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Racial Imbalance At the Highest Levels Of The United States Government
100 US Senators (2 From Each State) Only 3 Are Black-Not One Black Female
50 State Governors-Not One Black

Both Of These Powerful Political Offices Represents A Combined Total Of 150 Seats Of Power and Shamefully We Only Have 3 Which Is 2% of the Total-However, We Are 15% Of The US Population. This Racial Imbalance Ensures "Taxation Without Representation" That Furthers The Economic And Social Disorder/Destruction Of Our Communities!!! We Must Have Our Fair Share Of Power!!!

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THE TASK AHEAD

by Zaki Baruti - President/General UAPO

ADDRESSING THE RACIAL DISPARITIES OF AMERICA'S POLITICAL SYSTEM

As the 2022 midterm elections for powerful political positions begin to unfold, the most critical question facing the Black community is whether or not we will gain our fair share of political representation. In previous editions of our newspaper, we have constantly pointed out that the most powerful political positions of this country, such as US Senators and Governors were glaring examples of racism.

Again and again, it is absolutely shameful and disgraceful that the United State Senate is composed of 100 members (two from each state) and only three are Black and not one Black Female. It is equally shameful and disgraceful that there are 50 State Governors and not one is Black. This stark reality is even more demeaning in light of the fact that Blacks are at least 15% of the population. Again, the combined total of US Senators and Governors is 150 with only three Blacks among this number which is 2%. WOW! Our communities should be outraged and totally focused on acquiring and seizing real political power. As our US Senatorial candidate, Carla "Coffee" Wright would say, "If you are not at the table, then you are probably on the menu."

One may ask, why should we be concerned with the racial inequality that exist? Our answer is simple. First, we are taxpayers and with the present political alignment, in effect you have

"Taxation Without Representation". This concept was one of the factors which lead to the American Revolution and the founding of this country. At the same time, we can never forget that the Senators and Governors of that time by law were white men. That is important to know, because today of the 100 US Senators 73 are white males, 21 white females, 3 Black males, 2 Asian females and 1 Hispanic. Of the 50 Governors 41 are white males and 9 white females.

The present political statistics cited above reinforces our position that America is very hypocritical in presenting itself to the world as a show case for so-called "Democracy". Our second answer to the above question is the lack of our fair share of political power further erodes our quest for social justice and equality. Clear examples of this ugly reality is the US Senate failure to pass the George Floyd Policing Reform Bill (holding police accountable) and the failure to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act (maintaining our right to vote). Also these powerful political positions determine the expenditure of trillions and trillions of dollars that too many times ignore the needs of our communities.

In the 21st century as one step towards transforming the many negative/social economic issues impacting our communities, we must



Zaki Baruti and Coffee Wright

seize our fair share of political power. Quoting Malcolm X, "the political philosophy of Black Nationalism only means that the Black man should control the politics and the politicians in his own community. The time when white people can come into our community and get us to vote for them, so they can be our political leaders and tell us what to do and what not to do is LONG GONE".

We advocate that the boldest among us and those with a proven track record for social justice and progressive social visions for

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A Troubled Future

For learners in St. Louis and across the nation

By Dr. Barbara Anderson

The educational landscape of communities of color is bleak. The pandemic wreaked havoc on learner attendance, health, and education. Virtual learning has not been as effective as was hoped. Academic and support staff shortages are at the highest levels ever seen. Morale is low. Employees are leaving the district in record numbers on all levels. Public monies are being taken from traditional public schools and being reassigned to charter schools that are not held as accountable as are traditional public schools. Educational leadership has succumbed to quick fixes and knee jerk reactions instead of addressing the true difficulties in education today. There are even politicians who want educators to teach class subjects with an eye toward making themselves comfortable, rather than teaching the truth. Doing the right thing negates the need to teach erroneous information.

When looking at the historical practices engaged, it becomes apparent that there is a trend that indicates an effort to “dumb down” masses of learners of color. It would appear that entities with power do not wish to engage an educated populace. An educated populace would hold power brokers, influencers, and the wealthy accountable for their decisions. An uneducated populace is so much easier to be led and influenced. After all, even a first grader understands the concept of running out of something (fossil fuel, for example) and the need to have a replacement ready when supply runs out. So why haven’t leaders figured out what first graders can?

One of the knee jerk reactions visited upon our learners is the practice of running schools using a business model. While budgets must be maintained, there is the practice of misplaced priorities. True educators know the grave injustice done to learners when one attempts to run educational institutions as one would run a business. Businesses produce “widgets” and services. Schools promote learning, social and emotional growth, and productive, intelligent citizens prepared to become members of their communities. In most businesses, profit is the motive for practices. In education, the motive must be the growth of the learners. There is, however, the old adage, “pay now or pay later.” We are uncomfortably paying now.

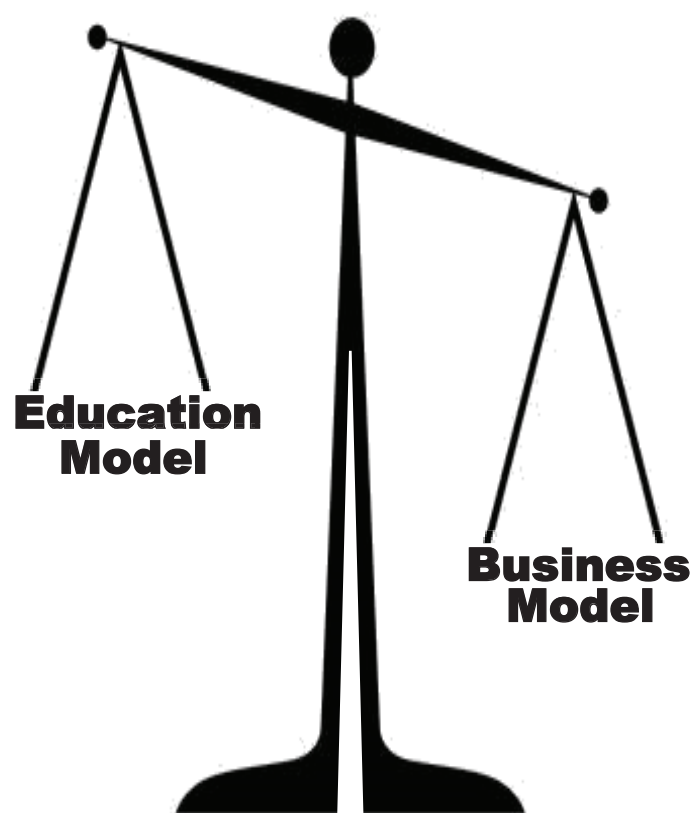
One of our greatest hurdles is staffing institutions of learning. To effectively affect education, a staff needs to be stable for some years in order to grow. When teachers are continuously reassigned, there will be staff that must learn a culture new to them. It is imperative to have a collegial and collaborative staff that can essentially run the school under challenging circumstances. Just as it is important to have multi-age classrooms, it is vital to have a staff made up of experienced staff that can pass on a school’s culture, learning protocols, and practices to the less experienced staff members. Every school should have teacher interns on staff. Interns should be exposed as early as possible to the teaching environment. These interns have the best opportunity to become immersed in the culture of education. These interns get to see and become familiar with actual teaching practices and protocols. These interns will go on to become the most effective educators. Actively involved learners become the best at achieving set goals.

As the culture in a school must be supportive and driven toward excellence, so should culture in a community or district be. An educational culture cannot afford to be punitive or threatening. If an educational administrator is told to increase

enrollment of a facility or face discipline, and even removal, should not leadership be given the same directive? This uneven treatment of declining enrollment is being made a responsibility of administrators whose only directive should be the academic enhancement of learners. When those not in classrooms coerce instructors to follow practices that don’t promote anything but supervision of learners, teachers are not being allowed to practice their craft. Additionally, this practice indicates overt disrespect for district teachers. There seems to be a mistaken idea that anyone can teach. We make “Target” decisions, but expect “Nordstrom” results. Who wants to work for someone not appreciative of their training and labor? Teachers are held responsible for doing as they are told, rather than doing what they have been taught to do to educate learners. Many educators are leaving the field because, in their words, “we are not allowed to do the job we have been trained to do.” Learners immersed in stability who know what is expected of them are far more superior than learners who must adjust on an irregular basis to new circumstances – whether it be having to learn virtually, facing a new teacher, or facing a new school away from their communities.

With the challenges of the educational landscape we face today, it is more vital than ever that we place the most talented and knowledgeable personnel in our schools. Today we pay the cost of decisions made for a profit motive rather than a motive to enhance learning by making decisions on bases other than the desire to make money. Will we wake up now to do the right thing by our learners or will we wait and tear out our hair when errors become too gross to correct? We must remember the words of Winston Churchill – “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” Our history in education highlight injustices pressed on communities of color. Will we exemplify the definition of insanity and keep doing the same thing expecting different results, or will we wake up and address the real issues of education? We can only hope.

Barbara Anderson Ed.D.



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Black Women Canidates Running for U.S. Senate



Coffee Wright/Missouri/08/02/2022



Val Demings/Florida/08/23/2022



Michelle L. Smith/Maryland/06/28/2022



Cheri Beasley/North Carolina/05/17/2022



Haneefah Khaaliq/Indiana/05/03/2022



Dr. Valerie Lin McCray/Indiana/05/03/2022

Black Women Running for Governor



Stacey Abrams/Georgia/05/24/2022



Deidra DeJear/Iowa/06/07/2022



Mia McCloud/South Carolina/05/17/2022



Constance N. Johnson/Oklahoma/06/28/2022



Carnita Atwater/Tennessee/08/04/2022

See the
Black Male
Candidates on
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A Sampling of Black Men Candidates Running for U.S. Senate



Mandela Barnes/Wisconsin/08/09/2022



Gary Chambers/Louisiana/11/08/2022



Anthony Williams/Illinois/06/28/2022



Brandon Dean/Alabama/05/24/2022



Akinyemi Agbede/California/06/07/2022



Raphael Warnock/Georgia/05/24/2022

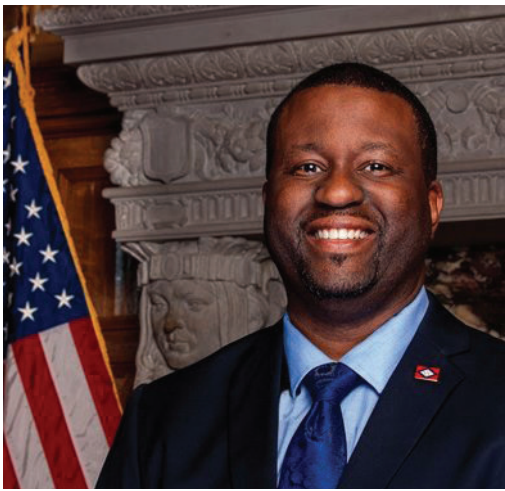
Black Men Running for Governor



Charles Booker/Kentucky/05/17/2022



J.B. Smiley, Jr./Tennessee/08/04/2022



Anthony Bland/Arkansas/05/24/22



Rashern Baker III/Maryland/06/28/2022



Wes Moore Maryland/06/ 28, 2022

We Need
“Proportionate
Political
Representation”



PROPORTIONATE POLITICAL REPRESENTATION

The Most Progressive Political Thought of the 21st Century

Proportionate Political Representation” simply means that whatever percentage Black people are on the National, State or Local levels of government within the United States, then we should have that percentage of political power/representation, especially in light of the fact that the majority of our people are taxpayers. It is estimated that Black people are 13-14% of the US population, however of the 511,000 publicly elected officials in this country, we represent only 4-5%. In the arena of national representation in the US Senate, there are 100 Senators and only three are Black, when we should have at least 13-14 members. This particular political institution makes critical domestic and foreign decisions involving trillions of dollars impacting our people worldwide. In regards to State Governors, there are fifty and not one is Black, when we should have at least 6-7.

As an example of us not being fully politically represented in local governments is the case of Ferguson, MO. At the time of Michael Brown’s murder in 2014, Ferguson’s Black population was 68% Black. However, in addition to the racist white mayor, Ferguson’s city council comprised six members and only one was Black. As a direct extension of that abnormal political reality which is similar to the above national and state realities, the police force of this municipality was 53 officers with only three being Black. In essence, our people through taxation were funding a racist police force which is happening in many other majority Black communities across America.

Accordingly, “Proportionate Political Representation” addresses two fundamental issues. One being the quantitative lack of Black political representation. The other being qualitative representation, meaning we need more progressives such as New York City Councilman Charles Barron and St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner being elected in proportion to our numbers on the national, state and local levels of government. Also, we must always keep in mind that our lack of political power affects our economic power and social justice policy decisions that impacts Black, Brown and indigenous communities.

Submitted By Zaki Baruti
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We Must Raise Our Boys to Men



Deacon J.B. Bond

When I see the condition of many of our young Black boys, I see a serious lack of knowledge of them knowing who our ancestors really were. We must begin to teach our young Black boys the fundamentals about being men. That starts with appearance because you only have one time to make a first impression. When our elders see a young boy with his pants down below his buttocks, an opinion is formed. When they see another young man of that age, with his pants in a normal way an opinion is formed. For the most part, that opinion is, one of these young men lacks direction. That is when conscious Black men are moved to inform the young brother who is exposing his buttocks, whom our ancestors taught us how real men should carry themselves.

When boys are boys, they think like boys, they act like boys. But when they become men, they are supposed to put away childish things. And strong men must be there to show them there is a difference.

As far as the police are concerned, when they encounter a Black man as a suspect, it matters not to the officer whether the Black man has on a Dapper Dan suit or is ragged as a bum, they will get the same inhumane treatment from the police.

Our young Black boys are imprisoned at a higher rate than any other ethnic group in America – not because they are incorrigible, but because the system is designed to make them think they cannot achieve such position as CEO or Four-Star General, Mayor, Senator, or President. Therefore, we must first appeal to the minds of our young Black boys before the system does. This narrative is about raising our young Black boys to men, so that our young Black girls may have a chance to choose from our best, blessed, and brightest. Thereby, making the Black community the best that it could be as well. This is where the task becomes difficult to achieve because Black men have not designed a system to develop our young Black boys to men.

The great freedom fighter, Frederick Douglass said, “It’s easier to raise strong children than to repair broken men.” I am sure there is somewhere in the USA where this system exists, and it most likely is not properly funded. If we are serious about developing such a system, we must be willing to fund these youth centers and keep them in operation. We must understand that “freedom is not free.” We must be willing to give our young Black men the opportunity to learn of the trade unions. This will allow our young Black boys to choose whether or not they should sell drugs or have a job making legitimate earnings through the trade unions. A job in a trade union will allow the young Black man to have a skilled job and the opportunity to open their own business. This is particularly important because many of the young Black men have Federal charges against them; consequently, many of the companies will not hire them because of their felonies. This is

one of the many ways the system is designed to keep our young Black men unproductive. Let us be clear, the trade unions are not exactly friends to our young Black men either. They too are systematically designed to keep our young Black men out or limit their advancements. Nevertheless, this is a part of the heavy lifting.

We must approach this with a formidable plan to overcome such madness. Since we know this problem exists, it becomes incumbent that we put in strategies to cross the bridge of unionized racism before we get to it. I believe we will call this proactive. We must take a proactive approach in targeting our young Black men for success and be productive citizens. It is time for our Progressive Black Churches, the Nation of Islam, and all of our Grass Root Organizations to consider working together to give our young Black men an even better chance to be productive citizens in the Black community and not predators on the Black Community. The Nation of Islam under the leadership of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has done a yeoman’s job in raising our young Black boys to men.

The progressive Black churches and the national Grass Roots organizations are doing their part too. However, for where we need to go, it is going to take all of the organizations working fervently together to get this situation handled.

One important thing that is working in our favor right now is the low unemployment rate. I credit this to the Democrats under the presidency of former President, Barak Obama. With this wind in our sails, it is an ideal time to target the job market and see how many livable wage earning jobs are available in all the major Black populated cities. And see what percentage of these available jobs are held by Black

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UAPO SUPPORTS FAMILY’S CALL FOR REOPENING CASE OF DAUGHTER’S DEATH WHICH WAS RULED A SUCIDE IN BERKELEY, MISSOURI

On April 4, 2022, Ms. Avis Henderson reached out to the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) to help her family publicize their passionate call for the Berkley Police Department and/or other law enforcement agencies to reopen the case of the death of their loved one, Ms. Meanna Draper which was ruled a suicide.

As explained by the mother Ms. Henderson, this journey for the call to reopen the case began on April 9, 2020. Meanna and her brother Jevon were scheduled to attend a gathering for a chill out with mutual friends. However, Jevon was not able to attend. According to Ms. Henderson, her daughter Meanna left her house in a very upbeat and cheerful spirit to attend the event. However, later that evening to her utter surprise, she received two calls from the chill out affair. The first call came from a so-called close female friend of Meanna stating that Meanna was threatening to harm herself after a heated conversation with the father of Meanna’s son. This female friend claimed that Meanna was distraught, because the father who had custody of the child said he would not allow her to see the child again. Shortly after the above call, a second worrisome call was made to Ms. Henderson from a male caller at the gathering. He stated that Meanna was intoxicated and had engaged in a scuffle. with the above female caller. He also stated they both had left separately from the residence.

Because Jevon and his sister Meanna were very close and he had not heard from her he became worried and called Ms. Henderson. She in turn shared the two conversations she had received. Surprisingly, later that evening the female called Jevon and stated that she had found Meanna hanging from an overpass located at the corner of Wabash and Madison in Berkeley, Missouri. According to the female, Meanna had hung herself with shoe laces and that she cut her down from the overpass. Arriving on the scene, Jevon immediately placed his sister in his car and rushed her to the hospital, where she was declared deceased.

The family maintains there are a number of inconsistencies surrounding Meanna’s death which includes the following:

1. How did the female know where Meanna was?
2. How could a so-called intoxicated person have to the capacity to scale and climb the site where she allegedly hung herself?
3. How could two shoe laces hold a 170 pounds plus person on the overpass?
4. Why didn’t the female call first responders upon finding Meanna?

Upon visiting the site where Meanna allegedly hung herself, members of the UAPO have agreed with the family that she could not have hung herself from this particular overpass. Accordingly, the UAPO supports Meanna’s family call for reopening the case.

Conversation With Zaki Baruti



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BLACK VOTERS MATTER IN THE DELTA

by Kariem Muhammad



Mississippi’s current population is 3.2 million. There are 1.4 million Black people or 40% of the population of the state of Mississippi. Two-thirds of those Black people live in the Mississippi Delta. Black people comprise the voting power in two-thirds of the cities and three-fifths of the counties in the Mississippi Delta. Do Black voters’ matter in the Delta? Mississippi has the largest number of Black elected officials in the country. 75% of those are from or have roots tied to the Mississippi Delta. The number of eligible Black voters is over five hundred thousand. The number of Black people that voted in the last gubernatorial election was only a small portion of those eligible to vote. Therefore, the power of the Black vote was lost due to the lack of participation and voter turnout.

Let’s analyze the data. In the state of Mississippi, whites make up 57% of the voters while Black people make up only 37%. However, Black people make up over 87% of voters in the Mississippi Delta. In nineteen counties throughout the State of Mississippi, the Black population is over 40%. Hundreds of elected Black officials were produced in the Mississippi Delta. Black voting power has not seen this prominence since the 1870s during Reconstruction. Why should this matter? Can Black Mississippians benefit from these numbers? Let’s look at the potential of Black people’s voting power in the Mississippi Delta. In 1867, the signing of the 14th amendment gave Black people the right to

vote, enfranchising all eligible Black men of that era. Black politicians such as Horace Revel, Blanch Bruce, John Lynch, and others voted to change laws. The Black Codes were abolished and schools were built. They organized, built towns, established banks, and created their own economies. Black people were faced with the challenges that required community-wide involvement and internal discipline, harsh reprisal, and armed resistance. Black people in Mississippi still endure hardships and challenges under white leadership and rule.

Today, do Black voters’ matter in the Mississippi Delta? Let’s examine the pulse rate of people in Mississippi. The Delta has the poorest quality of health care in the country. The hospitals’ health care program in the Delta is rated D in the standard care provided. The Governor controls the allocation of funds for health care and the state education program along with the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The Mississippi Department of Corrections’ standard of care rated an A in Mississippi. While the education program in the Delta for public schools rates an F regarding student performance. Teachers in the Delta receive the lowest pay rate in the state of Mississippi. The Governor controls or manages the MDOC, the United States Army Reserves, and

the Mississippi State Troopers. The unemployment rate for young Black men in the Delta is rising at an alarming rate. The poverty rate in the Delta is the highest in the country. The great organizer of the Reconstruction period Henry McNeal Turner said in 1871 that the Democrats do not care so much about Congress admitting Black people to its halls, but Congress members do not want Black people in their homes. The Black vote in the Delta must be counted.

So, in 1890, the white controlling power convened to rewrite the Mississippi constitution to disenfranchise the Black man and to establish a system that would guarantee that white Mississippians would still be in power today 130 years later. The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Commerce, the head of the Environmental Department, the head of the Agricultural Department, the head of Education and Health Care are all still white and in control today.

Some may see Black Mississippians’ voting power as a cornerstone for whites to throw away. Someone once said that he would use that same cornerstone to be the head—Black voters’ matter in the Delta.

Fannie Lou Hamer and Aron Henry, and others saw that Black voters mattered in the Delta. Supreme organizing in 1964 produced “Freedom Summer.” As a result, Mississippi was turned upside down. It was the Mississippi Delta that caused that imbalance. So, this cry for justice is a demand from Black people. A demand for a nation of our own. A place for the people who are the descendants of an enslaved group. A people who have been the most loyal subjects to a country that treats them as second-class citizens. A people who desire to live in safe communities.

The Black citizens of Mississippi want to live in an independent state where we can govern our own. A state where our institutions can thrive and develop its own culture. A state where our families’ can move about and not fear harm because of the color of their skin. A state where we would be able to meet others on the basis of mutual respect. A nation where generational wealth and culture is continued. We want total freedom. How do we get this freedom? We stand up. We organize. We vote together. We organize like the 1964 “Freedom Summer.” There must be a Black National Agenda. The number of Black elected officials in Mississippi and the potential voting power of Black voters’ support the belief that Black voters’ matter in the Delta.

Coffee Wright on Campaign Trail



The photo array displayed of Missouri US Senator candidate Carla “Coffee” Wright is reflective of her involvement with our community. The photos include (1) the support of Kansas City MO activists (2) Young Black and white students embracing her candidacy (3) Coffee speaking at a Press conference denouncing the racist Missouri US Senator Josh Hawley for attacking Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson (4) With young people helping the homeless (5) With St. Louis, MO activists Walle Amusa, Safiyah Chauvin and Bellefontaine, MO Mayor Tommie Pierson (6) With Supporters of the Black Is Back Coalition Electoral Campaign School (7) White Activist “Digger” saying “she’s the one” and (8) Coffee at demonstration supporting the embattled St. Louis City Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner. Run Coffee Run!!!



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Coffee Wright Juneteenth Bio

Carla “COFFEE” Wright is an Advocate, Activist, a 32-year Union Actress and Filmmaker member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG)/American Federation Television and Radio Artist (AFTRA). Coffee is also an Investor, poet, and a candidate in the Missouri August 2, 2022 Democratic Primary Party Election for U.S. Senator. She’s a mother and CEO of the Missing Persons Task Force Headquarters Inc and the founder and CEO of Juneteenth Holiday. Com Inc. Coffee is a strong contributor to creating awareness and statewide participation in the celebration and education of Juneteenth since 1979. She’s the only unelected official named in St. Louis Board of Alderman Resolution 20 which confirms Juneteenth as a paid holiday in the city of St. Louis, and this resolution was duplicated by the St. Louis County government. Coffee, as well as her organization, in 2016 received a proclamation from the St. Louis City Mayor which recognizes June 18 th as Coffee Wright Day.

She’s known throughout St. Louis for organizing the 1st official Juneteenth Parade and Celebration in St. Louis that was held at Beckett Park in 2016. Coffee operates the Juneteenth Holiday Headquarters only brick and mortar location in Fairgrounds Park, the community where she grew up. She has encouraged as well as organized and inspired countless Juneteenth events and motorcades both locally in St. Louis City and County, from parks to backyards, the 1st Juneteenth celebration for Missouri History Museums, as well as Ferguson and startups on the West and East Coast. Coffee is on record as the Missouri Certified Juneteenth expert.

Ms. Wright is a proud member in good standing of a National Juneteenth organization that have been working tirelessly with Congress and countless organizations and individuals for years to achieve the June 18, 2021 victory of Juneteenth being recognized as a National Holiday. Coffee is the published author of the official “Juneteenth National Anthem”. Its powerful poetic words are recited across the nation at most Juneteenth Celebrations opening and in closing programs. The anthem includes the history of Juneteenth and is respected as all other anthems.

On January 1, 1863 the Emancipation Proclamation changed the legal status under Federal law of more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in the secessionist confederate states from enslaved to free. Coffee maintains “that we are still not free until all of our brothers and sisters are free. We recognized that some White people played a critical role in our escapes and survival during slavery, but still after 400 years of Hell we are not free. We understand how we got here, and the Systemic Racism that we continue to fight. Now we must design and implement a plan on how we get out of this oppression. As we continue to bring attention and awareness to our fight for Freedom; the World, the Country, every State, City, Community, Neighborhood, Block, Home and Apartment must know that America has one race, the Human race. America has two days to be recognized and celebrated as its days of Freedom; July 4, 1776 when England gave White America their freedom and June 18, 1865 saluting the Black enslaved men and women who joined forces taking this country to victory, JUNETEENTH!”

All Things Juneteenth, That’s Right, I Said It! Coffee Wright.

WE MUST UNITE!!!

By Amari M. Sneferu / UAPO Minister of Pan-African Affairs



In the spirit of Malcolm X and all of our beloved ancestors who endeavored the fruits of freedom, justice and global power, we must unite under the banner of Pan-Africanism. We must unite based on the commonality of our African descent and on our common condition of being oppressed throughout this world. In recognition of our indigenous roots to our mother continent, Africa must become our primary political and economic base of operation.

African people throughout the world will never be respected until a unified African continent is respected as a global power. Pan-Africanism is the only engine that drives forward a unity that provides a real future for the world’s populations of Black people. It involves taking back control of African sovereignty and the distribution of Africa’s vast mineral resources. Far less rejectable than the call for reparations, Pan-Africanism is absolutely the shortest route to global Black Empowerment.

The term Pan-Africanism was officially coined by Henry Sylvester-Williams back in the early 1900s but is said to have originated even before then;

with Edward Wilmot Blyden. As a philosophy, it represents an aggregation of historical, cultural, spiritual, and scientific legacies expanding from past to present. Pan-Africanism in practice, traces its origins as far back as ancient Kemet and before. Today it promotes an African world view that counters the oppressive values born out of slavery, racism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO), promotes the message that we are a global people that must learn and teach our children about our indigenous connection to Mother Africa. We also promote educating ourselves about other nations and how their policies can impact African people in particular. Thinking globally, we embrace the ideology of Pan-Africanism because it encourages the solidarity of African people worldwide. It is based on the belief that black unity is vital to our economic, social and political progress.

When it comes to issues that impact Black people on a global scale, UAPO is both pro-active and re-active. We have been pro-active in the fight to eradicate illiteracy by shipping over 9,000 textbooks to Ethiopia. In 2015 we supported a new library in the Ashanti region of Ghana; by shipping to them over 10,000 books. We have also shipped tons of relief supplies to Zimbabwe, Namibia and Haiti, as we are committed to extending the humanitarian hand of support to our brothers and sisters in need. Pan-Africanism asserts that the fate of African people, regardless of dialect or distance, remains intertwined. It is our belief that both on the African continent and throughout the African diaspora, we share a common destiny.

In the fight for justice, UAPO has lead the charge against injustice and unwarranted aggression. It’s the legacy of our organization via its founders, Zaki Baruti and Safiyah Chauvin, to speak truth to power even when no one else does. Domestically, we have taken bold and courageous stances against the senseless murder and mistreatment of unarmed black people by police (i.e., the Mike Brown Mur-

der). We stood up against the U.S. lead N.A.T.O. bombing of Libya, the assassination of Muammar Gaddafi and we continue to stand against the expansion of AFRICOM in our beloved Mother Land. Freedom, justice and respect of sovereignty is what we stand for, no matter who “the Goliath.” A courageous man by the name of Malcolm X, standing at the gigantic feet of racial injustice once said, “A MAN WHO STANDS FOR NOTHING, WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING.”

With that said, huge obstacles and schisms still remain in our path. We have been culturally intoxicated and miss-educated for 500 years from spirits forced-fed by way of our conquerors. However, to the rescue, is the ideology of Pan-Africanism. It stresses the need for Black Collective Self Reliance. It restores dignity to our culture and re-energizes the power of the African spirit.

We’re calling for an All-African Alliance to empower African people on a global scale. An All-African Alliance will unleash a renaissance of economic and cultural unity strong enough to alter the balance of power in the world. I need you to imagine this vision brothers and sisters; a unified African diaspora, bonded to a unified Africa that’s reallocating global resources in the interest of Black people. Pan-Africanism is essentially a collective bond with ourselves to advance ourselves. It provides the political clout to compete effectively on the world stage.

UAPO is committed to becoming the catalyst for such an endeavor. We warmly extend to you and your family; an invitation to join the fight that dares to change the world. On the road to 144,000 members, join this noble effort to unite to restore African people to our rightful place of power in the world.

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We Must Raise Our Boys to Men

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men. The importance of these jobs being living wage earning jobs is very crucial because we must offer our young Black men an alternative to selling drugs or any other unlawful enterprise. As stated earlier in this article, we must develop a system that is tried and true so each young man will know that if he sticks with the training we instill in our young Black men, they will be successful in all of their endeavors.

This is about building character in our young Black men so that they will know fully what it means to be an honorable and productive man. As it is written in the Holy Scripture Genesis 1:26 (KJV), “And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and Let them have dominion over all the earth.” We must teach our young Black men to be strong providers and family men. This calls for all of the forementioned organizations to set aside all egos and mistrust they may have with each other and form alliances to get our young Black men in position to be all they can be for the Black community. This is for our boys and their future. But it starts with the Black men and their vision for the future of the Black community.

I would like to acknowledge Anthony Brock for the brilliant job he is doing with our young men as the Head of Valiant Cross Academy located in Montgomery, AL. I learned of his call to mentor young Black children after this article was scheduled for print.

I understand why many of our young Black men act the way they do. The consequences of centuries of enslavement continue to have devastating effects even on the future generations. That is why honorable Black men must strive to repair this egregious, sinful damage done to our minds. Because when we know better, we must do better. Ase’ Deacon JB Bond

U S PREPARES NEW SANCTIONS TARGETING ETHIOPIA ERITREA IN LATEST DESTABILIZATION PUSH



The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has overwhelmingly approved a new measure designed to impose sanctions on Ethiopia. Known as the Ethiopia Peace and Stabilization Act of 2022, the bill authorizes the U.S. government to suspend financial and security assistance to Ethiopia and to sanction individuals the United States deems to be responsible for the ongoing conflict in the country. While it has not yet been signed into law, the legislation has already been met with condemnation by the global Ethiopian and Eritrean diasporas.

The bill is the latest in a series of acts by the U.S. government intended to destabilize the Ethiopian government. It follows an initial round of sanctions in September 2021, as well as Ethiopia's suspension from the African Growth and Opportunity Act, which provides favorable terms for trade with the United States. Critics of the bill rightfully note the act reflects the U.S. government's one-sided support for the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front (TPLF) insurgency against the elected Ethiopian government.

Ignoring all relevant political and historical context, the corporate media in the West presents the conflict in Ethiopia as a case of an ethnic minority group being targeted in a genocidal war. But the TPLF held dictatorial power for nearly

three decades, brutally crushing dissent while it monopolized control of key state institutions, including the military. About six percent of Ethiopia's population is Tigrayan, and there are Tigrayans who oppose the politics of the TPLF. Not long after the TPLF was outmaneuvered by current Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in 2018, the TPLF launched an insurrection to regain its power. Abiy Ahmed's government pursued a policy of ethnic unity within Ethiopia, and a foreign policy that prioritized peace and cooperation in the Horn of Africa region.

The U.S. government has been sympathetic to the insurrection due to its close relationship with the TPLF regime when it was in power and its desire to see the peoples of the region remain divided against each other. TPLF leader Meles Zenawi, for instance, spearheaded a U.S.-backed invasion of Somalia in 2006. In contrast, the current government concluded a historic peace agreement in the first year of his term with Eritrea, Ethiopia's neighbor to the north, and has moved to improve relations with Somalia.

The new bill's provisions are yet another attempt to undermine the sitting government. The U.S. government has no sincere interest in protecting Ethiopian civilians — in fact, the United States ignored decades of human rights abuses in Ethiopia under the TPLF regime. U.S. imperialism is merely scrambling to regain its control and influence in a strategically important part of the world.

Protestors around the world have called for the United States to back off and respect the self-determination of Ethiopia, Eritrea, and all countries in the region. Yet, the U.S. government has repeatedly given itself the authority to determine the existence and extent of war crimes or genocide in Ethiopia and then sanction individuals accordingly. But provisions of the new bill — such as the requirement that the United States oppose any loan from the World Bank or IMF to Ethiopia and its ally Eritrea — show that their true aim is the destabilization and delegitimization of any government that does not follow its dictates.

Sanctions will only worsen the situation. U.S. intervention of any type has never improved the humanitarian situation in a targeted country. But the movement continues to demand U.S. hands off Ethiopia and Eritrea!

by Katie Miernicki/Liberation News

THE TASK AHEAD

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change should be our candidates for political office. We also say over and over again, that the Black community and political leaders must embrace our concept of "PROPORTIONATE POLITICAL REPRESENTATION" (see page 5) and the Black is Back Coalition 19 Points of Self Determination. www.uapo.org.

Accordingly, we strongly endorse the candidacy of Carla "Coffee" Wright for US Senator in the State of Missouri, Anthony Williams for US Senator in the State of Illinois and Anthony Bland for Governor in the State of Arkansas. Each of these candidates have endorsed our concepts and in our eyes they are already victorious, because they are on the right side of history in our gigantic struggle for justice and equality. We also salute the progressive campaigns of other Black statewide candidates of which some are listed in our newspaper.



UAPO Salutes the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X [El Hajj Malik El Shabazz]

Below listed are a sampling of his powerful quotes that we feel are applicable today.



"The only way we'll get freedom for ourselves is to identify ourselves with every oppressed people in the world. We are blood brothers to the people of Africa, Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba, _yes, Cuba, too."

"Western interests: Imperialism, Colonialism, Exploitation and other Negati-vism. You can't have capitalization without racism. Racism is like a Cadillac, they bring out a new model every year. "

"You show me a capitalist and I'll show you a blood sucker."

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One GOD - as opposed to being divided along religious beliefs and ideology; we believe that there is a creator that is greater than us and there will be a day of judgment. We also say that we must unite based on our commonality, which is (1) we are of African descent and (2) we are oppressed within America and throughout the world.

One Goal - Our goal is the liberation of our people spiritually, economically, politically and culturally, whereby we will control our own destiny.

One Destiny - the fulfillment of God's will for us as a people to have Freedom, Justice and. Equality, no matter where we reside and where we as a collective group will fulfill our capacity to grow, develop and expand to our greatest height of self development.

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The Universal African Peoples Organization is a progressive business, political, humanitarian, educational, and expansive society; and founded by persons desiring to work for the general uplifting of people of African descent throughout the world. Members pledge themselves to do all in their power to advance the rights of their noble race and to respect the rights of all others, adhering always to the power of the unity and belief in the Creator. The motto of the organization is **"One God! One Goal! One Destiny!"** Therefore, let justice become reality for all people, realizing that if the strong

oppress the weak, confusion and discontent will obstruct progress and development. With respect, equality and justice towards those of goodwill, a new era of peace and plenty will be forthcoming into the world and out future generations will be liberated

UAPO PLATFORM

We will improve the lives of our people when we do the following:

1. Develop, support and expand the growth of African American businesses. Increase the number of African American skilled professionals. Gain our fair share of the tax dollars and services generated by national, state and local businesses. End redlining of the African American community. Develop international trade ventures.
2. We seek to increase the quantitative/qualitative number of African Americans to elected public offices in proportion to our population at the national, state and local levels. We seek the passage of legislation that would directly enhance the quality of life for African Americans.
3. Support the development and expansion of independent African American schools. Support African centered curriculum in the local public school boards with Afrocentric thinking people. Increase the literacy rate and level in our community.
4. Institute community control of the police departments and end racism within the judicial system. Support and expand educational job

- training and community oriented programs within the penal institutions. Use community service programs as alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders.
5. Develop greater emphasis on health care, knowledge and accessibility. Support a universal assistance program responsible for providing a minimum standard of living to rebuild two parent and/or extended families. End homelessness.
 6. Develop programs to assist youth in preparing for the 21st century. We believe in the total equality and advancement of women within the private, public and domestic sectors of our society. We also believe that all women should be respected and protected.
 7. End all types of pollution, especially industrial, of Mother Earth.
 8. Support and work diligently for the complete liberation of Africa, the Caribbean Islands, and other regions/countries in the world. Actively support the principles of non-interference in the affairs of other nations.

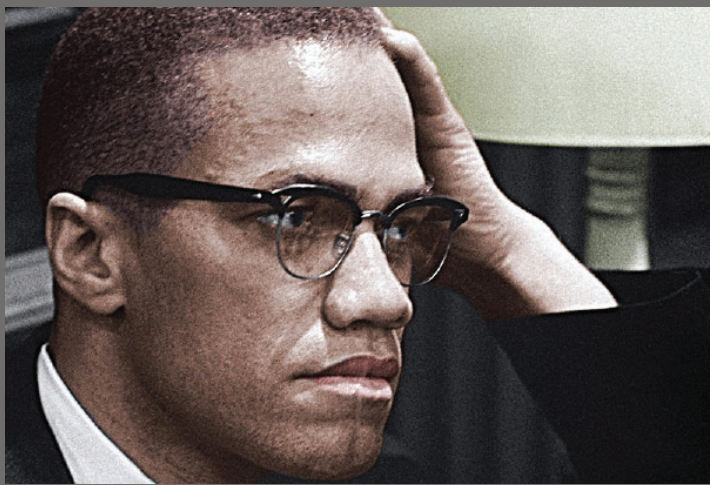
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UAPO Salutes the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X [El Hajj Malik El Shabazz] continued



"If violence is wrong in America, violence is wrong abroad. If it is wrong to be defending Black women and Black children and Black babies, then it is wrong for America to draft us and make us violent abroad in defense of her. And if it is right for America to draft us and teach us to be violent in defense of her, then it is right for you and me to do whatever is necessary to defend our own people right here in this country."

"If you stick a knife nine inches into my back and pull it out three inches, that is not progress. Even if you pull it all the

way out, that is not progress. Progress is healing the wound and America hasn't even begun to pull out the knife."

"You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it."

"Truth is on the side of the oppressed today, it's against the oppressor."

"Revolution is always based on land. Revolution is never based on begging somebody for an integrated cup of coffee."

"The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and make the guilty innocent and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses."

"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

"Education is an important element in the struggle for Human Rights. It is the means to help our children and our people rediscover identity and thereby increase their self-respect."

UAPO Salutes the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X [El Hajj Malik El Shabazz] continued

“My alma mater was books, a good library. . .I could spend the rest of my life reading just satisfying my curiosity.”

“A race of people is like an individual man; until it uses its own talent, takes pride in its own history, expresses its own culture, affirms its self-hood, it can never fulfill itself.”

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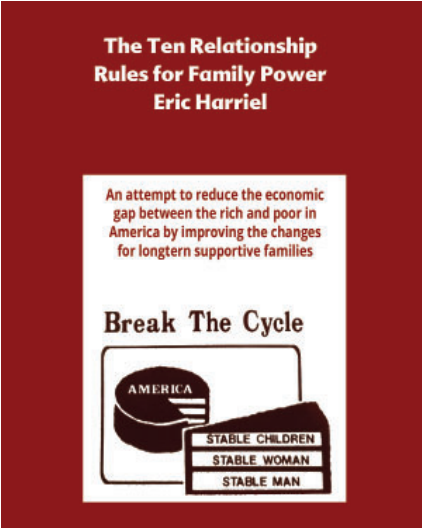
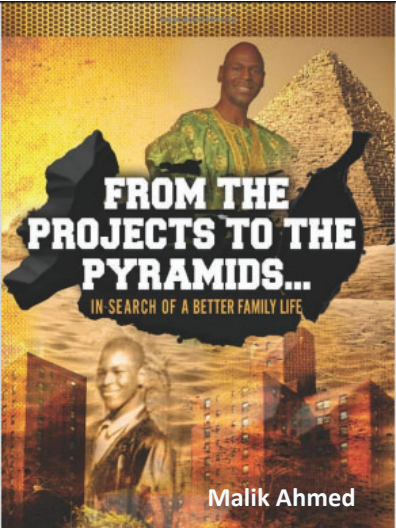
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