



## “A Not So New Strategy: Removing the Target”

Those who are familiar with our writing know that we favor Black American nation formation as a strategy for the future. Out of sheer pride, many Blacks Americans may support our viewpoint and may reject the proposal that follows. However, as economists, we believe it appropriate to offer a broad choice set, and many Black Americans may find value in the proposed strategy.

We propose a not so new strategy for helping solve problems that Black Americans face today: Too high unemployment; too high an incarceration rate; and too low income and wealth. These problems exist and persist mainly because Blacks are easy targets for discrimination. We cannot hide our blackness.

We reference the story of Yakub, who created a race in a very evil and destructive way, and propose using a similar approach without the evil. Given that many Blacks continue to reflect a preference for whiteness over blackness consciously or unconsciously, we suggest that they express that preference positively by purposefully intermarrying with Whites on a widespread basis.

This is not to infer that blackness is inferior to whiteness and should, therefore, disappear. This strategy is proposed as a possible solution to problems. What we know is that homogeneous societies generally have better economic outcomes when it comes to income and wealth equality. A melding of blackness into whiteness helps produce homogeneity and may very well help solve the aforementioned problems that Black Americans face.

There is an ongoing dialogue concerning Black males with White females and vice-versa. The old argument was that Black males wanted to taste forbidden fruit. Of course, Black females have not been forbidden to White males for some time now. It may be possible to leverage these pent-up desires, if they exist, on both sides and to create meaningful and loving relationships that produce offspring that are less susceptible to racial discrimination. Notably, in an interview with Cathy Hughes on TV One, even the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan extended support for Black-White intermarriage as long as it is founded in love. If Black-White intermarriage continues prolifically for just a few generations, most of Black America will be transformed into a mellow yellow and, presumably, into a group that will be less of a target of discrimination.

In support of this strategy, we refer you to the wealth of literature that reports that lighter-skinned Blacks with Caucasian-like features earn higher levels of income and generally fare better economically than dark-skinned Blacks with Negroid-like features. Think President Barack Obama.

Therefore, the offspring of Black-White intermarriage may gain access to levels of income and wealth that parallel those of Whites, they may be less of a target for incarceration, and they may be excluded from job discrimination. Black and white intermarriage may also help disrupt genetic traits that place Black Americans at greater risk for certain diseases. At the same time, some products of this racial mixing may elude genetic traits that place Whites at greater risk for certain diseases. We are not geneticists and cannot confirm these outcomes with certainty, but it stands to reason that some of these health benefits could accrue.

This may not be as wild an idea as you suppose. Increasingly, the media is pairing Blacks with Whites. Sooner than later, racially mixed marriages will become nearly a none-issue all over the country.

Given the already discussed prospective advantages for the offspring of such marriages, why shouldn't Black Americans adopt race mixing as a strategy for alleviating poverty, for avoiding incarceration, for improving our economic plight, and for raising our social status?

Just think, 150 years into the future or less, Black Americans as we know them today could disappear. There will be no need for separate Black neighborhoods, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or Black churches.

For those of us who reject this strategy, we can find solace in the fact that Black American nation formation remains a living and viable option.

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