

A New Afrikan Perspective to “Comprehending Context Fully”
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Dr. Robinson, first let me applaud you on your thoughtful essay. “Comprehending Context Fully”. Yes, i would wholeheartedly agree that Afrikans need to study the fully context of our current “predicament” as part-time Americans. And the list of action steps you recommended is a very appropriate starting point for creating the change the Sam Cooke admonished us of in 1963.

Unfortunately, most of us, Blackfolks, assumed “the change” would come thru osmosis, or thru the blessings of white goodwill. Too many Blackfolks have been seating back waiting for another Coming of the Savior who will die for our sins and free us from our oppression. Consequently, too many Blackfolks choose not the study Afrikan Self-determination, Self-reliant and Self-governance (SD/SR/SG) as a viable souldution to white domination.

Having chosen not to study Self-determination, self-reliance and/or self-governance, most of your action-steps are like Chinese to usa Blackfolks. They have heard it spoken, when they’re ordering their shrimp fried-rice, but don’t knowing if the clerk saying somethang positive or negative about you to the cook in the back.

So, Dr. Robinson, i would like to ask that you expand your essay to include some preliminary action steps unlearnt revolutionary Blackfolks need to take to push the ball down the field towards the goal line. iam convince that Blackfolks need a revolution coach to teach them the plays of a game of Nguzo Sana/Kemet Laws/Adinkra Philosophy (bka Self Identity) moving toward Self-determination/Self-reliance/Self-governance (SD/SR/SG).

If i could offer a few examples -

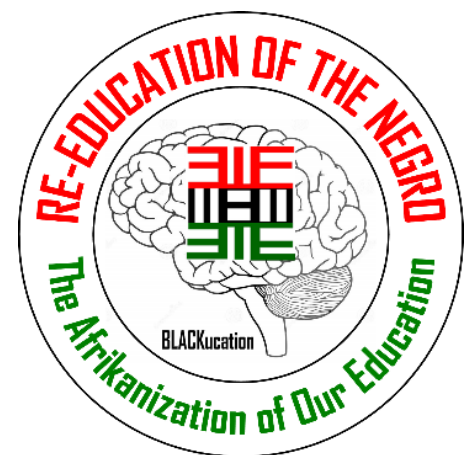
- Continuous efforts to inform all Black Americans about the plan, especially our youth.

Until We can convince an HBCU to utilize their media station as a Blackucation Edutainment Afrikan-centered Media (BEAM), the LTSP Panel should establish a channel on facebook, twitter, myspace and/or youtube offering **Unapologetic** News and Edutainment PSA Blitzes & Updates about the PLAN.

- A remaking/renewal of Black Americans’ minds to comprehend our context and the importance of proper implementation of the LTSPFBA.

Further utility of the BEAM

- An erasure of our false pride and fear (physical, **psychological** and economic).



The BEAM could also be used to broadcast the small victories of the LTSP and stimulate in Blackfolks the courage to push harder to accept the responsibilities of SD/SR/SG. Additionally, We need to highlight the kazi of the LSTP Panel, and others doing **Afrikan Liberation Kazi**.

Perhaps a revisit of Freedom Summer (Bob Moses) and the March Against Fear (James Meredith) is in order as a study guide to address the false pride and fear of freedom in Blackfolks. The discussion of a “psychology fear” of freedom by Blackfolks was had in the organizing of those events.

- A forging of increased unity.

Again, BEAM could be used to show our people that strength goes thru adversity and disagreements that aren't irreconcilably disagreeable can create unity. Blackfolks need to see and know that the LSTP Panel didn't always agree but did come to understand that the mission, Black Liberation, is bigger than any one of us.

- An unwinding of the programmed mental acceptance of second-class citizenship or worse.

Dr. Robinson, here We still have not come to a consensus. As you know, iam of the absolute mindset that Afrikans can never be American. To me, the best We can hope for from america is second-class citizenship. For those Blackfolks who wish to settle for that, i will pray for y'all, but iam of the belief that SD/SR/SG requires Afrikans to “come out of here” totally. That is unless america is fully in agreement to start all over with its constitution and resource allocations, not to mention its political structure/application, judicial and economic systems. And what is the likelihood of that?

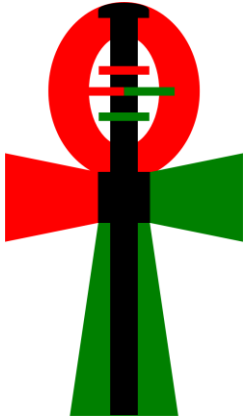
- A reimagining of our leadership as a group function without individual icons with veto power.

Typically, traditional Afrikan Leadership was in the form of a council. As We reimagine leadership in our future, i hope a council would receive serious consideration. If We practice now with council leadership, We could work out the kinks by the time We come to know SD/SR/SG.

- Efforts to capture our fair share of financial and material resources (locally and nationally) so that we can reduce our contact with offending parties, who will never accept us fully nor act in our best interest unless it is in their best interest. ▪ A strong and persistent push for Reparations and the evolution of a plan that identifies its most favorable forms and uses.

We need to start small community cooperatives that have the potential to become National Afrikan-centered Cooperatives.

- A turn inward, while maintaining external contacts to sustain ourselves until such external involvement (dependency) is reduced substantially.



We must actualize the Seven Afrikan Life Principles into our daily lives, with an initial emphasis on Ujamaa & Ujima, heavily spiced with Imani.

- A vigilant, yet distant view of external developments/activities to ensure against being blindsided by external events.

If by external events you are referring non-Afrikan interference in Afrikan Affairs, i agree with vigilant ideas, but i also feel that internal activities can put us at risk of being blindsided. Blackfolks must study Ourstory and how We have hurt our struggle for liberation. Consequently, We must be prepared to “deal with” all threats.

- A continuous, but restricted engagement with Africa, the Afrodescendant Diaspora, and the remainder of the world.

Dr. Robinson, again We have a slight disagreement. For me, Continental Africans and Afrikans throughout the Diaspora must be connected. Our engagement must be continuous and **unrestricted**. The wealth of our Ancestry Heritage is so much more valuable than the tremendous mineral wealth of the Continent itself, which is actually immeasurable. Our discontent from our Ancestry and Motherland is a major reason for the continual exploitation of the Continent and disrespect for our Afrikanness worldwide. If Afrikans in america are the Afrikan “cream of crop”, We are therefore obligated to be our brother’s keeper. Where much is given, right?



Also, i identity as a New Afrikan. My concept of Self-determination tells me that europeans must learn to accept me the way that i identify myself, not by what is comfortable for them. The need to call ourselves Afrodescendants for acceptance by eruropeans, rather than Blackfolks, Afrikans or African Descendants, is insulting for me to the concept of Self-determination, to name ourselves, define ourselves, speak for ourselves, create for ourselves.

Yet another use of the BEAM.