

The Carl Nelson Show

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Dr. Robinson's Brief Bio is included at the end of these talking points.

Program Topic

**“Facing a Harsh Reality:
Black American Leadership Failures and Prospective Future Successes”**

Background

We refer the program producer and host to an audio excerpt from a 2002 Tavis Smiley television production entitled, “The State of Black America.”

<<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rzmmqFcb6Q>>> Location: (27:32 – 29:50). The recording features Bishop Noel Jones describing seeming possibilities for Black America religious institutions to pool resources (especially financial resources) to underwrite the cost of important requirements for Black America's development.

Talking Points

These Talking Points present what we believe are five very important areas of historical failures of Black American Leadership. They are discussed below and, in selected cases, we provide references to BlackEconomics.org's research on the topics.

Five selected types of examples of Key Black American Leadership Failures

(1) Improper treatment of Pres. Abraham Lincoln's offer to establish an independent colony for Freedmen in what is now Central America following the Civil War.

See pages 2 and 3 of BlackEconomics.org's December 2021 Essay: "[A Historical Critique of Black American Leadership](#)" that describes Pres. Lincoln's offer and Black elite leadership rejecting it out of hand. According to Black Historian Clarence Lusane in his book ***The Black History of the White House*** (2011), Black leaders did not grill Lincoln on details of the plan after receiving it; they made little-to-no effort to collect information about the Black American population's sentiments about the plan; and they made no effort to negotiate any changes to the plan that may have been unsatisfactory.

(2) Black leadership's acquiescence to, and support of, Black men to fight for the US Government in the nation's wars. It was not until "The Greatest," the late Muhammad Ali, came along during the 1960s and explored the possibility of electing "**Conscientious Objector**" (CO) status to avoid fighting in violent wars mainly against other Brown and Black People of the world. Keep in mind that Black Americans have always been on record (Pew Research Center) as the most religious racial/ethnic group in the US. Therefore, it should be easy for Black Americans to adopt CO status on a widespread basis. Of course, such a decision is fraught with economic consequences. Many Black Americans youth who opt for military service to earn money during the early part of their working career have few other choices. The same is true for many who enter military service as their lifetime occupation. Instead of building economic opportunities for ourselves. And in most cases rightly so; most do not possess the training or social/cultural capital for success entrepreneurship.

(3) Black American leadership's selection and promulgation of a "**Racial Desegregation/Integration Effort**," which could not produce equality, but has produced the expected and obvious outcome—the **superimposition of White "superiority"** (political, economic, education, etc. superiority) on Black Americans. Statistics show repeatedly that despite an increasing number of individual victories (Black American billionaires), there are very few Black American group victories.

This is best seen in the following figures that depict the "desegregation/integration;" process that was undertaken vs. a better process that we believe would have produced better outcomes for Black Americans. [The figures appear on pages 18 and 19 of [A Third Freedom](#); a 2015 BlackEconomics.org book.]

Figure 1.—Actual US Desegregation/Integration Process

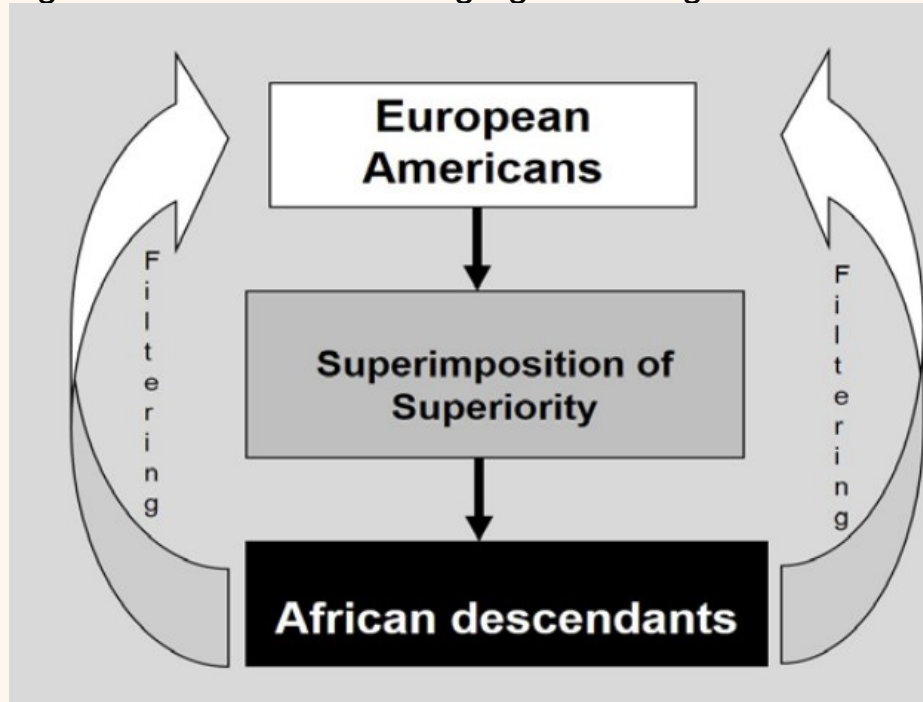
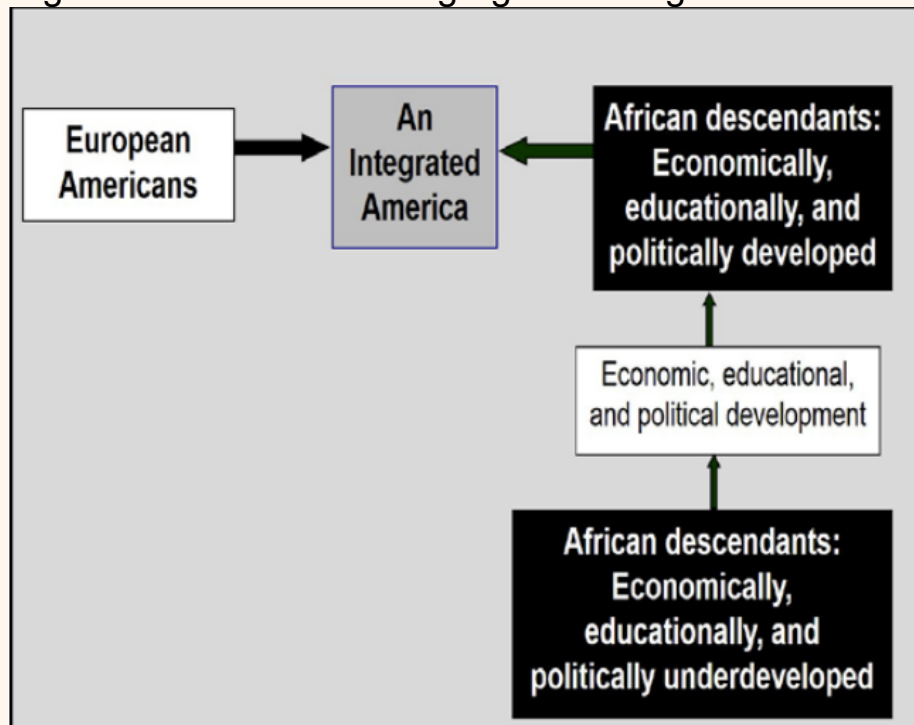


Figure 2.—Ideal US Desegregation/Integration Process



(4) Black American leadership’s overemphasis on academic learning the key to individual and group success, which engendered a tremendous reduction in the number of Black tradesmen and craftsmen (persons) who have historically earned reasonable wages/salaries. As Hispanic Americans immigrated into the US, they saw the value of these jobs and began to capture them. Now, White America has recognized the essentiality of skilled tradesmen and craftsmen, and they are flooding into training to secure licenses in these fields of work. As usual, we are the last to “receive the memo.” Black Americans are seeking to enter these industries through especially dedicated training programs that include “elongated internships” with related construction contractors or subcontractors. Our study of these developments and the related changes that are occurring helped us identify one potential and problematic barrier to success for Black Americans: A Background check. Unfortunately, too many young Black American men already have criminal record when they seek to enter these programs and are, therefore, rejected.

See the BlackEconomics.org August 4, 2023 Essay, “[Can Black Americans Afford College?](#)” that describes how Black America would have benefitted from a more diverse approach to training and directing our youth profitable and successful careers. It is only now that emphasis is being placed on careers as tradesmen or craftsmen is being touted as a path to success that is accepted by most Black Americans—even the Black elite.

(5) This final Talking Points section shines a bright light on important Black American leadership failures:

- **Black American leadership’s failure to ensure that appropriate nomenclature (i.e., words) was used in important legislation and/or that sunset clauses were excluded from legislation that can cause laws to disappear. Why was the word “opportunity” not “treatment” used when producing key Civil Rights Legislation; viz. the Equal Opportunity (vs. Treatment) Commission?** In our view, “equal opportunity” to run toward and obtain a prize makes no claims or guarantees. “Equal treatment” means, infers, or implies that, at a minimum, Black Americans would be included equally (on a representativeness basis) in the nation’s socioeconomic system.
- **Why did Black leadership place more emphasis on access to jobs in communications/media firms as opposed to focusing on eliminating adverse stereotypical roles.** It is transparent that there

are now significantly more Black Americans operating in media industries. However, the **problem** of people around the world and in the nation seeing overtly or subliminally adverse stereotypical images of Black Americans remains. Today, these images are promulgated by Black Americans, which is likely to produce more negative outcomes for us if non-Blacks were promulgating these adverse images of us.

There is no question that Black Americans should/must receive **Reparations** for our trouble in America. It is transparent if for no other reasons that Jews received Reparations from Germany, and that the US paid Reparations to the Japanese for the former's internment of the latter during WWII. So the reasonableness of Reparations for Black Americans is a foregone conclusion.

However, Black America needs to enquire: **Why have we sat around for 37 years (the late Hon. John Conyers – Dem. Michigan introduced the equivalent of HR 40 during 1989) waiting for another people to take action to injure themselves.** The fundamental law of “Self-Preservation” guarantees that such action is not likely to occur. Also, we cannot forget that our more “radical” activists have reminded us perpetually that “Freedom Ain’t Free,” that “Freedom is rarely given, it must be taken,” and “Freedom is most often won via a REVOLUTION” and revolution always involve Bloodshed.

The next logical enquiry must be: Knowing all of this, “Why have Black Americans not acted more purposely to gain “freedom” using Reparations proceeds? The most logical answer is that Black Americans are inextricably tied to the idea of “Great Leaders” who carry us to victory. What we know is that, since MLK, the US has not permitted the arising of a Black American Great Leader who could achieve enough unity and will to wrest Reparations and Freedom from the nation. All subsequent leaders have not had enough clout among Black Americans to do the job. Those who may have had an opportunity to turn the table have opted for the bling not the ring that has “you are now free” indelibly etched on the ring’s interior next to our skin so that it enters us so powerfully and ensures that we never have second thoughts about it.

Correcting Black American Leadership Failures

If an instrument (and that is what leadership is) is failing, the easiest “**fix**” is to remove and replace it. But if the latter occurs, then you are back to where you started.

Therefore, what we believe is the most relevant and useful guidance is to develop a new paradigm for leadership. This new paradigm cannot only aid Black Americans in achieving an unimaginable victory in its 400-year long undeclared war against the US, but it can also enable the world to turn a new page and experience a higher level of wellbeing as the entire idea of leadership and governance and how it should be performed and experienced can benefit from Black America’s innovation. It is a win-win scenario that once known more broadly cannot be ignored nor rejected.

We set forth a paradigm in monograph entitled [**A Purer Democracy under Cyber Governance: Future Implications for Black America’s Political Economy**](#). It is a conceptual and theoretical monograph that calls for using newly available technology to ensure every eligible citizen can participate in governance processes at all levels.

When such a paradigm is adopted, we believe that Black Americans will benefit greatly, if for no other reason than that we will be forced to accept the reality that we must work to remain aware of the development/evolution of our society and culture and be willing devote the time energy and effort to ensure that we identify our requirements, plan to secure/acquire them, and to then implement the plan to actually capture them to produce the level of wellbeing that we desire.

Brief Bio for Brooks Robinson

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Media Alert to be Transmitted later today:

SPECIAL MEDIA ALERT:

Dr. Brooks Robinson, Founder of and Chief Contributor to BlackEconomics.org and the *Rapporteur* for the *Long-Term Strategic Plan for Black America (LTSPFBA)*, https://www.ltspfba.org/LTSP/fin_ltspfba_071223.pdf, 1.5 MB) Implementation Team is scheduled to appear on *The Carl Nelson Show* tomorrow, Monday, June 22, 2026, during the 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. hour EDT.

We urge you to listen in for a discussion of a seldom discussed problem confronting Black America and related, prospective solutions.

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Sincerely,

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An important starting point for Black American liberty is the *Long-Term Strategic Plan for Black America*.
♪”Drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee”♪ [Our Creator, Ancestors, and the Least of These.]
“If all the trees were pens and if all the seas were ink...”

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