

CNN Presentation on being "Black in America"

I did not view the presentation and was not sought out to be on camera either. As a matter of fact most of the current portrayals of black people on the programming throughout the day are based on what the white authorities want, and not what the black community needs.

While there may have been a good intention to showcase the success of black people in America, it likely failed to include how the double-standard still exists to demand more from educated blacks than their white counterparts.

This election season has been such a demonstration of the artificial barriers placed in the path of a smart new approach (Obama) to that of the status quo (McCain), to favor (even though McCain's shortcomings are disturbingly revealing and intent on continuing a Bush regime) whiteness over an energy to resolve and transform.

I cannot therefore speak to the fruits of the presentation, but as a black woman with a Masters degree I am challenged everyday to make a living, pay my bills, and serve white people. Not all of us are making money or enjoying mainstream values. Some of us are still living with the hope that whites will put aside their social biases and remove their pedestals.

I wish I could have watched the show, but that was not to be. I had to work.

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