

“Why Obama Should Not Run”

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You have been attracted to this opinion possibly because you don't comprehend the title. Obama is already running for president, so why entertain the idea that he should not run? Shouldn't the concern be about prospects for his success?

Yes, we should be concerned that he could win because his winning does not bode well for Black Americans. Why? Because the timing and conditions are wrong!

If you are Black in America, then you know the reality. It is an unstated, but accepted, fact that Blacks have to be “better” than the competition to be successful: Better qualified, better looking, better ideas, better plan, etc. Consult Black economist, Patrick Mason, about the details on this assertion. Past Black presidential candidates met many of these requirements, ran strong campaigns, but didn't receive support from nonBlack Americans or the press and, consequently, were not successful.

Why, all of a sudden, is a Black candidate enjoying such widespread appeal? Because he showed his intellect while a student at Harvard? Because he is Semitic (part white and part black)? Or because it is a setup? Black economist Glenn Loury has explained the role of self-fulfilling prophecy in driving outcomes. In the case of Affirmative Action and employment, Blacks did not invest in their human capital to prepare to capture high-level positions prior to Affirmative Action because opportunities were not forthcoming. Conversely, after Affirmative Action surfaced, many Blacks did not become qualified because it was not a prerequisite for access to opportunities. The perverse result is that, in both cases, Whites had every reason to truthfully state that Blacks were not qualified to perform in high-level positions.

You say that things have changed. In the last decade alone, we have had great and qualified Black leaders like Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. Yes, these Black leaders were and are qualified. However, some of their directed actions have created negative outcomes for America, which makes these Black leaders appear incompetent.

In the case of Obama's run, the above-outlined scenario about the qualifications of Blacks is relevant because, if he wins, qualified or not, the odds are high that he will experience a disastrous presidency. Why? Because the U.S. is experiencing the initial stage of what is to be an extended reaping of karma from its past evil acts, indiscretions, and excesses. What should be the recompense for: Slavery; lynching the innocent; dropping atomic bombs; the Tuskegee Experiment; applying Agent Orange; directing vicious dogs on unarmed women and children; taking other nations' resources by force or by paying deflated prices for them; promoting guaranteed death products abroad after you have rejected them at home; facilitating a Crack Cocaine epidemic; allowing the elite within to garner more and more wealth at the expense of the working poor; standing idly by when the poorest nations in the world need and request help;

ignoring global warming; and permitting the use of media to subliminally drive Americans to irrational behavior knowing that they will suffer as a result of their actions?

Unfortunately, as conditions in America deteriorate during an Obama presidency, the blame will fall squarely on his shoulders—a Black man. The cry will go out: “I told you so, Blacks aren’t qualified to lead America.” The reality will be that the forthcoming unfortunate events will represent reaping from America’s sowing under previous administrations.

If you recognize no signs of the reaping, then consider that America has not won a major military action outright since World War II; consider that America is in debt to China to the tune of a trillion dollars; consider the rise of Asian nations as new economic powers; consider the continuing decline of the dollar; and consider 9/11 and recent efforts to explode JFK by those who are angry with America.

Why should Black Americans, who have been excluded systematically from America’s “success,” now rush to save America from her painful karma?

Obama, please stop running!

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