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“Brief Essay: A Precarious Black America”

Purpose: To issue yet another warning concerning prospects for future Black American (Afrodescendant) roles in the US and global political and economic outcomes.

Introduction

When the term “precarious” is used, uncertainty is implied. More precisely, “precarious” implies **odious** uncertainty. Why would we arrive at such a characterization of the state of Black America? Is it not true that we persistently increase the number of Black American scholars and professionals in so many, many fields? Are we not adding new billionaires at a faster rate than ever before? Moreover, while a 2026 Pew Research Center Report concluded that about 54 percent of Black Americans self-select “working class” as our status (lower than most other races/ethnicities), there is no doubt that our overall wellbeing continues to rise.ⁱ More Black Americans can do more of what we want to do, when we want to do it, where we want to do it, and how we want to do it. In many ways, these conditions hint at “freedom.”

However, the increasingly less smoky air through which we peer is not yet perfectly clear. That is, on the surface, conditions appear favorable. But when we zoom in, achieve a granular view, and then brush aside the top layer of imperfections that hide our reality, we recognize the need for deep concern.

Black America’s Precariousness

Let us set aside for the moment Black American leadership’s historical missteps that placed us ever closer to our current precariousness and adopt a more futuristic view of our possibilities.ⁱⁱ Of course, staunch adherents to holy scripture traditions will be quick to remind us that, given sufficient faith, all things are possible. Yet, they may be trapped in a potentially misconceived notion concerning the unlimited mercy of the “author and finisher of their faith.” However, if there is one thing we are all coming to know, it is that science continues to confirm the veracity of faith formed from scripture, and increasingly so.ⁱⁱⁱ On the other hand, why must we now call on the divine to undo our precariousness when we had every opportunity to apply readily available science to eliminate it. Why did we not, after so many warnings, “do for self?”

The following are nine crystal-clear realities that should attract our attention so that we can objectify our reality.

1. For the first time—at least to our knowledge—a group of grassroots Black Americans convened with the ancestors and the force that powers our universe to call on that force to produce a revisable “starting point” 100-year-long strategic plan for Black Americans in 2023. The [Long-Term Strategic Plan for Black America](#) was designed to garner widespread agreement on long-term future goals and the methods and procedures to achieve them.^{iv} However, there is little progress to date on implementing the plan.
2. While long-term forecasts and plans are fraught with uncertainty, and while we hear almost nothing about the United States’ long-term plans, rest assured that oligarchs and plutocrats who manage the world’s nations have plans sufficient to their requirements for our future.
3. It is easy to observe the latter point because the unfolding of the 20th and 21st centuries have many similarities: A sizeable financial crises in the first decade of the two centuries; a war (military versus economic (tax)) during the second half of the century’s second decade; and a widespread health pandemic at the threshold of the third decade of the two centuries. These skillfully engineered outcomes are consistent with the philosophy of managing unwieldy operations: “Change nothing” and “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it.”
4. Also, we see new efforts during the current century to address concerns that warrant prompt attention: e.g., the increasing fragmentation of the US as the populations of various racial and ethnic groups increase and concentrate in specific geographical areas. The latter condition may signal an increase in the likelihood of violent conflicts.
5. The sneaky rise and proliferation of robotization and artificial intelligence (AI) that are—at least for selected industries—far more labor reducing than they are labor expanding.
6. We should ask: Why did Black American Leadership “cause” the loss of very important and relatively well-paying artisanal and skilled trades jobs by demanding that Black youth’s primary objective become the pursuit of “education” at all costs? Very importantly, the debt level of Black America’s youth rose rapidly because our saving suffered as did our youth.
7. The August 28, 2026 revisiting of the 1963 “March on Washington” should clarify that Black America’s Elite Leadership remains fully ensconced and comfortable with 1960s developments. They appear oblivious to the intent of recent political-economy actions that ultimately represent lockstep agreement by the Democratic and Republican Parties to forge ahead with a long-term agenda that weighs knowledge, skills, abilities, and other resource and, on the surface, claims to be race and color blind.
8. Black America should recognize that a new wave of refugees and immigrants are entering the US because they appear less industrious, but more intellectually gifted, than Hispanic Americans. After over 60 years of strong Hispanic American immigration flows into the country, they have revealed a proclivity to outwork (exhibit greater work effort) any other racial/ethnic group and they are highly unified. Yet, unlike most other immigrant groups, Hispanic Americans remain slightly behind Black Americans in “Educational Attainment.” The latter outcome is not a favorable indicator for the nation’s economic planner who now favor intellectual heft over physical stamina and strength in a world that is to operate with AI at its core—if those planners have their way.
9. Notably, cracks have appeared in AI’s and Robot’s armor lately, but there appears to be an unyielding commitment to develop the most technologically and physically sophisticated world possible. This, despite predictions that the entire effort may become problematic rapidly as consumers are informed about the environmental degradation that is likely to be

produced by data centers that are on their way to further disrupt the natural harmony of our Earth world.

Conclusion

The sadness comes for Black America when we see/hear little from our leadership about the near summary dismissal of Black American males from American life especially between the median and mean where those at opposite extreme points look for guidance on how far to come to the middle to compromise and forge agreements. For example, why are the following topics not on the agenda of Black American leaders—they are not in priority order:

1. A near-term world of designer babies and their implications.
2. Our role in winning the global race war using love and the acceleration of our population (keeping in mind the “one drop rule”).
3. The use of favorable international sentiments about Black Americans to support or oppose US geopolitical positions.
4. Development of independent and complete curricula to fortify our children with knowledge against a world that emphasizes adherence to the first fundamental law of nature.
5. The preparation of our own holy scripture, as have other People, that reflects the divinity of our great historical prophets who came to pass.
6. The formation of a Consortium of Black American Scholarly Association and/or Organizations as a ready and capable academic resource for analyzing and assessing Black American issues, questions, and/or concerns.^v
7. Black America’s position on cyborgism which pits those desiring to remain “natural beings” versus those willing to become “artificial creatures” in tomorrow’s world?
8. Litigating—as have several states successfully—to halt social and other media operations’ continued presentation of adverse stereotypical images of Black Americans that are extremely injurious to and for us.^{vi}
9. Black America’s continued participation as players in life’s US strategic game when it is rigged extensively and egregiously against us. We know that there are alternative game configurations that can produce Black American life that is higher in quality/wellbeing.

These nine topics will likely be at the forefront of US political and socioeconomic debate in the near- to medium-term. Should we not begin discussing them now? Can Black Americans use those discussions to forge greater unity and inure to ourselves more independence, self-determination, self-reliance, and self-sufficiency? If we do not act soon and logically to envision and agree on a favorable future to pursue together, then we will forfeit our opportunity to exist as a People in unity (*UMOJA*), to achieve our rightful place among the world community of nations as Earth’s vicegerents, and to help reveal to the world the power of a GREAT CREATOR!

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Endnotes

ⁱ See Steven Shepard, Hannah Hartig, Andy Cerda, and Jocelyn Kiley (2026). *Who Sees Themselves as Working Class?* Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2026/08/31/who-sees-themselves-as-working-class/> (Ret. 091726).

ⁱⁱ The following three BlackEconomics.org brief submissions discuss Black American leadership failures and how they impact our current employment status and prospects:

- [“Reasons for Black American Leadership Failures”](#)
- [“Can Black Americans Afford College?”](#)
- [“Revisiting Black American Leadership”](#)

ⁱⁱⁱ See Christian Ehemann (2023). *Science and Religion in Partnership: Steps Toward a Science-Compatible Faith*. Fulton Books. Meadville.

^{iv} See Long-Term Strategic Plan Panel (2023). *Long-Term Strategic Plan for Black America*. Honolulu. ltspfba.org/LTSP/fin_ltspfba_071223.pdf (Ret. 091726).

^v The formation of such a consortium is explored by Brooks Robinson (2025) in an October 23, 2025 memorandum: [https://www.ltspfba.org/EDU/ltspfba-invite-fcbasaom\(102325\).pdf](https://www.ltspfba.org/EDU/ltspfba-invite-fcbasaom(102325).pdf) (Ret. 091726).

^{vi} BlackEconomics.org released the following two open letters on this topic that may be of interest to readers of this essay:

- Open Letter: [“Open Letter to Black Americans Concerning the Media”](#) (June 9, 2023) (203 KB). It continues BlackEconomics.org’s efforts to convince Black Americans that we must move to brake the unfolding of untold injuries caused by the media.
- Open Letter: [“2024 Open Letter to Black Americans \(Afrodescendants\) Concerning the Media”](#) (December 27, 2024) (137 KB). We resurrect an urgent plea for Black America to make “a main thing the main thing.” We should recognize the power of the media, discontinue our complicity in its use for our own destruction, and deploy a “tried and true” weapon against the media—the courts.

Our concern is that in late August 2026, a US Supreme Court case caused Meta (a firm that hosts social media platforms) to reach an agreement (between \$17 and \$18 billion) with dozens of states attorneys General to resolve a youth health and addiction trial. Such an acknowledgement of the media’s powers appears to open the door wide for Black Americans to request recompense for the media’s role in producing our extant political and socioeconomic outcomes that have been very costly. [Extracted from Google’s LLM AI BOT Gemini on 091726.]