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**Black Nationalism is the only practical answer for Black People in the United States of America.**

**Let's Get Busy!**

## **A WORD OR TWO**

### **CUBA AND BLACK PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES**

The kind of social structure Black People in this country want already exists in Cuba. I don't know if the current generation of Cubans will be able to appreciate what they have (since most of them did not experience life before the revolution in 1959), but for Us Cuba is proof that We are not being idealistic, that Our imaginations are not running away with Us. What has Cuba done that is unique? It has revolved its political, social and economic order around human intelligence and human energy, not money. And what has Cuba proved? Cuba has proved that money is not as important as naysayers and Our enemies want Us to think it is.

Some people are constantly commenting about how poor Cuba is, of how bad off the people there are. Sure, the United States embargo and blockade of Cuba has crippled the Cuban economy, but in spite of that, Cuba has managed to maintain one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the whole world. How does Cuba, without much money, do a better job of delivering healthy babies to the world than the wealthy United States does? The unemployment rate in Cuba consistently hovers around the 3% mark. How is poor Cuba paying the 97% of Cubans who are regularly working? Cuba has controlled the spread of AIDS like few other countries have managed to do. If, population-wise, Cuba were the size of the United States, there would be a projected figure of approximately 80,000 Cubans living with AIDS today. By contrast, there are more than 900,000 people in the United States living with AIDS. How can poor Cuba control AIDS more than 11 times better than the rich United States?

Education is free in Cuba, as is health care.

In my opinion, Cuba's people are much better educated than the people in the United States, and healthier. In fact, the Cuban people are the healthiest looking people I have ever seen. How can money scrapped Cuba do a better job of educating and keeping its people healthy than a country as rich as the United States? And how can money scrapped Cuba afford to pay 20,000 of its doctors to go to countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, where they work free of charge? And how can money scrapped Cuba afford to offer students in the United States, mostly Black and Latin American, 1000 scholarships to medical school each and every year? Any high school graduate who qualifies can go to medical school for five years in Cuba free of charge. That is worth from \$200,000 to \$250,000. How can money scrapped Cuba afford to provide those scholarships, but the rich old United States can't?

What does Cuba know about the limitations of money that people in the United States do not know? And what does Cuba know about the limitations of money that Black People in the United States need to get hip to?

If We were Black-Smart, We would be able to think about those questions, answer them and transform Our answers into practical applications. We do not need to think as academics or scholars think, because arriving at theoretical solutions don't do Us much good. As long as We fail to take what We learn on the academic stage and place it on the practical stage, We, Black People in the United States, will not be able to do what the people in Cuba are doing.

But there's an even more critical reason why Black People in the United States can not do

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what the Cubans are doing? The people of Cuba can act in their own interest, but Black People in the United States can not. You know why? Because the people of Cuba govern themselves, but We don't govern Ourselves. From a national perspective, We do not exist. We do not make the day to day and policy decisions that determine the quality of Our lives. We do not make the day to day and policy decisions that determine how other people in the world react to Us, and what other people in the world think of Us. We do not determine how We relate to each other, nor do We determine how We act toward other people in the world. In the international arena, We are not complete sentences, We are not even independent clauses. We are just a series of random words and punctuation marks strung together by any white power person who happens to be pushing a white power program. When it comes to politics, and when it comes to power, We are zeroes; We haven't made Ourselves significant. The way We restrict Our range of activities makes it clear that there are things more important to Us than governing Ourselves. That's why We talk the talk full speed ahead, but when it comes time to walk the walk, We walk with a pronounced limp.

If We learn what the Cuban people know about money, get serious about governing Ourselves and apply those lessons practically, We would be able to walk that walk all the way to self government.

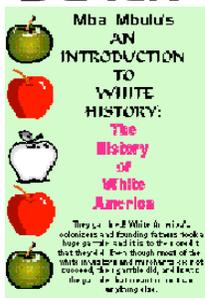
[NOTE: Human beings and human intelligence are the keys to economic viability. They are real, and they are the stuff roots are made of. Self government is also the stuff roots are made of. We, Black People in the United States, will never be all that We can be or contribute what We need to contribute to the world if We remain bound by the legal antics and policies of a government that does not value Our priorities. We need to be decision makers, but We can only be decision makers if We have a nation of Our own.]

**Power Quote**

“A Black Power economy is impossible outside of the context of a Black Power political reality. As We seek political independence, a Black Power economy will evolve and grow into itself.”

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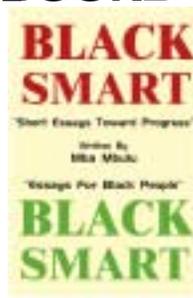
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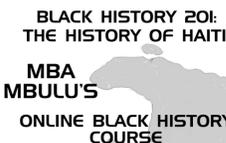
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