

Point of View

Editorial

Although the present federal administration has admitted that the economic recovery has slowed but is steadily moving forward, the economic situation in our town has been rather bleak for Blacks. The high unemployment level for Blacks, especially for young Blacks and aside from federally funded summer programs, has held steady throughout the recession into the so-called economic recovery period.

Blacks should take advantage of the training opportunities available to them if they expect to advance in this society, for without the proper training, most employers will pass them up for a qualified person.

If we are to succeed in the fast-approaching, highly technical society, we will have to be prepared for participation in the technological world. Preparedness means much more than possessing a high school diploma. It means being job-ready in a society where the jobs will be filled by highly skilled persons.

Our young people must ask themselves if they are ready to take the plunge into a rapidly developing job market consisting of positions in a highly skilled technical arena. If the answer is yes, then we can say that we have accomplished our goal of preparing them for the present and future job markets.

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The Solution: Brainwash Blacks With Hypnotherapy

You are probably startled by the title of this column, and may even picture it as some sort of mysticism. You may imagine a mysterious procedure requiring the use of e.s.p. or, perhaps psychosurgery. None of these perceptions is accurate.

In short, I recommend a procedure of brainwashing that has been perfected, has had great success, is easily utilized, is used everyday by advertisers and promotional experts, is comfortable and wonderfully relaxing, is enjoyed immensely by everyone who has used it, and was approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) in 1957. I refer to hypnotherapy, a procedure for improving behavior which I have used in combination with counseling to improve the lives of thousands of people in my counseling clinic. I have replaced the lack of confidence with great confidence.

But, before going any further let me tell you why hypnotherapy is needed to improve the plight of black

people in America. Simple: the most powerful obstacle in the way of black progress is self-hatred. Traditional racism is so all-encompassing that in addition to keeping the masses of blacks from accomplishing much, it has made many blacks think they lack the innate capability to accomplish very much. Most blacks accept their plight as inevitable. It is as if they say to themselves, "I haven't accomplished very much but I won't worry about it. I don't have the ability to do very well because all black people were born inferior."

That little voice has virtually destroyed black motivation, black hope and black effort. Unfortunately, if the average black youngster was to suddenly and mysteriously be provided with the opportunity to work in a prestigious firm, he would probably turn down the opportunity. Fear of failure would be the determining factor. The feeling of inferiority have made progress for blacks twice as hard as it is for whites. The

To Be Equal

ACT ON HOUSING BIAS

By JOHN E. JACOB

Housing is one of the remaining areas in which discrimination is rampant and in which federal efforts to combat it are virtually nonexistent. That's why it is important for the Congress to approve an important new initiative.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development wants a small part of its budget to go to private fair housing groups for testing programs. But Congress is resisting the idea and national realtor

groups are putting on a massive campaign against it.

Testing is a long-established method of determining whether housing discrimination is taking place, and who is doing it. It's simple but effective.

Typically, it works like this: if a black applicant for housing is turned down, a



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white person with similar credentials is sent to apply for the unit. If the white person is accepted, then it's pretty obvious racial discrimination is at work.

It is common for blacks to be told that an apartment or home has already been sold or rented, and then for the white "checker" to be offered the housing unit.

In 1978, the tenth anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act — some 4,000 "tests" were conducted in 40 metropolitan areas. Teams of white and black couples with similar financial backgrounds were sent to pose as homebuyers or apartment renters. The results were sent for analysis to HUD, which found that black families had a 72 percent chance of encountering discrimination when seeking rental units. HUD also found that the

chances for discrimination in housing purchases was about 50 percent, or one in two.

Even that intolerably high figure was understated, since steering blacks to housing in predominately black areas was not counted as discriminatory, even though it is a powerful tool in maintaining housing segregation.

All across the country, fair housing groups can document the often blatant ways in which blacks are denied free and open choice

favor of fair housing groups, but the discriminators usually escape punishment. Realtors and home-sellers break the law by discriminating against black home-seekers without fear of punishment, and the law itself is held in contempt.

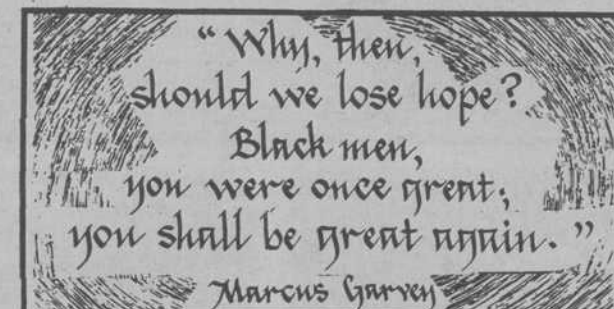
And if there's a national law against housing discrimination, it should be the federal government that enforces it, advertises its provisions, and aggressively moves to create free and open housing choices.

One place to begin that process is to approve authority for HUD to back testing on a sustained, national basis.

A second step would be to amend the Fair Housing Act with tough penalties so that it has the force of law, and is no longer regarded as just words by those who wish to ignore it. Shamefully, Congress has failed to approve amendments that would allow the Act to be enforced.

The government has been too sensitive to the feelings of the discriminators and not sensitive enough to the victims of discrimination.

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