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### “Push Back: [‘A Contract with Black America: Addressing Racial Inequalities’](#)”

**After 400 years of unequal treatment, Black Americans have had enough with “gradual” reform in a nation that prides itself as the world’s greatest democracy. While well-intentioned solutions may have been tried, it is simply too much to ask an oppressed people to stay “patient.” To finally create the “more perfect union” all Americans deserve, it is time for a complete paradigm shift in how we run our institutions and operate our country. While this contract with Black America may seem radical to some, the result will be a harmonious society that benefits EVERYONE rather than the more radical alternative which is watching the great American experiment come apart at the seams. (Ice Cube)**

The so-called “Contract with Black America” created by Ice Cube will hopefully be discarded as irrelevant to the active protests inspired by the murder of George Floyd. As of the first week of August 2020 it is pretty troubling that I do not have a read on how much protest and demonstration continue. I still believe some type of governmental response should result from these protests and demonstrations. Most likely the governmental response **will not** cause an improvement in the lives of ordinary Americans who are descendants of the exploited Africans brought here beginning over 400 years ago. In large measure, that lack of a sufficient response will owe to a lack of a coherent expression of the problem, identification of the source of the problem, and a set of specific proposals to rid America of the problem and punish the perpetrators of the crime. That’s right. The original iteration of the problem—what has since been known as slavery—was not America’s original sin, but America’s biggest unpunished crime.

We can never smooth over this earliest mischaracterization—better to have sinned than be colored over as a smooth criminal. But smooth criminals cannot be elevated to “Founding Fathers” status.

The most important document produced by this United States Government, the *U.S. Constitution*, leads with the Preamble. That preamble includes this notion of a more perfect union. When we critically examine the words, we find clues to the devious nature of the men at the center of the document. “We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union?” Really? First, the “people of the United States?” What about the “smooth criminals of the upper-class cliques of New England and of southern plantations?” They were in the room. Hell, they called the meeting. But no women? On purpose. No “white” men who did not own property. Intentional. One-third of the people of the areas of the south—African-descendants, man or woman.

Intentional, on-purpose. Yes, devious. They knew that that select group of White men could not speak for the “people of the United States.”

As for “a more perfect union,” the travesty is evident in the words alone. What they were really saying was “in order to form an imperfect union . . .” In order to form an imperfect union that allows us to work the dark people to death and not pay them wages. Form a union that allowed the same criminals responsible for the kidnapping and imprisonment to molest and rape the African daughters and sell their own sons into bondage. That preamble is all we need to understand the original American government hoax.

“But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” *Corinthians I*, 13:10.

Whenever anyone cites this little phrase from the Constitution (even Barrack Obama), you already know they are trying to sell you something real smelly. Perfect is perfect. Haven’t you noticed how Millennials throw that word around?

Supervisor at work: “The meeting will start thirty minutes late.”

Millennial: “Perfect!”

No! It’s not perfect. You cannot start off imperfect and form perfect, okay!

When Ice Cube invokes the Preamble to the *U.S. Constitution* as the lead paragraph of his Contract, he is either wittingly or unwittingly endorsing the deceit begun nearly 250 years ago. When anyone (even Barrack Obama) pushes this idea that America will transform itself into a more perfect union, he is counting on you not knowing the truth. That deceiver is also—wittingly or unwittingly—relying on your unfamiliarity with how the enemy uses words to deceive.

According to my mother, “Whatever is done in the dark, will come to the light.” Ice Cube’s “preamble” suggests very strongly that he has accepted the underlying untruths of the American system. We move back from the *U.S. Constitution* to the *Declaration of Independence* and find these words. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” Thomas Jefferson also wrote:

...Comparing them by their faculties of memory, reason, and imagination, it appears to me, that in memory they are equal to the whites; in reason much **inferior**, as I think one [black] could scarcely be found capable of tracing and comprehending the investigations of Euclid; and that in imagination they are dull, tasteless, and anomalous... (*Notes on the State of Virginia*, 1785)

Jefferson’s writings in *Notes on the State of Virginia*, tell us emphatically that he was straight lying about all men and creation in 1776. When we study the primary documents, we learn how important the words are to an understanding of the lies and deceit inflicted upon us over the previous 160 years if not the full 400 years of the African-descendants sojourn in America. Ice Cube use of their words would have us believe that he—Ice Cube—believes that we should be

striving for equality. His argument suggests he has bought into the idea of “equal.” But first: Equal to what? Or: Equal to whom?

For anyone not trained as an economist or even any type of quantitative analyst, Cube rather surprisingly builds his case around numbers—measurables converted into official data authenticating the inferiority of black folks. In that way, he shows kinship with the Thomas Jefferson who never acknowledged his connection to Sally Hemmings or his sons by her. Jefferson, alternatively, did not have access to quantitative metrics and simply noted that his concept of equality was “self-evident.” Meanwhile, Jefferson carefully annotated each assertion of Negro inferiority with personal anecdotes to fortify his argument that blacks are less than.

Less than whom? The White man.

When Cube asserts 400 years of unequal treatment the question is, “Unequal to whom? The White man.

Accepting such a premise—the standard is how the government treats the White man (with property)—compels us to accept the conclusion of the whole matter. Black folk are complicit in the acceptance of their inferiority, while at the same time delusional in believing that the system of racism is built on White Supremacy.

If this racist system was built on the idea of White Supremacy, then it would be the White man’s burden to prove that each and every White man is superior to every and all Blacks in everything. Many Black people even know that Hitler’s “supremacy of the Aryan race” was destroyed by Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympic Games. With persistent argument, Black folk have succumbed to this notion of their own inferiority. For White people Black inferiority is the default position. Thomas Jefferson is the progenitor of that big idea. And here we are.

While we know in intimate detail the provisions of the *Declaration of Independence* alerting us that all men are created equal, we have neither been taught nor learned ourselves that this system is not built on White Supremacy but on Black inferiority. Having never seen or heard of *Notes of the State of Virginia*, how could we know that the book was a best-seller of its time, laying the foundation for 400 years of exploitation and oppression?

We cannot take seriously Ice Cube’s Contract with Black America. There isn’t a single idea presented in this eight-page document which points the way toward freedom. Imagine the freedom from (not “freedom of,” but “freedom from”) believing that Black people are inferior—especially your Black self. The preface to the Contract demonstrates that the writer does not understand the message of the American Revolution or the *Declaration of Independence*.

...That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind

are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed... (*Declaration of Independence*, 1776)

When we compare and contrast the violations by King George and the British Parliament against the so-called Founding Fathers with the 400 years of violations imposed by this government against Africans (and their descendants), who were kidnapped and brought here to labor for free, the American Patriots had nothing to complain about, let alone rebel against the government.

Unequal treatment? Create a more perfect union? Ice Cube demonstrates a tragic lack of understanding of the stakes here. Or, he has been completely brainwashed while being a successful capitalist in this system. You cannot accept and promote the foundational lies of a regime and then expect that government to pay reparations or reduce sentencing for drug offenses. That regime already knows that you accept the system as is and merely want to tweak it here and there. By issuing this Contract, Ice Cube shows that he is essentially a reincarnation of the Negro who got up in the morning in 1858 and the first thing he says to the plantation owner is “How is we doin’ dis mornin’, Boss?”

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”  
*Romans 12:2.*

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