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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 PREREQUISITES TO POWER

Money is not power, but intelligent people use money to invest in the prerequisites to power. Prerequisites to power are the various ingredients and elements that, when brought together properly, enable a people to substantiate their reality. The prerequisites to power are the building blocks that enable a group to break away and form an entirely different political structure, seize control of an existing political apparatus or mold a comfort zone within an existing political structure.

Normally, the so-called middle classes invest in the prerequisites to power. In fact, the term "bourgeoisie" implies a "middle class" that recognizes the importance of a political objective and invests in that objective. Fortunately and unfortunately, there is no Black middle class in the United States, and definitely no Black bourgeoisie. There is a Black intermediate class composed of individuals who have enough purchasing power to engage in bourgeoisie type political activities, but they are missing the intangibles that characterize a legitimate bourgeoisie. The only political policy they have is to "consume, conform and hope for the best." That is a dangerous policy, and many of them know it, but they are missing the critical intangibles needed to do better.

It is fortunate for the Black masses that the Black intermediate class lacks those intangibles. When elite groups invest in prerequisites to power, what they establish is

designed to serve elites like themselves. The political shortcomings of the Black intermediate class give alert individuals among the Black masses the opportunity to build a system/power base that is broad, with a basic structure and apparatus that is designed to promote the interests of the masses instead of an elite group. This is very important because the interests a system is designed to promote dictate that system's functional behavior. Thus, proposals that conform with what the system is designed to do are pushed along by the system, while proposals that run contrary to what the system is designed to do are destroyed or neutered by the system.

The prerequisites to power involve (1) Popularizing an Ideology (2) Educating Persons to Perform Critical Functions (3) Acquiring the Necessary Tools (4) Training Persons to Use Those Tools and (5) Establishing Functional but Independent Institutions. You, as an intelligent Black person, should be able to recognize and anxious to invest in them.

A WORD OR TWO

When We think in terms of what to do with Black resources, including Black dollars, keeping Black dollars circulating in Black communities and starting Black businesses are important but not essential. To make Black resources (including Black dollars) powerful, We have to invest an appreciable amount of it in areas that can help Us gain independence. As long as We content Ourselves with staying

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within white America's construct, Black dollars will defeat Black power and make white power stronger.

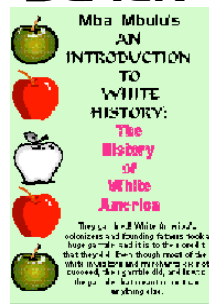
Therefore, in order to make Black money powerful and benefit Black People, one of the things We have to invest in is popularizing the ideology of Black Nationalism. Making Black People aware of an alternative that is better for Us is critical. By using your money, energy and resources to make people aware of Black Nationalism, you will be investing in a prerequisite to power, and setting the stage for the assumption of power by Black People.

Another way We can make the Black dollar powerful is by teaching individuals what functions are critical and how those functions should be carried out. In other words, We have to prepare Black individuals to play specific roles in the Black independence process. That should be the primary purpose of Black independent schools. It only takes one teacher, one student and a Black Power curriculum to start a Black independent school, and We should be using Our resources to form those type schools throughout this land. Instead of teaching students what they need to know to get white jobs or meet white educational standards, We need schools that are geared toward teaching Blacks about independence and making them feel that it is natural for Us to seek independence.

We can also make Black dollars powerful by acquiring the tools We need to become independent and self governing. At the top of the tools list should be those that enable Our vanguard to defend itself, operate in Our interest, train new recruits and increase its zone of influence.

It is said that knowledge is power. That is not true. What one does with knowledge determines whether or not it is powerful. The same is true of money. If We use money in a way that is not geared toward generating independence for Black People, that money does not serve a power purpose for Us. It doesn't matter if it's buying food, purchasing a house or starting a business; the degree to which it helps establish an alternative for Black People is the factor that outweighs all others.

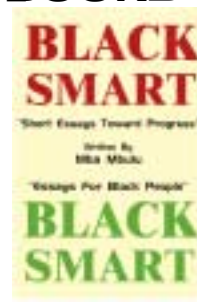
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