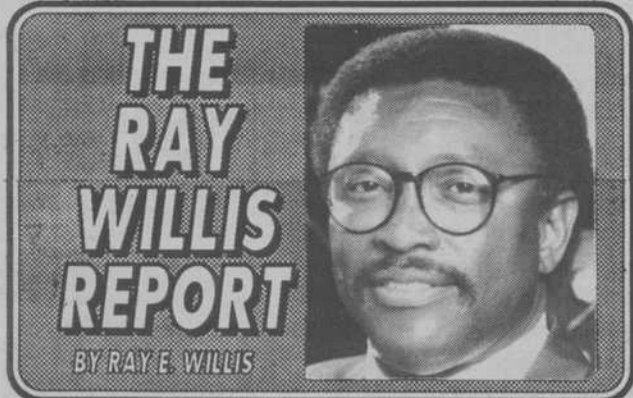


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# "SAME STUFF, SAME TOILET"



## FADING TO BLACK

Finally, the truth begins to surface that statistics on the numbers of Black and White people in the U.S. aren't being accurately reported. In fact, racial demographics are likely so skewed that they aren't even close to being factual. The impact of this discovery is mind boggling.

This startling news was revealed by a team of researchers who conducted a federal study of infant mortality rates for minority groups.

According to the study, mind you, Whites received different racial classifications on their birth and death certificates only 1.2 percent of the time, while Blacks were inconsistently identified 4.3 percent and other races a whopping 43.2 percent.

The researchers found that true infant mortality was overreported for Whites and underreported for Blacks and other so-called minority groups.

There are many implications in this report. Until now we have

been led to believe that certain minorities were more susceptible to certain diseases and health conditions. With what we now know, those former findings have little credibility. For all we know, true mortality rates for minorities could be the same as for Whites.

Then there's the question of race designation on birth certificates. Ever wonder how a person's race is determined at the time of birth? Apparently there is no consistent standard. Anyone can be designated White, Black or whatever. It's a judgement call. All a doctor, public health officer or hospital administrator has to do is wave a magic wand and declare what race you are. Many times only the race of one parent is considered. I'm sure you may even know at least one person who is obviously Black but who is listed as White on his or her birth certificate.

What does all this mean? (See Ray Willis, Page 4)

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D., Chairperson, NAARPR

The major networks, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox recently announced their Fall line up of television programs. While I know that television is considered to be that vast wasteland and intellectual graveyard, etc. etc., the fact remains that a lot of people continue to watch an exorbitant amount of television per week, and to some extent that includes a large number of Africans. Unfortunately, the networks have never gotten out of their Amos and Andy mode and this season is no exception. Of the so called new shows being introduced, every show that has black people as the predominate players is a comedy. There are no dramatic series incorporating blacks, as the major players, with the one exception of "Star Trek Deep Space Nine" which has Avery Brooks as it's lead character. However, once you leave Brooks and the young man, who plays his son, the number of Africans in outer space even at the distant far end of the galaxy apparently is ex-

tremely limited.

This raises the question as to why it is beyond the intellectual capacity of the network executives to understand that blacks like all other people have feelings, emotions, intellect, and are able to deal with dramatic roles as well as, or better than Europeans. This is of course lost on the Nebulous group of network programmers. Additionally, roles do not have to be created for Africans to play them. A perfect case in point is Avery Brooks, who plays the commander of the space station of "Star Trek Deep Space Nine", which is not a black role or a white role, and he plays it well. It would seem that it would be possible in this day to begin to understand that every group of people, Africans included, are

a complex collection of all human emotions, motivation and abilities. As Bill Cosby said recently, "...When you write about Africans, you must not just write about the sister with her hands on her hips shaking her head, as she attacks the brother. Yes, that does occur, but it is not the only thing that occurs. You must also write about the other aspects of African life in this country, which involves struggle, victories in those struggles and which involve defeat in those struggles. There must be dramatic vehicles for Africans that allow us to portray roles, that are not necessarily African American, but that are human.

Only after these things are done can there be a justification for the next round of Amos and



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Andy in the 90's that seems to be coming out of Hollywood these days. Let us not sit idly by and allow it to happen or let it be something that we do not have any control over. Advertisers are acutely aware of advertising budgets, and the effect of an organized group of African Americans can have on those budgets. We need to make it

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## NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

# A BROTHA'S POLICY

By R.K. Brown

Recently, I was watching a political special on C-Span, which reported the negative influence of President Clinton's foreign policy approach. Conservatives feel that the focus of any administration should be the furthering of American business and military interests.

What is funny about the whole thing is the way conservatives view the world. Their major argument was that the liberal administration wants to concentrate too much of it's efforts on domestic policy. In other words, the Clinton administration would rather solve the problems at home, before it starts to deal with problems overseas.

Now, any brotha's policy would follow the same logical approach. We have thousands of people starving in the streets. There is a widening gap in the educational and technological skills between US students and ones in Germany or Japan. America has the highest murder and crime rate of any industrial country.

Racism and discrimination are a daily occurrence in the lives of minority citizens. The US owes more money to more countries than any other nation state on the globe! Our national debt makes it impossible for us to accelerate our production, capital, earnings, or technology. Finally, we can't get bipartisan agreement on any policy or public action.

With these same conservative thinkers in office, all of the problems mentioned above were created. Let alone the race wars and problems

that erupted into national anarchy and riots. How DUMB could one group of people be? We all have studied history books. The name that most of us associate with the conservative mindset would be "warhawks", manifest destiny, and racist imperialists. Plain and simple.

These demented characters would rather see the US crumble than to see us concentrate on healing the wounds of a 12 year conservative fiasco. On this program, it was suggested that Clinton should send military forces to Bosnia. To do what, kill black American boys? What would we get from that?

They stated that we should take a strong stand in the middle east and if we were crossed, "by golly, go to war." Once again any nation of color is supposed to be an enemy of the United States. The most racist society in the modern world would like to cast the shadow of a villain somewhere else besides it's ruthless white male elite. In the end the analysis is always the same. A brotha's policy like mine sees it only one way. "You racists have robbed, raped, and cheated to get everything you have. Now at the height of American uncertainty, you conservatives would rather lose it all fighting to keep everyone else down, then win keeping your own affairs in order.

To me it is laughable that people would cut down a man for trying to face crippling problems at home caused by their stupidity, and at the same time try to keep up racist practices which played out 200 years ago! peace....

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