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The ideal plan would be cognizant of the specific and critical health care needs of people of color. It would take into consideration, for example, the educational, cultural and language barriers. It would take seriously the need for facilities to be located near the people since many poor people lack transportation. It would take seriously the need for training more people of color in the health profession. It would help end some of the systemic, institutionalized racism which is a part of the current system.

There must be real reform and real changes in the health care system of this country. Our children are dying and our people are living shattered lives because of lack of access to the health care they so desperately need. All Americans have the right to affordable decent health care. To give them less is not morally, ethically or economically right.

CONSULTANTS

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Business owners have about using consultants can all be resolved by good communication between both parties before a contract is signed. The contract should state each person's responsibilities. If you clarify everything in the contract to the fullest, you set up a good feeling in the beginning that goes a long way towards avoiding possible litigation in the end.

The three common fears are:

1). **CONFLICT ON INTEREST** — Fear that a consultant will learn how to handle a problem that's specific to your industry and then take the developed solution to your competitors. **SOLUTION:** Negotiate an agreement that any systems developed for you are not to be offered to a direct competitor for a reasonable period of time.

2). **OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES** — For instance, if you hire a consultant to customize your software, who owns the result? This becomes crucial, especially in the event you, the client, plan to sell the customized software as part of a package offering, or of a franchise. **SOLUTION?** Strike a deal in which the consultant has a piece of the on-going "revenue stream" in the form of royalty. Consultants often have two price structures for such work, with a lower fee when the consultant has at least partial ownership of the property.

3). **PROBLEMS WITH DELAYS OR NON-PERFORMANCE** — What is your option when the consultant's work is not up to par? Or, if a sub-contractor is used for part of the job and the work they provided is sloppy? Even yet, if crucial deadline dates are missed?

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FARRAKHAN SPEAKS

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dare tell these whites that they couldn't have me on their show. But they live by terrifying Blacks in position(s) of authority and power, so we would be so frightened of losing the position that they feel they have given us that we would do their bidding."

Farrakhan, 61, said that so far, "Arsenio Hall is standing strongly." He added that the entire Black community should rise up and send Arsenio Hall letters of support letting him know that "we stand behind his right to have him (Farrakhan) on his show. The same as Donahue or any other white host should have the right to have me on their show," he said.

At the outset, Farrakhan gave special thanks to the Black media - both print and electronic - for presenting "the real truth about what is happening today." If it were not for the Black media, he said, recent events concerning him and the NOI would not have gotten any accurate coverage.

The minister charged the ADL in particular with fearing "the legitimization of Louis Farrakhan" among mainstream Black leadership.

A recent background report by the ADL's Civil Right's Division entitled "Mainstreaming Anti-Semitism: The Legitimization of Louis Farrakhan" stated that the Muslim minister "has recently attained a new level of acceptance among certain main-

stream Black organizations and leaders."

Commenting on the ADL, Farrakhan said, "They know the truth of what I say and they know the truth of what we are attempting to do to benefit our community, but their slander and defamation of Louis Farrakhan is to create an image of me that would cause Black people not to listen to the truth that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said God revealed to him for the freedom, justice, and equality of our people."

He also spoke at length about an ADL meeting held last week in Palm Springs, Fla. Held to arrive at a strategy on how to deal with his "legitimization," according to an internal ADL document.

"According to what I heard, Abraham Foxman (president of the ADL) said that they would work with the NOI on our positive programs in the Black community, but he (Foxman) would fight very vigorously the "anti-semitism of the NOI." Now, Mr. Foxman has called me a master of double-speak, but I know that

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decisions. "The issue," I told the crowd at the Javits Center, "is whether you will have the courage and the intelligence to stand up on behalf of our people to turn out the Judases amongst us and to stand up with the Black leaders who strive to be independent of the corruption, independent of the manipulation, leaders such as Minister Farrakhan, Reverend Al Sharpton and myself."

Minister Farrakhan and I don't see eye to eye on everything, but we agree that there are solutions to the violence that plagues our communities. The Nation Of Islam has demonstrated the success of some of its solutions to fighting drug dealing and drug abuse. Activists and leaders who work with me have created program after program - including the All Stars Talent Show Network, the Barbara Taylor School, Pregnant Productions - which provide non-violent environments where our young people can grow and develop in positive directions.

These solutions have been denied and in many cases attacked because the leaders who have generated them - Minister Farrakhan and myself - are independent. But that, of course, is exactly why they work. Minister Farrakhan and I can see and implement solutions to violence and crime precisely because we're independent, politically and financially, of the Democratic and Republican parties. Those who control the two old parties aren't interested in a

Mr. Foxman is not going to work with the NOI on its positive programs, because right now the ADL has sworn that they would do everything that is within their power to stop the Chicago Housing Authority and its giving of a contract to members of the NOI, services for one of the worst crime-infested housing developments in the city of Chicago. And they are fighting at every turn the good things that we are doing with AIDS and the cleaning up of our community," he said, noting that the NOI health minister, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, for more than three years has been treating AIDS patients in the United States with a treatment discovered in the East African country of Kenya.

He also accused the ADL of initiating a letter-writing campaign to college presidents to frighten them from having members of NOI speak at colleges and universities. "So they intended to go all out to destroy the reputation of Louis Farrakhan and the effectiveness of the NOI," he said.

Farrakhan feels the ADL's

efforts to discredit him and the Nation Of Islam (NOI) are failing. He gave the example of the nearly 25,000 who came out to hear him speak recently at the Jacob Javits Center in New York and the 12,000 who came out to a men's-only meeting in Harlem to discuss solutions for eliminating crime in the Black community.

Farrakhan said that he did not realize until the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign in 1984 how much of an influence the ADL had over Black leaders and organizations.

Farrakhan feels that not only do they influence Black leaders and organizations, "but they have considerable influence over Black professionals .. including doctors, teachers, lawyers, as well as Black entertainers and sports figures .. as Black people (we) can never speak of freedom until we break this inordinate control over those minds of our people who are the natural leaders of the masses. This must be made known and this control must be broken at all costs."

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solutions; they would just as soon see us kill ourselves off. All they're concerned about is keeping a lid on the Black community which means making sure we don't shake things up too much.

The question facing the Black community is: are we going to follow the independent road which will take us to the end of violence or will we once again settle for a Democratic or Re-

publican Party-controlled approach that is more about power and privilege for the few than dealing with violence in our communities?

That question is raised in dramatic fashion by Minister Farrakhan's visit to New York. I'm proud to be walking the independent road with our brother. It's leaders like him who must be respected and followed.

TO BE EQUAL

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one out of five federal prison cells are occupied by non-violent, first-time offenders serving long terms mandated by unrealistic drug possession laws?

Then there's the Pentagon. The Defense Secretary says "there are no Cold War relics in the budget," but there are. We're still building needed aircraft carriers and attack submarines, and maintaining Cold War force levels.

And for all the talk about deficits and tightening belts, middle class entitlements are untouched.

In some important ways, the budget edges the country toward the necessary investments in its future. But until it embraces a Marshall Plan for America that revives the cities and helps poor people into the mainstream, it represents a missed opportunity.

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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Jews are "turning against" black interests. Consistently, even in the recent mayoral election in New York city, Jewish voters are among the strongest white supporters for black candidates and issues.

Nothing can ever justify the articulation of hatred. The color of prejudice transcends the barriers of black and white. The great strength of the black freedom movement — from Frederick Douglass to Martin Luther King — has been the realization

that our struggle for equality is for all humanity, not just for ourselves. When we surrender this moral and ethical principle, we sacrifice our greatest weapon for democracy for all people who experience discrimination.

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