

# A WORD OR 2

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

## WINNERS AND LOSERS

A number of years ago I did an article that referred to Abraham Lincoln. What I wrote was this:

“Abraham Lincoln went bankrupt in 1831, and in 1832 he lost when he ran for state legislature. In 1833 his girlfriend died, and in 1836 he had a nervous breakdown and lost another election. Lincoln lost another election in 1843, another in 1846, another in 1848 and others in 1855, 1856 and 1858. But in 1860, he won an election; he was elected President of the United States.

Why didn't all of those setbacks convince Lincoln that he was a failure? Because he wasn't failing, he was learning how to win. Why didn't he give up somewhere along the way? Because winners don't give up. No matter how lofty or grand the objective, no matter how numerous or powerful the obstacles, no matter how crushing or disheartening the setbacks, winners do not give up.”

Losers do give up. Losers do get overwhelmed by the seeming enormity of the task at hand. Losers, even when capable of realizing what the solution to a problem is, can subconsciously act against bringing that solution to fruition. Losers let energy generated by an emotional response short circuit their objectivity and intelligence; they let fear dominate any thought of what needs to be done.

The solution to the problems confronting Black People in the United States begins with Black Nationalism. Black Nationalism can eliminate Our problems insofar as economic, political and racial inequality are concerned. But to choose Black Nationalism is to opt for political and physical violence concentrated in a five to ten year period that causes Blacks and whites to suffer. For whatever reason, some Blacks tend to prefer unending political and physical violence disproportionately perpetuated by white power against Black People. My question is, “Why should Black People suffer disproportionately with no end in sight?” When inequality, abuse and violence exist, they are more likely to be eliminated if they are spread equally among all of the relevant parties.

Winners will look for ways to solve the problem once

and for all, and do all they can to make sure the suffering is equally distributed until the solution is put into play. Losers will get overwhelmed by the seeming enormity of the task at hand, allow their emotion dominated response to short circuit their intelligence, and spin their wheels in a mud hole from now until doomsday.

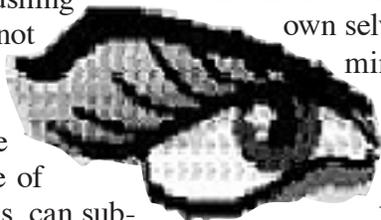
## TOO BLACK?

Can a newborn baby be too young or too much like her parents?

It would not disturb me if non-Black individuals were wondering if Our objectives were too Black? It would be natural for some non-Blacks to raise that question. After all, non-Blacks are looking out for their interests, and looking out for their interests involves convincing Us to not look out for Our interests as much as We should. But coming from within Our own selves, coming from inside Our spirits and minds--- asking if this or that is “too Black” is absolutely frightening!

My experience has been that persons who are too Black have a more profound understanding of the many facets of white/Black relations than those who are not too Black. Persons who are too Black have a more profound understanding of power relations than those who are not too Black. And, persons who are too Black are better prepared to stay the course and wrestle victoriously than those who are not too Black. Given the choice between being too Black or not too Black, I'd prefer the too Black designation every time.

Can it be too Black? Under present circumstances and conditions, absolutely not! Our politics could be too Black only if it threatened to upset a relatively balanced set of parameters, but there is no balance in the white power scheme of things. Moreover, the only way Black People can upset that scheme and bring about some balance is by being Black to the max. By being Black to the max We can save Ourselves. By being Black to the max We can regain control of Our minds and spirits, shake the mist that is clouding Our vision and see what equality really is.



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