

# A WORD OR 2

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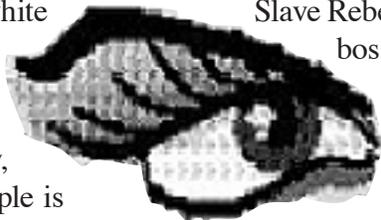
*“Black Nationalism is the only real solution for Black People in the United States.”*

## FROM GREAT TO MEDIOCRE TO INFERIOR \* WHAT IS LACKING IS TELLING

When white people revisited Africa in the 1300s, they were quickly reminded of how great African People were. They remembered that African economic and political development had far outdistanced that of the white world, and the epic military achievements of Black armies led by generals such as Hannibal Barca were studied and extolled by those whites who envisioned making themselves rulers of Europe and the world. But by the 1300s, Africa had fallen behind militarily and could not compete with the whites who now considered war so important that they had converted it into a science. White people knew they could dominate Africa militarily, and piggy back off of their military dominance to dominate Africa in other ways. Whites decided to attack Africa's greatness and make Black People what white people wanted Black People to be--- INFERIOR. They have made much progress toward that endeavor.

As we skip forward to the 21st century, We must recognize that the value of people is demonstrated by the works and responsibilities they assume. Great people take on grand works and responsibilities, mediocre people take on easily addressed works and responsibilities, and inferior people try to avoid works and responsibilities altogether.

Black People in the United States are possessors of greatness, but it has been a long time since We took on works or responsibilities worthy of Our capabilities. Touche' for white people! Our present activities (1999) are those of mediocre people; We only take on works and responsibilities that are easily addressed. Touche' again for white people!! And touche' a third time for white people, because Black People are taking on fewer worthwhile works and responsibilities of any type!!! From great to mediocre to inferior. It seems white people are well on their way to making Black People what they want Us to be.



Some American workers have the right to substitute a recognized holiday of their choice for a traditional holiday? Since all Americans are “equal”, such substitution of holidays should be proof of everybody's “equality.” Therefore, you should be able to work for regular pay on Presidents Day and take paid holiday leave on August 21, Nat Turner's birthday, instead. You should be able to work for regular pay on Memorial Day and take paid holiday leave on May 19, Malcolm X's birthday, instead. You should also be able to work for regular pay on Independence Day and take paid holiday leave on March 31, Black Nation Day, instead. And, you should be able to work for regular pay on Labor Day and take paid holiday leave on September 1, to commemorate Gabriel Prosser's Slave Rebellion. Think about that, and see what your boss thinks about it.

As you think about that, prepare yourself! You will likely be told, for example, that May 19 is not a recognized African American holiday. Unfortunately, that is the truth. Jewish Americans have recognized Jewish holidays, Hispanic Americans have recognized Hispanic holidays, Asian Americans have recognized Asian holidays, etc. It is difficult to think of a hyphenated American who does not have recognized holidays-- unless one thinks of African Americans.

What business has other hyphenated Americans taken care of that African Americans have failed to attend to? They cherish a political heritage steeped in self government and a cultural heritage steeped in self respect. So-called African-Americans are suspicious of any political proposals that relegate the role of white power, and the culture of African-Americans is more ceremonial than substantial. As a result, so-called African Americans are nearly incapable of pursuing an independent political agenda or courting an objective that can be traced to independent political roots.

“Those who fail to take control of themselves are taken control of.”

“Cultural expression that is not tied to a political context is not much more than a fad.”

# BE BLACK SMART