

# BLACK EMPOWERMENT

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 Wilbert Tatum wrote an editorial which raised a number of concerns about Mr. Powell. These include the suggestion that he might be manipulated by whites to become another Clarence Thomas, that he is too much of an unknown quantity in our community, and that the notion that white America would consider voting for him is simply a ploy designed to sell his new book. While there is no doubt in my mind that everyone from Random House to Newt Gingrich to Bill Clinton to Ross Perot wants a piece of the Powell action, I think that the question of whether white America would vote for him is exactly the wrong one. We, after all are the community that has fallen into line to vote for virtually every white Democrat put up for election. For us, the

far more important question is whether Black people will break that utterly bankrupt arrangement and vote independent.

If Colin Powell runs for the presidency as an independent, he will be directly challenging the 60-year allegiance of our community to the Democratic

Party. He will be directly challenging those Black Democratic leaders—elected and otherwise—who will be pulling votes for Bill Clinton. He will be opening the door still further to a new national electoral coalition between Black voters and the white "center," a coalition which has the potential to

significantly empower us, given that we (together with other liberal ex-Democrats) would make it the new majority coalition in the American politics.

I think that it is critical that the potential offered by all of the emerging, independent options be openly and seriously discussed in our community.

Attempts to short-circuit or preempt them by Black Democrats will, in my opinion, do significant damage to our interests and will help those who long ago sold us out. Through the Committee for a Unified Independent Party I continue my efforts on behalf of the Black community to promote that open dialogue. Please call

or write to me today if you would like to be a part of this empowerment process.

I offer my full support and congratulations to my old friend and colleague Minister Farrakhan, the independent Black leader, and to the million marching independent Black men.

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 leaders who saw that mainstream education was failing their people and that their tribes were in danger of losing both their past and their future—of losing history and culture as elders died out without passing on the languages and cultures to the next generation and as young people succumbed to the dangers of alcohol and despair brought about by poverty and

lack of self-esteem.

Historically, education was a difficult issue for Native Americans. While tribal leaders had usually negotiated for access to education in their treaties with the U.S. government, those provisions were rarely honored. Instead, white educators and missionaries provided education

for Indian children, premised on the concept of assimilation of Indian people into the larger society. Thus, these educators often forced Indian children to live in boarding schools away from their families, while forbidding them to speak their own languages and giving them Christian names and new identities.

But the new native American colleges are grounded in traditional Indian culture and values. Preservation of tribal languages, traditions, values, music, literature and art is one of the critical missions of these colleges. Traditional college academics are offered alongside classes in Native American history, language, literature and

arts.

native American colleges are now more than institutions of higher education. They are home—centers of every aspect of Indian life—for many Indian communities. On many reservations, they operate the only libraries, daycare centers and tribal archives. They operate health care centers, employ hundreds of tribal members and produce nurses doctors, technicians, teachers and administrators do desperately needed.

Sitting Bull, the Lakota Sioux chief, once said, "Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children." The American Indian College Fund and its member institutions have taken that challenge seriously and are making it a reality.

## NAARPR

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 best. It is fraught with errors, very open to misuse and abuse. From my perspective it should not, at the present state of our technical expertise, be allowed into a court room. Some of you are a little older and may remember that paternity tests were also done and countless numbers of men were forced to support children who they didn't father because the courts did not understand the fallibility of ABO blood type testing.

A blood test can never prove a child was fathered by an individual, it can only prove that the child was not. These are the subtleties that are lost on the brain dead minions who inhabit most of the courts in the country.

Finally, let's be clear, the issue of O.J. Simpson's acquittal, regardless of the talk show circuit and every brain damaged talk show host (a strict criteria for having a talk show is that you must be brain damaged) was about race. What white America is really pissed off about is that here was a black man set-up by the police, using the system that whites had set up over 400 years ago, to ensure, entrap and destroy black people and people of color that didn't work. It failed and the prey escaped. This is what white folks are pissed off about. As for me...well, TOUGH S\_\_T!

La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

## THE RAY WILLIS REPORT

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 man is going to get some air time to discuss his winning

performance. Rarely, if ever, outside of athletics does a Black person

have the opportunity to provide a verbal discourse on his or her profession.

America's viewpoint about Black people is determined by those they see most often portrayed in the media.

And that ladies and gentlemen is almost always through the eyes of the professional athlete.

I for one appreciated the comment of Charles Barkley when he said, "I am not a role model for Black children. Their own parents should be their role model." He took alot of heat for saying that, but he must have known that his statement went to the very core of the problem with over promotion of the Black athlete and the lack of other types of Black role models.

The bottom line is, if we think we're being misrepresented in the media and in society, we must take action to change things. At the same time, it needs to be clearly known that it is unnecessary to diminish our high regard for the successful Black athlete in order to acknowledge those of our race who are successful in other fields of endeavor.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

## WESTSIDE STORY

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 suddenly all that black on black becomes "Blacks For Blacks"! To all misguided whites and their studies, here's another test. Whites will say that "this" black is bad for your community because they live outside the ghetto.

Please...they tried to ruin our "first" Miss America, but brothas weren't havin' that! Now Disney, the "whitest" thing in America, again loves for her to sing. M.J., O.J., the Mayor of D.C., our Congressmen, athletes, fathers, mothers and ghetto children, should all be thrown out? Don't they wish.

Because in the end, brothas and sisters are tighter than any race in America. From N.Y. to Cali, two brothas who are complete strangers can be walking on any street full of white people, and they will always acknowledge one another—every time! That is the African American family and spirit of community.

Finally, blacks are just one big family. We fight one another, argue over who has what and who will lead the way. But let one of us get done wrong and you have to deal with the whole neighborhood!

For those whites with these foolish studies... history is my witness. peace...

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

The feature article on Sunday, October 1, 1995 in the Focus section of the Las Vegas Review Journal by Dinesh D'Souza, was not only out of focus, it was blurred with obvious distortions that left this reader disturbed. The horrible legacy of slavery was no picnic and the author rubbed salt into the wounds of a people still mortally wounded and traumatized by the loss of language, culture, lineage and their eternal connection to the God of their forefathers. As a Muslim, I believe that Satan is


forever planning and Allah (God) plans, but "Allah (God) is the best of planners.

If reparations are good enough for the Japanese, European Jews and the Native American Indians, then beyond the shadow of the author D'Souza's narrow minded doubt, 'reparations remains the most viable solution to the victims of a heinous war crime called the middle passage. African Americans bear the brunt of slavery's lingering effects. The heart and soul of America will not be healed until justice, fairness and equality is brought to the table of mediation and dialogue on the reparations issue!

In closing, African Americans must draft Minister Louis Farrakhan as chief negotiator. The Muslims in the Nation of Islam have a pragmatic solution regarding reparations. Let the process begin!


Sincerely,  
 Bro. Michael X

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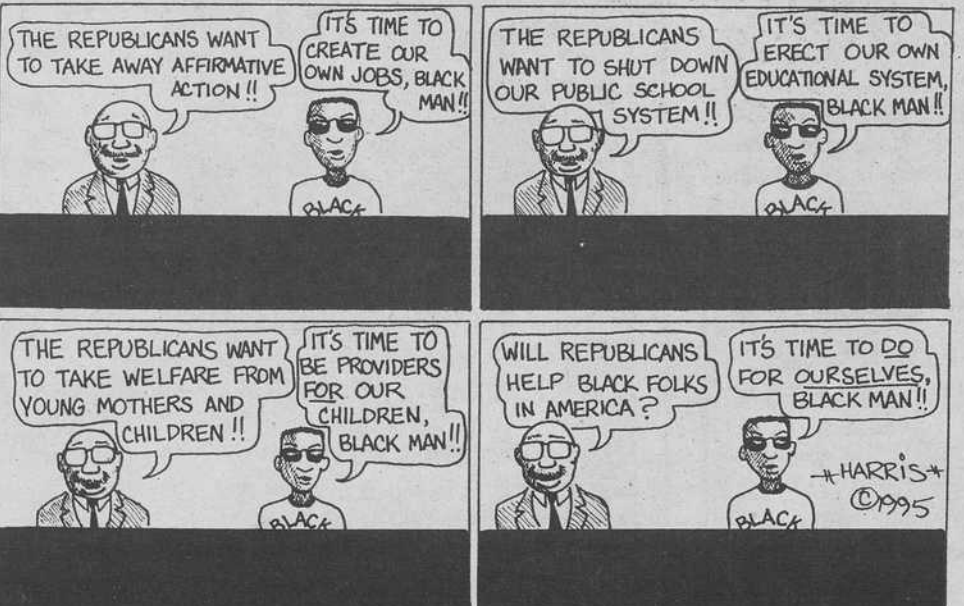
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