opposed by the so-called Jews, white law enforcement, the white power structure, Negro leadership and narrow-minded nationalists alike- I have pushed on.

By fate, or even default I am situated in a great position right now to ensure that Black Nationalism not only survives but is reinvigorated and resurrected for the next generation. I head a cadre of leadership in the New Black Panther Party that could prove to be a clear answer to our troubling issues. Therefore I continue to call for a United Front amongst Revolutionaries, Black Nationalists and Pan Africanists. I continue to call a new generation of warriors to fulfill their divine destiny and to build a serious Black Power Movement. I am dedicated to keeping Dr. Khallid's name and movement alive.

All of you younger brothers and sisters in your twenties and thirties I am calling you to unite here in America and across the globe. Together we can pool our resources, focus our attack and see real results for the time is short.

Therefore I ask for your vote. Vote for Revolution. Vote For Black Power. Vote For Black Nationalism and Pan Africanism. Vote for Self Determination and a Nation of Our own. Vote for A United Front. Let us reverse course and put our enemies to flight.





**The Republican Party** does not have a vested interest in the wellbeing of Black People. Only bootlicking Uncle Toms such as Clarence Thomas and Herman Cain pledge loyalty to this racist party that is overtly contemptuous and hostile to poor and working people, unions and the like. The Republican Party wishes America retains the 'good old days' of America where America was strictly white dominated in all aspects of policy, society and the like. The Republican Party is suffering from the delusion that America can return to her former greatness (whenever that was).



**MITT ROMNEY (R)**, former Massachusetts Governor and super rich capitalist Mormon, who seeks America's highest office. The Mormon Church historically has been one of the most racist institutions in America. Black people were prohibited and declared

divinely inferior by the Mormon Church's satanic founders. Candidate Romney has proven his racism over and over, with his most recent declaration of connection to black people through his slave-owning ancestors. Despite millions and millions, he cannot gain the firm backing of the Republican Party because in their gut Republicans do not believe in him, knowing he is not one of their 'true conservatives'. Romney is for forcing all Mexicans back to Mexico and has openly admitted he does not care about "the very poor". The bottom line is that Mitt Romney is an enemy to Black People and a cutthroat CEO who has built a fortune off of manipulating capital and displacing poor people from jobs. We do not endorse this fraud Mitt Romney and he will lose despite his efforts.



**NEWT GINGRICH (R)**, former House Speaker, is an open racist that we are very well familiar with. We remember him from his open opposition to the Million Man March and his Contract With America which was in reality a Contract on America and specific attack

on Black and poor peoples in 1994-1995. Newt Gingrich, openly uses language like 'the food stamp president' and other grotesque race baiting tactics that he hopes will endear him to his southern white racist base. Fortunately, Newt cannot gain the support of the Republican Party in masse either. From a 1.6 million dollar lobbying contract with disgraced mortgage foreclosure giant Fannie Mae, to being in bed with billionaire, Las Vegas Super-PAC gangsters, Newt Gingrich is more bad news. Gingrich is for cutting all entitlements and for scrapping every penny that

the poor Black man and woman could get and he is a certified racist.. Fortunately, for Non-white people, Gingrich is on the road to loose the nomination, as the rest of White America disapproves of his savage and tacky behavior. We firmly reject Newt Gingrich.

**RICK SANTORUM (R):**

We are amused by this bigot Rick Santorum. He couldn't even win re-election to the Senate in Pennsylvania and he now deludes himself that he can become President.



Santorum may win a few primaries amongst conservative racist evangelical Tea Party voters who are eager to hang the Black man from a tree when the opportunity avails itself. Despite aspiring to the mantle of 'the true conservative' in this race. Santorum himself has voted for big spending bills, increasing the Federal Debt Ceiling and a number of other votes that are antithetical and nauseating to his base. If Santorum ever gains momentum, Mitt Romney will spend so much money destroying him via negative attack ads that there will be nothing left of Rick Santorum. Santorum is a white supremacist like all the others and advocates bombing Iran and other extreme policies. Therefore, we reject Rick Santorum and declare him like all others, enemies to the Black man and woman.

**RON PAUL (R):** On the surface, Congressman Ron Paul appears to be a bipartisan and empathetic to the experience of Blacks in America, "simply a good-devil," if there is such a term. Paul's foreign policy approach is anti-imperialist and seems to be against America being the policeman of the world and bombing and invading nations and wasting trillions in nation building forays. He claims to be a Libertarian, is for individual rights and liberty, and staying close to the principles of Americas founding forefathers and the Constitution. Congressman Paul holds a strict and literal interpretation of the Constitution and also frequently criticized the Federal Reserve and Federal Monetary policy. This is why Ron Paul will not win the nomination and will have the fewest delegates come Super Tuesday on March 3rd. The above sated policies on anti-war and greed are against the very nature of the white race and in contradiction to the nature and makeup of the capitalist, empire seeking Modern Rome aka United States of America. One harmless snake, like Ron Paul, in a pit of poisonous snakes will make no difference.



When you look deeper, Ron Paul is for cutting every



penny that the poor would get in entitlements. Ron Paul's past newsletters and writings have been found to be laced with racist references. Ron Paul is for putting all the U.S. Military on the Mexican border. We are not fooled by Paul's constitutionalism and exaltation of America's founding fathers. America's Constitution, which declared Black People to be 3/5ths of a Human being, was written by racist devils like Thomas Jefferson and murderers like George Washington. Most of America's founding fathers were then worth billions in today's dollars because they owned massive plantations exploiting Black slaves and raping Black women. Therefore, we are not deceived by Ron Paul's constitutionalism. The bottom line is that Ron Paul appears to be progressive on some points of foreign policy but it really doesn't matter because his white race brothers are warmongers by nature and they will never adopt his non-interventionist foreign policy. Paul's domestic policy and domestic view contains intense trick-knowledge and is just as deceptive and harsh as any other right-wing conservative. He's a quirky, and even charming, but is still venomous nonetheless and thus also an enemy of the Black man and woman.

**The Democratic Party** is the institutional pimp of Black peoples and the Black Nation. The Democratic party, every four years, trots out Negroes and panders to Black voters just to get them to the polls and pad the Democratic vote totals- only to disrespect and leave Black people hanging when laws are written, budgets are passed and policies implemented. Black people are the whores and prostitutes of the Democratic Party and a mistreated mistress that is courted in the late of night, but left hanging when its time for real change in the light of the post election day. In addition, the Democrats are battling a tough economy and high unemployment this election season and Black unemployment is at 16%- double the national average.

**PRES. BARACK OBAMA (D)**, is an oxymoron. He is a walking contradiction to us. He inspires hope and greatness in us and simultaneously delivers disappointment and delusion all in one whopping dosage. As, a Black Man and a child of Africa, we hoped or expected better of him. Initially the masses of Black people were euphoric at Mr. Obama's campaign and election. The Obama successful and clean family image was a breath of fresh air to a people who have few public family role models and have been unfairly limited in success barometers to athletics and entertainment. Yes it's true, Barack Obama gave our school children and others a role model to look up to.



We give Mr. Obama credit for one single act that is largely overlooked. Obama on one occasion did the right thing and refused to prosecute the New Black Panther Party and it's leadership on voter intimidation after overwhelming improper propaganda by right wing Republicans.

However, despite our sincere racial desires for a Black man to do well, President Obama has been a real

disappointment, most specifically in foreign policy. Foreign policy matters to us greatly and President Obama's foreign policy has been both shocking and at times more in line with the policy decisions of George W. Bush. President Obama, orchestrated the diabolical assassination of our dear Brother Leader Muammar Qaddafi in Libya and daily turns a blind eye to unconscionable human rights abuses and torture of African people by the Arab regime in Tripoli (the Transnational Council).

It is American military under the direction of President Obama, who daily violates the borders of other nations and international law by flying drone aircraft and assassinating innocent Somalis and Pakistanis and Yemeni's based on false and faulty concocted CIA intelligence. Worse, President Obama has proclaimed that his administration and the Israeli Military are "the closest of any administration ever" suggesting that he is the true defender of Zionism. Obama has been caught spying on Iran with drones and has pledged to use "all options available" to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear power and has worked a secret deal for Israel to bomb Iran under a 'good cop-bad cop scenario' where his own election chances will be boosted if the economy goes bad before November. Obama incredulously signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which gives the U.S. Government and military the right to indefinitely detain an American citizen without trial. A shocker indeed for a civil right attorney and liberal such as Barack Obama. We challenge Obama to an open forum, a town-hall style meeting in which he can have the opportunity to explain his actions to Black America. We give him the right to due process, to not be held guilty without the opportunity for explanation.

On the domestic front Mr. Obama has not focused any specific efforts on the urban poor or the Black community. The Black community at large is no better off that before he was in office. We are curious as to what his agenda is for Black people in America and if he even has one. How will he respond to daily human rights violations experienced by Black people living in America. Obama's defenders claim that his Health Care reform has made a difference. Even if it has made a small difference, compared to what he could have done, versus results delivered, on the domestic front the Obama has fell short of the mark. Keep it real-he bailed out Wall Street not our streets.

In light of a pending Obama win, we ask when you fulfill your mission of bringing "change to America" a change that is not inclusive of just the capitalist institutions that continue to oppress the masses of people, but inclusive of the America that provided you the opportunity to hold the seat of President. When will that change, not just include "hope," but "reality" for Black people in America.

Black America, you must decide who will best represent you in 2012. You must decide if you will choose the ballot as a means to change, or the bullet. You must decide if revolution will come through government, or will revolution come from the demands of the people; resisting imperialism, resisting fascism, resisting abuse from the government, resisting failed policies, resisting capitalism, resisting the police state; resisting racism and demanding that change does come to America by any means necessary!



## SAY WORD

### Frustrations of a Dark-Skinned Girl

By @Saicryd

Damn y'all, I just need to talk for a minute  
Before I lose my head, I need to discuss these thoughts in it.  
Just for a minute I wanna bring you into my world;  
Just for a second, I'll let you in on the frustrations of this dark-skinned girl.  
See I'm not ashamed of the color I've got  
But it seems some of y'all out there are.  
It seem's you can only associate my dark skin with "ugly" "unattractive" "slavery" or "tar"  
Shall I compare thee to a summer's day...?  
Yeah, how about doin that  
But really I don't care what you do, I'm proud my skin is so close to black.  
Don't brown bag test me  
No need to stress me  
Come on now, forreal, just quit!  
And if one more man, and I use the term loosely,  
Comes at me like "Ayo Chocolate!"...  
Trust me, you'll read about it  
My color comes straight from my mother's land  
Proud of my extra helpin of melanin  
It compliments the locs of my hair-itage  
A constant reminder of my Afrikan parentage.  
Mis-represented as the chocolate video hoe,  
My own people got a color complex cuz they don't know.  
Ashamed of who they are, tryin to make me hate my hue,  
But I rise above that bull cuz that's what being Black has taught me to do.  
Refusing to succumb to the myth of "good hair"  
That's for those simple in mind  
Won't dare disrespect my Afrikan  
ancestry with skin bleach of any kind.  
Being redrawn with my own pen  
Erasing the caricature, and illustrating the QUEEN.  
Becoming the poster child for the natural beauty of dark skin like nothing ever seen.  
No I'm not trying to "drop science"  
But if you find it here, I hope you catch it.  
Put in your Knapsack, take it home, and if you forget it here  
Evoke the spirit of Sankofa - "Go Back And Fetch It!"  
If you're a sister of dark skin tone, I know in some way you understand.  
I know you've encountered those that are convinced it's a stigma to resemble one  
Directly from the motherland.  
You've been teased and taunted  
At times to erase the color, you've wanted  
To break the mirror in your face not reflecting euro-beauty  
But YOU'RE ALL BEAUTY  
And beauty exists in the third eye of the beholder  
Dark-skinned warmth makes jealous pale faces a little colder.  
They're trying to be like me in tanning salons  
And have lips like me with outliner on  
And they're "dreding" their hair, just to be in my world  
But to my people, I'm still just  
"Pretty for a dark-skinned girl"



## GREAT BLACK WOMEN IN THE STRUGGLE

# REDEEMING AND RESTORING WOMANHOOD

NBPP Trenton Honors Black Women on International Women's Day



By Dawoud Afrika-NBPP East Reg., MOI

**M**arch 8, 2012 was declared International Women's Day in America. However, In honor of Women's History Month, The New Black Panther Party For Self Defense along with The Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition sponsored the standing room only forum "The Other Side Of Violence" Redeeming and Restoring Womanhood In The Capital City.

This special event and awards ceremony was established to honor great black women/sisters in the community and city of Trenton, New Jersey. Hosting the event and awards ceremony was our sister Queen Maati Sehkmets Ra, Chief of Staff for the New Black Panther Party-Trenton and The Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition. The keynote speaker was Philly's own motivational speaker, community activist, and organizer of the Million Woman's March, Empress Phile Chionesu.

The purpose of this forum of black woman was to also bring awareness of a well needed and formulated sisterhood. A sisterhood that would start with young black girls to raise and cultivate them into productive, responsible and successful young black women. Black women should be made whole and complete with knowledge of their true African black selves. In the hearts and minds of every African black woman there should be a sense of a better self, to better their families, to better their communities and then to better their black nation.

Queen Maati stated that " Black women have to connect with each other. Everyone's contribution is necessary to form a sisterhood. Each black woman has a piece of this puzzle and with that we can organize and unify properly. Queen Sheba Afrika was one of the guest speakers who said, "Sisters have to get the brothers involved also. They

have the responsibility to respect and protect the black woman. All living beings come from the womb. The black woman has to have knowledge of self so that she knows her beauty and her strength as a queen. She has to know that she's the mother of civilization".

The honorees in attendance to receive their awards were, NaWasha Edu (Akoma Day Initiative); Tyese Boyer-Campbell (Women In Power); Yolonda Robinson (WIMG-Host, Living A Powerful Life); Christina Roberts (Kids Against Bullying, Gangs and Violence); Redlocs (Hair Stylist- Boss Barbershop); Latarsha Burke (African American Pride Festival); Samut Shep-Ra (Magical Mother Co. Yoga & Wellness); Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (City Councilwoman); Lakeeba Wellons (African trade Global Concepts); Make-da Kemit (The Garvey School); Darlene McKnight (Woman To Woman); Clarice Sabree (Cultural Concepts); Sonita Jones (Real Talk Magazine); Ethel Thompson (Manifestation of the Prodigal Mother); Phile Chionesu (Million Woman March Movement).

Trenton's community appointed poet laureate, Polo Cortes kept the crowds attention with his poem "The Circle of Eternity" followed by a spiritual poem by award honoree Queen Mother Clarice Sabree entitled "International Woman is What I Am".

Keynote speaker, Empress Phile Chionesu, affectionately known as Empress Chi, greeted the audience with "Ma'at Hotep." She said, "We as African black women have to do the work we are destined to do. Black women must be healed. We must come up with solutions to the problems we face all over the world. Sisters have to take back their rightful place as African Queens. Black women too need role models. We must create Sistering sessions, that's right, men have Mentoring sessions don't they?"

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### "I AM A LEADER! I AM THINKER! I AM A DOER!"

#### Capital City Youth Development Council Celebrates Its 1st Year



Started in 2011, the Capital City Youth Development Council (CCYDC), has become the premier youth program in Trenton, NJ. It was founded by long-time activist and National Youth Minister of the New Black Panther Party, Divine Allah, who in 2010 ran a successful first-time campaign for public office, garnering almost 40% of the vote, many of which were young adults. Allah also successfully organized a local citizen petition in the City of Trenton to honor "Black History" by raising the Red, Black and Green flag at City Hall during the month of February. It has now been raised for 10 years.

The CCYDC was started out of a desire to create a program that incorporated the cultural connectedness needed to inspire and motivate our most valuable resources, the children and youth. The Council promotes youth awareness and development in all areas of youth activity with a primary focus on: Education, Entrepreneurship, Health and Wellness, Politics, Environmental/Social Justice, and Community Service. The mission of CCYDC is to "inspire, motivate and prepare a new generation of youth leadership" in Trenton, NJ. CCYDC offers youth of the city, ages 7-21, a venue [outside of school and church], where they can learn to value themselves while gaining the necessary skills to develop and grow into leaders in their community; and to offer a conscious, community oriented link between parents, elders, teach-

ers, local officials, and the greater community.

In its first year, CCYDC transformed the life of Trenton's youth and challenged the school system to do more. After opening its doors at the former home of the Garvey School, the program had a slow start. However, as Allah remained consistent with promoting the program and hosting events, it began to catch on. In February of this year, CCYDC hosted its 1st Annual African Pride Spelling Competition. Over 20 children competed for the opportunity to form the official Youth Development Council and to compete in debate, chess, and oratory competitions which local schools within the city of Trenton. The event was attended by over 200 parents, city officials, and supporters and proved to be a success.

What has been the key to the success of CCYDC in its first year is Allah's understanding that each experience as a youngster is a stepping stone to create a positive or negative outcome in the future. He boldly advises: "If the youth are the future, then we must act like it ... we must show

them how to be great and how to do great in spite of the odds. This is what youth ministry is all about; add ministering to developing the social needs of the next generation while motivating them to be successful leaders."

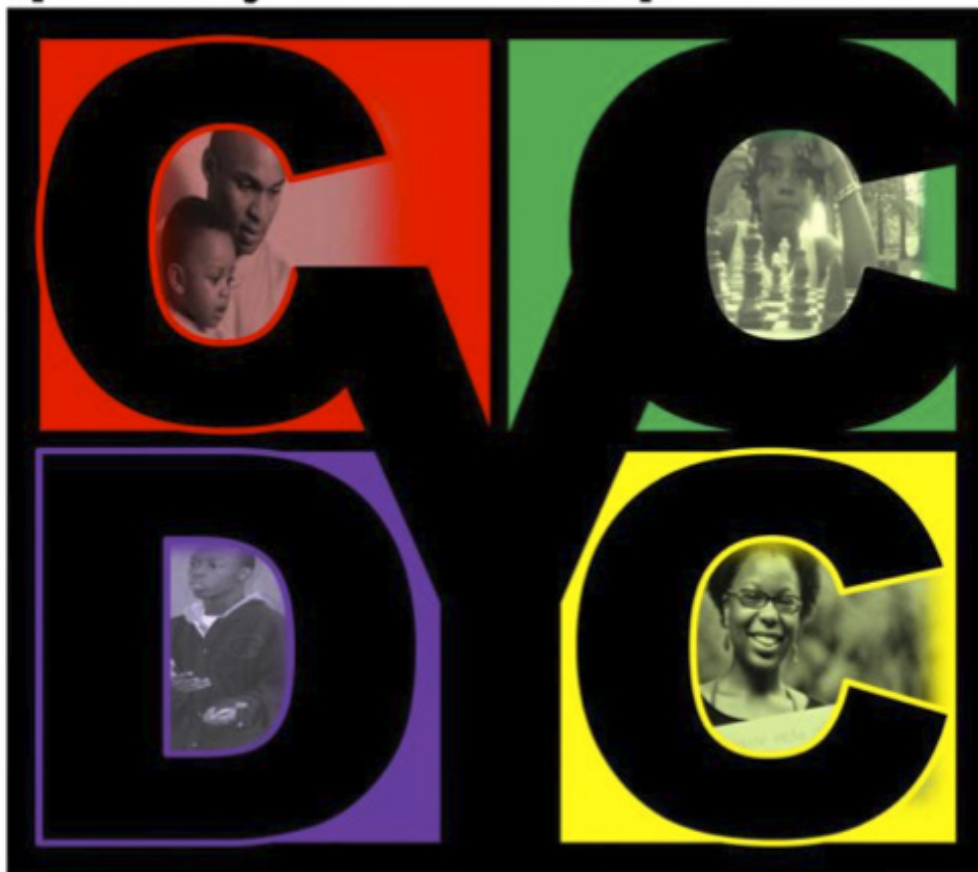
Allah envisions that this program can be adopted in any city where there is a need for program with a youth focus that is rooted in the principles of self-determination, self-discipline, self-respect, and most importantly self-empowerment, all of which will assist the youth transforming their reality and improving their life

chances.

Allah plans to organize a Fitness Fest for late spring that will support the Obesity Initiative put forth by Michelle Obama. Youth will be compete in a series of challenges to raise awareness about childhood obesity and increase their knowledge about adopting a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating habits, that will support long-term health.

For more information about the Capital City Youth Development Council e-mail Divine Allah [capitalcityyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:capitalcityyouth@yahoo.com).

### Capital City Youth Development Council



*'Motivating And Preparing Future Leaders'*



# Will The REAL Martin Luther King Be Allowed to Stand Up?

By Truth Minista Paul Scott



*"Let us be dissatisfied until every man can have food and material necessities for his body, culture and education for his mind, freedom and human dignity for his spirit. Let us be dissatisfied until rat-infested, vermin-filled slums will be a thing of a dark past and every family will have a decent, sanitary house in which to live.." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speaking at the Carnegie Hall celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of W.E.B Du Bois, February 23, 1968*

**D**r. Martin Luther King Jr. was considered by some the most dangerous man in America. He spent many nights locked up in jail cells. There were constant attempts made on his life. During his last years, he was constantly harassed by law enforcement. The real reason for his untimely demise before the age of 40 still remains a mystery. I am not talking about Grammy nominated rapper Russell "Ol' Dirty Bastard" Jones; I'm talking about Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Recently, the website Gun.io posted FBI documents suggesting that ODB and the Wu Tang Clan were under surveillance for alleged illegal activities. It must be noted that the late Dr. Martin Luther King was also under

surveillance, as documented in Kenneth O'Reilly's book "Black Americans: The FBI Files," proving that if you are an outspoken Black man in America, you don't have to be a criminal for the Feds to watch you.

Although many people today celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King as one of the greatest American heroes, that was not always the case. According to historian Taylor Branch in his book "Pillar of Fire," former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover referred to King as not only a "tom cat with obsessive degenerate sexual urges" but a "notorious liar" and "one of the lowest characters in the country" – in the Hip Hop vernacular "an ol' dirty bastard."

For most people who are only familiar with King via the overplayed "I Have a Dream Speech," this may come as quite a shock. How could a man of peace who only wanted "this nation to rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed" become Public Enemy No. 1? In reality, King was a lot closer to the ideologies of "militants" such as Malcolm X and Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael), especially in his later years, than many people would like to admit. This fact, however, has not been lost on Hip Hop, as even the most revolutionary rappers such as Public Enemy, Immortal Technique and Rakim have all paid homage to him in their songs.

The real Martin Luther King Jr. is captured in the parts of his speeches and writings that have been white washed-out of high school history books. Most people do not know that in his last speech, "I See the Promised Land," delivered in Memphis the night before he was assassinated, he called for a boycott of Coca Cola, Sealtest Milk and Wonder Bread and asked that Black people transfer their money from white banks to a Black one. Nor do they know that, although he is portrayed as the great integrationist, King was as just a strong of an advocate of Black Pride as ODB was of "Knowledge of Self." In his work "Where Do We Go from Here," King defines Black Power as "a psychological reaction to the psychological indoctrination that led to the creation of the perfect slave."

Also, although some only associate Dr. King with songs like "We Shall Overcome," Dead Prez once sampled one of his "missing" speeches where he proclaimed, "Yes I'm Black ... I'm proud of it ... I'm Black and beautiful!" This is the King that many hated; the one who dissed President Lyndon Johnson's war in Vietnam by saying that "we have been wrong from the beginning in Vietnam; we have been detrimental to the life of the Vietnamese people" – which was just a nicer way of putting Muhammad Ali's statement that no Vietcong ever called him the N word.

Now does that mean that at some point, ODB might have stopped a Wu Tang concert and spoken out against George Bush's "War on Terror?" We will never know, but wild boys do wild things. Remember, in an AllHip Hop interview conducted shortly after his release from prison, ODB

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saying, "if we are honest with ourselves, we'll admit that too many fathers are missing from too many lives and too many homes. They have abandoned their responsibilities, acting like boys instead of men. And the foundations of our families are weaker because of it."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who, in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, argued against Blacks being, "completely drained of self-respect." The great reverend famously called for a "normal and healthy discontent" to be "channeled through the creative outlet"

Mr. Obama's heralded book "Audacity of hope" was a title inspired by his fiery black liberation preacher, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, who he distanced himself from his former pastor after political pressure hit him. With Mr. Obama seeking to be re-elected, it seems he is only interested in black people when it is time to go to the polls. With strategy, Obama will sing a little Al Green, do a little dance, and win black votes. Sadly like obedient sheep's, we go to the polls and vote for "Black skin", no matter how destructive the policies.

It is unfortunate, that even while knowing the abuses of Mr. Obama and his administration, misinformed blacks will go out of their way to put him in a position to be re-elected for another 4 year term. With must exist along with voter information, is political education, so that as we make our decision regarding candidates it is premised upon informed choice, versus emotions. To vote out a white taskmaster only to support the reign of a black colonial fascist is just like trading bacon for ham, either way it is still a pig.

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Anwar Awlaki). Indeed, when it comes to the foreign policy and civil liberties values Democrats spent the Bush years claiming to defend, the only candidate in either party now touting them is the libertarian Ron Paul, who vehemently condemns Obama's policies of drone killings without oversight, covert wars, whistle-blowers persecutions, and civil liberties assaults in the name of terrorism.

In sum, how do you demonize Obama as a terrorist-loving secret Muslim intent on empowering US enemies when he has adopted, and in some cases extended, what was right-wing orthodoxy for the last decade? The core problem for GOP challengers is that they cannot be respectable Republicans because, as Krugman pointed out, Obama has that position occupied. They are forced to move so far to the right that they render themselves inherently absurd.

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fashion again. The Masses of Black and Latino people this time around have become disenchanted with plantation politics and sadly instead of galvanizing the

grassroots and securing the millions of unemployed, President Barack Obama sacrifices his dignity to keep the corporations and multi-million dollar investors happy.

As much as I would like to see President Obama as a sheep caught in the trap of white racism and bigotry, I am also inclined now after weighing the facts to believe that he's the sheep that now walks happily into the snares and pitfalls of racism and the expense of his character and the chance to turn around what's been going on in America for over 400 years.

## Obama Imperialism, continued from page 5

represented by Obama's election is the Africa Command or AFRICOM, the overt U.S. military intervention in Africa that is designed to protect the oppressive status quo and to oppose its most serious contenders for Africa's resources that should be going to the development of Africa for African people ourselves. Obama's presidency provides the necessary cover for cowardly neocolonial heads of state who could not previously openly support Africom because of its obvious colonial connotation.

While Obama is an African this is not a true determination of who he really represents, any more than the fact that all over Africa there are African heads of state that continue to represent the interests of the wealthy imperialists and do not represent African interests beyond those of their narrow petty bourgeois class base. Sisters and brothers, friends and comrades: All of Obama's advisors during his campaign and those who he is expected to bring into his administration have histories as imperialist servants,

some of them notoriously so, like Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was National Security Advisor with the administration of U.S. President James Earl Carter and Madeline Albright who was Secretary of State with the regime of William Jefferson Clinton.

In addition his campaign financial chairwoman was Penny Pritzker from Chicago, a billionaire heiress who created the predatory lending scheme that targeted Africans and Latinos, resulting in thousands losing their homes while she made a fortune at their expense. Obama will not free Africa. He cannot free Africans either at home in Africa or abroad in the U.S. or the many other places to which we have been shipped by slavery and colonialism. He is not a friend of Africa, nor is he a friend of the suffering oppressed peoples of the world. His interests are the interests of U.S. imperialism, the world's greatest predator state.

Sisters and brothers, friends and comrades: Barack Obama represents imperialism in crisis. He is an imperialist solution to its loss of influence among the struggling peoples of the world. To embrace Obama is to participate in resolving the crisis of imperialism that is responsible for our misery as a class and as African people.

The return of our freedom, resources and happiness will only come with the conquest of political power in our own hands through our own efforts.



## Blacks in Sci-fi, continued from page 10

been placed in the Science Fiction section with other sci-fi authors, or whether to pat the store owner on the back for being considerate of cultural identity.

My vision for the state of Black sci-fi is that when I walk into a bookstore in future times, I won't feel burdened by my identity as a Black woman who loves science fiction. In these future bookstores, no one is forced to make a choice between illusory duality of Blackness and science fiction, because there is no duality, no conflict between the two, with both being able to coexist and encompass the other.

Ideally in this future world, perhaps Black sci-fi is shelved with other sci-fi, or perhaps there is a section exclusively for Black sci-fi. The genre will have evolved in such a way that all of the artists and authors currently creating sci-fi will have a found a place in the global market and on mainstream commercial bookshelves. Then again, with the current surge in e-books, bookshelves themselves may become obsolete. In that future world, then, a search term for a sci-fi novel will turn up Black authors with the same frequency as any other author of sci-fi, without even having to enter the term Black. But if you choose to search specifically for Black sci-fi in this future world for an experience you can identify with, you can do so, just as easily.

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Warriors who wear camouflaged paramilitary fatigues, berets, and big black boots. We patrol the ruthless barbarian police with video cameras, high tech walkie-talkies, state of the art police scanners, TASERs, mace, bats, knives, and any other legal weapons we can get hold of. This educates Black people to be fearless against police terrorism.

Since the passage of the Mulford Act outlawing the original Panthers' and the communities' right to openly carry guns in public, we keep legally registered guns on security in Black Rider homes and buildings in case the pigs attack us unjustly and we have to defend ourselves. We openly do military drills and carry long swords or machetes whenever legal to do so. We train in many different martial arts armed and unarmed combat styles like short staff, sword fighting, katana, Judo, Kung-Fu, Dynamic kicks, arts of breaking, and especially Shodokan death blows. Most of our warriors have developed unorthodox fighting methods gleaned from survival on the dangerous Los Angeles gangland streets. We have launched large-scale confrontations against many different military type pig stations all over L.A.

The most known confrontational political demonstration we did was when we struck the LAPD headquar-

ters "Thirty Deep" strong seething with animosity, hostility, and stern faced, after they savagely murdered a 13 year old boy named Devin Brown in 2005. The US government's new COINTELPRO called Homeland Security and their PATRIOT Act guidelines have tried to attack us many times and we have defended ourselves from their weak, mindless attempts to eliminate our organization. He who does not fear the death of a thousand cuts will dare to unseat the emperor!

The Black man and Black woman, once culturally inspired, properly trained, and boldly led, are the greatest human fighting machines the world has ever known! POLITICS IS WAR WITHOUT BLOODSHED AND WAR IS POLITICS WITH BLOODSHED! POWER TO THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T FEAR FREEDOM

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This will be Her-storic. Connect with each other. As mothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, aunts, wives, sisters, we must uphold the culture and African imagery. Let's start an African Women's Federation. No more talk, for now on, take direct action. This year we will kick off another Black Women's summit and maybe even another million women march in the near future. 2013 will be year of the black girl. 2014 will be year of the African girl and woman.

I myself honor, salute and appreciate the African black woman. As much as us black men may hate to admit it, our black women are the backbone of most family and organizational structures.

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accused George Bush and the government of trying to kill him. While most people wrote this off as the paranoid ramblings of someone suffering from too many years of drug abuse, history makes us take another look. As they say in Greek mythology, "Those who the gods wish to destroy, they first drive mad."

It is no secret that the FBI bugged Dr. King's hotel rooms and, allegedly, had tapes of him gettin' his freak on with women which they delivered to his wife in an effort to push him to commit suicide.

Also, according to Clay Risen in his book "A Nation on Fire," before his assassination in Memphis, "the 111th Military Intelligence Group had been keeping tabs on King and the SCLC for signs of an impending riot." In addition, Risen states that on the day of King's murder, anti-riot operations were already put in place by the Army Operations Center "before his death was even confirmed."

Even Rev. Jesse Jackson wrote in the forward of the book by King's "alleged" assassin, James Earl Ray, "Who Killed Martin Luther King," "I have always believed that the government was part of a conspiracy, either directly or indirectly, to assassinate him." After all, law enforcement has always paid an inordinate amount of attention to rapers. Recently, it was even reported that the DC police and the ATF set up a fake Hip Hop record label in Washington, D.C. What if Russell Jones had lived long enough to become more political? What if his ideologies were expanding in the same manner as Dr. King's? Remember the purpose of J. Edgar Hoover's COIN-



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TELPRO was to “prevent the long range growth of militant Black organizations especially among youth.”

Maybe the truth lies in ODB's haunting words when he bum-rushed the stage at the 1998 Grammy awards, “Wu Tang is for the children. We teach the children!” And this is America's greatest fear.

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How then, do we transform our health when we are on a budget. When we are living from paycheck to paycheck or on food stamps. How to we break the cycle of poor eating habits when we work all the time and never learned how to cook or combine food properly. It begins with education. The following tips can help you to begin the process of being healthy, physically, mentally, and spiritually

**Tip 1: Not everything you eat has to be organic, but some things you must always buy organic or “pesticide free.”**

The amount of pesticides on the foods is so high, it can cause both reproductive and nerve damage, and/or increase your chances of cancer. [Autism, infertility, fibroids, ADD, and other issues are related to damage of the nervous and reproductive system]. You can lower the amount of pesticides you consume by avoiding the 12 most contaminated vegetables and fruits and buying these organic or locally grown from farm that does not use pesticides. Buying local allows you to not only eat in season, but to interact with

the people who grow your food. Studies led by Chen-sheng Lu of Emory University found that elementary school-age children's body burdens of organophosphate pesticides, including chlorpyrifos and malathion, peaked during the summer, when they ate the most fresh produce. But just five days after switching to an all-organic diet, their bodies were essentially pesticide-free (Lu 2006, 2008).

**Tip 2: White just ain't right when it come to food**

White sugar, white flour, white rice, white bread are all bleached products which causes damage to the nervous system and internal organs. White sugar is the leading cause of diabetes amongst black people as well as the leading cause of nerve damage in Black Children, labelled ADD/ADHD.

**Tip 3: Know your meat!**

Many of the meat that is sold in traditional grocery stores came from animals that we not allowed to grow naturally, but were injected with hormones and antibiotics so that they would mature at a faster rate for production. The conditions in which these animals live is unfit for any living thing, and animals are often electrocuted, abused, and tortured before being slaughtered. Because the meat is processed and not “fresh”, sodium nitrate injections are put into. “A research study conducted at the University of Hawaii that followed of nearly 200,000 men and women for 7 years found that people who consumed the most processed meats (hot dogs and sausage) showed a 67% increased risk of pancreatic cancer over those who consumed little or no meat products” (Adams, 2005). Sodium nitrate is a known carcinogen (cancer causing

agent) and is especially toxic to children and infants. It is found in bacon, hotdogs, jerky, pepperoni, and other processed meats. If you are eating meat cut back your consumption to 3-5 times per month and buy meat that is grown without steroids and antibiotics; nitrate free and grass fed.

**Tip 4: Fruits and Veggie per day keeps the doctor away!**

Eating a well-balanced diet that is high in fresh fruits and vegetables goes a long way toward boosting the immune system. 70% of our immune system is in our intestines. Which means, what we eat effects our overall health.

Avoid canned foods and opt for in season fruits and vegetables. Use your local farmers market (if you have one) to purchase affordable fresh food while getting to know the local farmers. Canned foods often contain Bophenol A (BPA), a known hormone disrupter.

**Tip 5: Plan your meals ahead of time**

Set aside 20 minutes once a week to create a menu for the week and then make your shopping list based on your menu. This will save you time and money in the grocery store, trust me!

**Tip 6: Get creative and get some cookbooks**

Changing your diet will require you to get creative in the kitchen. Don't let fear stop you from changing, try out new recipes. If you don't know what to cook check out some cookbooks from your local library or buy some to jazz up your food options.

**Tip 7: Eat Local**

Buying from the farmers in your area allows you to

interact with the people who grow your food and to ask questions about the process and methods used to produce the food that you will eat. Try looking for farmers markets, community sustained agriculture (CSA) to join, or local food in your grocery store. If you do not have one of these in your area try starting a community garden. WIC offers vouchers to be used at the farmers market and food stamps are now being accepted at both CSAs and farmers markets. Check with your local area about these resources.

**Tip 8: ALWAYS READ LABELS**

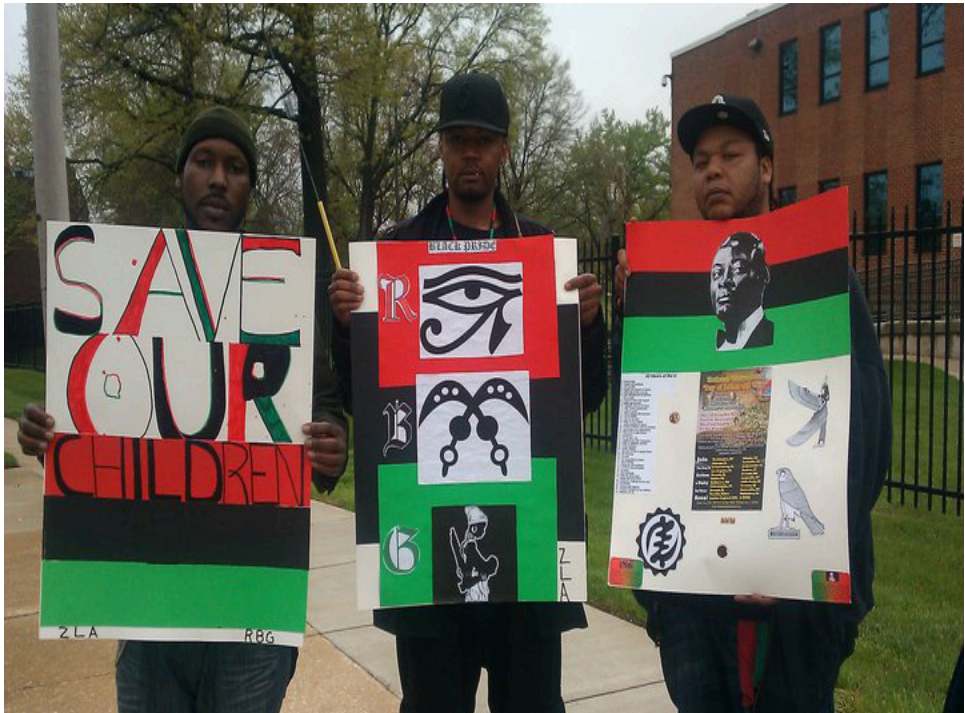
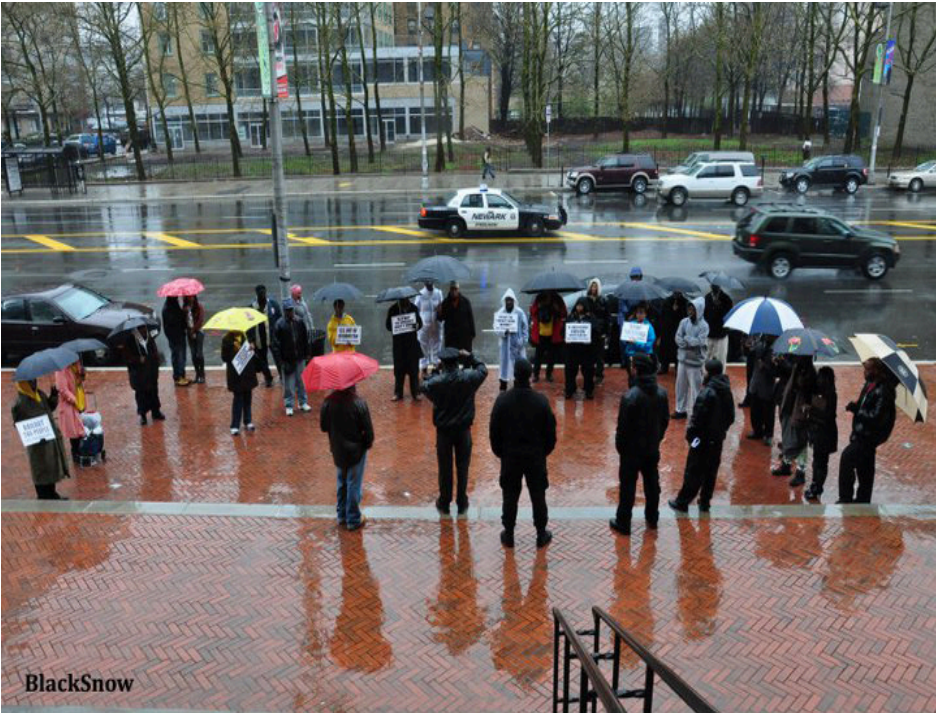
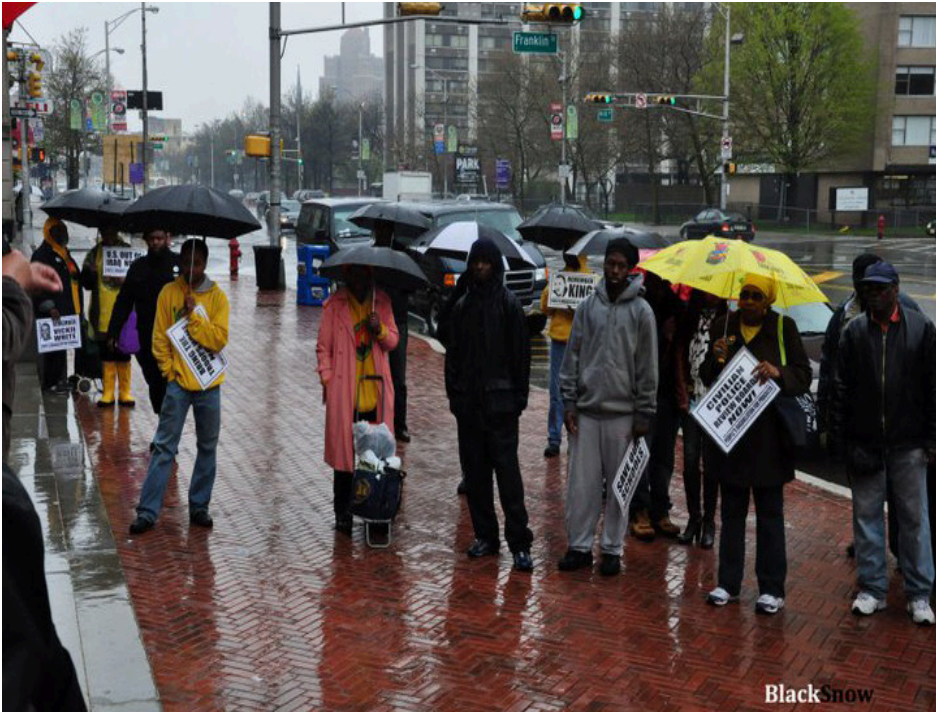
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**Tip 9: If you need help, ask for it**

If you are unsure how to change your diet or need help with transition ask for help from those that are knowledgeable about Holistic Health.

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9. We want all Black People when brought to trial to be tried in a court by a jury of their peer group or people from their Black Communities, as defined by white law of the Constitution of United States.
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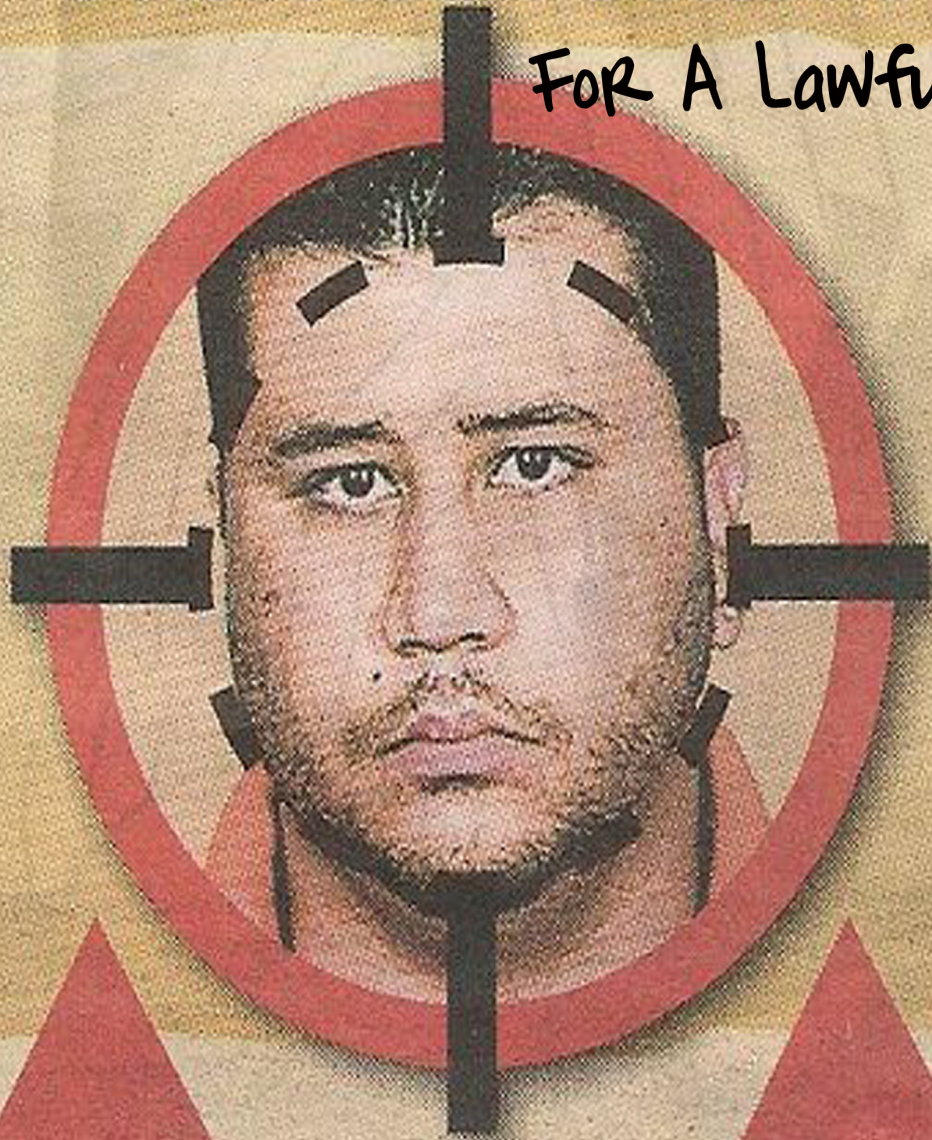


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