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Legalized Corporate Slavery: A Sick & Twisted Reality

In the most illusive manner, corporate America in cahoots with U.S. Government judicial system has played the people like fools. In an attempt to appeal to the American opponents of corporate outsourcing, economist and corporate heads are underhandedly attempting to convince citizens that the best alternative to outsourcing is prison labor, which is suppose to protect the domestic job market.

Unicor, the leader in prison labor testifies of this strategy on their website in their mission statement and purpose of being. Cloaked in deception, Unicor would that the American corporations use cheap inmate labor instead of foreign outsourcing at the expense of the urban poor, predominantly made up of disenfranchised Black males.

The plan, see, is to keep Black males unemployed, undereducated, and susceptible to law enforcement for clean entrance into the prison system. Afterward, they can be trained and used as labor tools for corporations out to make higher profits and for elitist white America to fulfill its fanatical desire for covert slavery.

Why do we as a people accept this kind of madness? Where are the moral political and spiritual leaders to speak out against such barbarianism? Where are the mega-church preachers who claim to have clout and why are they silent on such sinful treatment of the people? Better still, when are we going to simply pack up and leave this God-forsaken country?

Below is Unicor's marketing campaign to big business.

Unicor

A Community Service and A Valuable Employer Resource

Marketing the Product and Selling the Program: UNICOR Since 1980

Since 1980, the Federal Bureau of Prisons has undergone startling changes. The inmate population has gone up drastically. The composition of the inmate population has changed as well, with larger numbers of violent offenders, drug offenders, and alien detainees. And the Bureau has moved away from the Medical Model to adopt a more balanced philosophy of corrections.

The need to help the Bureau cope with all the changes has underscored the value of industrial programs as an inmate management tool. Yet just as UNICOR's contributions to Bureau stability were becoming more vital, UNICOR's very mission of providing work for inmates came under unusually harsh scrutiny. Thus, UNICOR not only had to improve its marketing efforts to ensure sufficient sales to keep increasing numbers of inmates employed, it also had to work tirelessly to explain UNICOR's vital public safety function to lawmakers and citizens.

For over 70 years, UNICOR / Federal Prison Industries has been operating factories and employing inmates in America's correctional institutions. Operating under a Department of Justice mandate to employ inmates in productive work, it is a self-sustaining public corporation that receives no tax dollars.

After years of providing quality goods and services to federal agencies, UNICOR now has the authority to partner with private sector firms who are sending the work off shore, or in lieu of sending the work off shore. Companies expanding into new areas of business can also take advantage of UNICOR's unique outsourcing alternative. With more and more contact center work being outsourced for cost savings, UNICOR can provide contact center support at a highly competitive rate, and do it right here in the USA.

Imagine... All the benefits of domestic outsourcing at off shore prices. It's the best-kept secret in outsourcing!

A Partnership Based on Experience and Performance

Now, private companies and government agencies can outsource their contact center work to UNICOR. In a nutshell: You provide the software, telcom, and training, and we'll provide the facility and labor. We have demonstrated our capability with real world results:

Inbound Directory Assistance

Our DA contact center employs over 200 workers, 7 days a week, handling all manner of Directory Assistance calls. With an AHT of 35 seconds, an Abandon Rate of under 2%, and an ASA of under 5 seconds, our workers are comparable with any in the private sector. In fact, after teaming with UNICOR for overflow calls, our partner's overall quality standards improved.

Outbound B2B

Our Outbound B2B contact center has performed data scrubbing, lead generation, and profiling for some of the top companies in America. Employing over 100 workers "following the sun" 5 days a week, they have concluded every campaign with unqualified success.

Important Benefits for Your Contact Center Needs

When you outsource to UNICOR / Federal Prison Industries, the benefits are very clear. We offer:

- Skilled operators
- Low labor rates
- Native English and Spanish language skills
- High security
- Locations throughout the country
- Scalability

By taking advantage of UNICOR's Contact Center capability, you can let us address your simple, high volume, first-tier customer support functions, while your employees focus on the more complex, high-value operations.

UNICOR / Federal Prison Industries-

Up to Date and Up to the Task

Our Contact Center Program focuses on voice based services to provide order capture and order entry to the manufacturing, information technology and communications sectors, as well as voice based inbound customer and technical support. Contact Center capabilities include:

- Credit card transactions through
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and Computer Telephone Interaction (CTI)
- Potential for up to 100 or more contact center locations with up to 200 seats per center
- Inbound contact center services
- Outbound B2B sales support
- Fulfillment service
- Help desk service
- A Commitment to Quality and Security

UNICOR takes additional steps to insure that inmates can safely meet the security needs of any contact center client. Inmates are not permitted to make calls to private citizens in their homes, and UNICOR carefully reviews potential inbound consumer call work to assure everyone involved that inmates will not have access to personal information. We will not accept any work if there is any question that we can meet all parties' security concerns.

The Best Kept Secret in Outsourcing

Whether you need outbound B2B or inbound contact center support, UNICOR believes that we can be the ideal partner. We have the experience, we have the quality control, we have the cost-effective labor pool, and we have the facilities nationwide to offer a highly competitive alternative to off-shore outsourcing.

Let's face it, outsourcing off shore can be a hassle. There are language barriers, varying monetary exchange rates, time differences, and simply visiting your contact center can involve a transoceanic flight. When you outsource with UNICOR, your contact center is located in the United States, and those issues disappear. Your company will enjoy all the benefits of a domestic operation, with the cost savings of going off shore. When you partner with UNICOR, your company is providing valuable job skills to federal inmates while it repatriates jobs back from overseas.

It's truly a "win-win" situation for all involved. Contact us today and find out how UNICOR can become your #1 Contact Center outsourcer.

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Black Youth and Alcohol Advertising: The prevalence and consequences of underage drinking among African-American youth

The cultural outlets that draw young Black men and women have a great influence on how they think and behave. There must begin a campaign to challenge the messages sent to our youth if we want a future for our people. Below is a study about the effects alcohol advertising have on our children.

Alcohol is the drug most widely used by African-American youth.

Although African-American youth drink less than other youth (according to the 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 18.2% of African Americans between 12 and 20 used alcohol in the 30 days prior to the survey, compared to 33.2% of whites, and 9.1% of African-American youth reported "binge" drinking, compared to 22.8% of whites), there is evidence from public health research that, as they age, African Americans suffer more from alcohol-related diseases than other groups in the population.

The age-adjusted death rate from alcohol-related diseases for non-Hispanic African Americans is 31% greater than for the general population.

National surveys have found that while frequent heavy drinking among white 18-29 year-old males dropped between 1984 and 1995, rates of heavy drinking and alcohol problems remained high among African Americans in the same age group.

Alcohol use contributes to three of the four leading causes of death among African-American 12-20 yearolds: homicide, unintentional injuries (including car crashes), and suicide.

Exposure of African-American young people to alcohol advertising in 2002:

In magazines:

Forty percent of African-American teens ages 12-17 and 35.1% of African Americans ages 18-20 are among the most frequent magazine readers, versus 19.2% and 19.7% of non-African Americans in these age groups.

Youth in general are overexposed to magazine advertising relative to adults. In 2002 youth saw 20% more advertising for all alcohol and 26% more distilled spirits advertising, the largest category of magazine alcohol advertising, than adults 21+. In this context of general overexposure, African-American youth saw even more alcohol advertising in magazines in 2002 than other youth.

African-American youth saw 77% more alcohol advertising in national magazines than did non-African-American youth in 2002. Compared to non-African-American youth, African-American youth saw 66% more advertising for beer and ale, 81% more advertising for distilled spirits, 45% more advertising for "low-alcohol refreshers" such as Smirnoff Ice and Mike's Hard Lemonade, and 65% more advertising for wine brands.

For beer, distilled spirits and low-alcohol refreshers in 2002, alcohol advertising in magazines reached more of the African-American underage audience with more ads than it reached African-American young adults, ages 21-34. The alcohol industry routinely refers to 21-34-year-olds as its target audience.

While 83% of non-African-American youth saw 111 alcohol ads in magazines, 96% of African-American youth saw 171 alcohol ads in national magazines in 2002.

Alcohol advertisers concentrated the advertising that overexposed African-American youth in 13 magazines accounting for 80% of the exposure of African-American youth to alcohol advertising in 2002, including Sports Illustrated, Vibe, Cosmopolitan, ESPN The Magazine, Jet and Entertainment Weekly. Of these 13, all except Rolling Stone exposed African-American youth to alcohol ads more effectively than non-African-American youth.

On the radio:

African-American teens ages 12-17 listen to more than 18 hours of radio per week on average, compared to 13.5 hours for all teens.

Youth in general (ages 12-20) were exposed to 8% more beer and ale advertising than adults 21 and over, 14% more advertising for distilled spirits, and 12% more advertising for low-alcohol refreshers. In this context of general overexposure, African-American youth heard even more alcohol advertising on the radio in 2002 than other youth

African-American youth heard 12% more beer advertising and 56% more advertising for distilled spirits on the radio in 2002 than non-African-American youth.

Two formats-Urban Contemporary and Rhythmic Contemporary Hit-with music types including R&B, rap, hip-hop, house, and dance, accounted for almost 70% of the alcohol advertising reaching underage African-American youth on radio.

Five markets accounted for more than 70% of African-American youth exposure to alcohol advertising on radio: New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston-Galveston, and Washington, D.C. Of these five markets, only Los Angeles did not overexpose African-American youth relative to all other youth.

On television:

Thirty percent of African-American teens are among the most frequent TV viewers (the top TV-viewing quintile) versus 21.1% of non-African-American teens.

Alcohol advertisers spent \$11.7 million in 2002 to place ads on all 15 of the programs most popular with African-American youth, including Bernie Mac, The Simpsons, King of the Hill, and My Wife and Kids.

Alcohol advertisers placed ads on 86 programs on BET (Black Entertainment Television) in 2002, but 65% of advertising spending and two-thirds of the ads were on just six programs. According to audience data obtained from BET, youth in general were more likely to see all six of these programs than adults, and four of the six drew disproportionate numbers of African-American youth relative to African-American adults.

Alcohol marketing and the African-American community:

The marketing of alcohol products in African-American communities has, on occasion, stirred national controversy and met with fierce resistance from African Americans and others. Charges of over-concentration of alcohol billboards in African-American neighborhoods have prompted protests and legislative fights in Chicago, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Battles over the heavy marketing to the African-American community of malt liquor, a stronger-thanaverage beer, resulted in the banning of one new brand, PowerMaster, in the summer of 1991, and fines against the makers of another, St. Ides Malt Liquor, by the states of New York and Oregon, for advertising practices that allegedly targeted youth and glamorized gang activity.

African-American youth culture already abounds with alcohol products and imagery. A content analysis of 1,000 of the most popular songs from 1996 to 1997 found that references to alcohol were more frequent in rap (47% of songs had alcohol references) than other genres such as country-western (13%), top 40 (12%), alternative rock (10%), and heavy metal (4%); and that 48% of these rap songs had product placements or mentions of specific alcohol brand names.

Rap music videos analyzed for a study published in 1997 contained the highest percentage of depictions of alcohol use of any music genre appearing on MTV, BET, CMT and VH-1.

Source from: http://camy.org/factsheets/index.php?FactsheetID=11

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Three Cops and a Baby

With the most advanced tactics of restraining "the suspect" local St. Petersburg FL. Police officers were taught to use, three of them engaged in the apprehension of what they supposed was a violent criminal, of whom was a kindergarten child of five-years old.

Of course, if one were to look upon the situation to judge accordingly, they would suppose the child needed this type restraining since she was obviously "out of control, " and many people would fall into step with society's sick war on crime theory. However, when it takes three adult, highly trained police officers to draw on simple judgment, they choose to use force instead of child psychology.

This is nothing more than white America's justification to continue - with the approval of public opinion - to brutalize Black people, men, women, and obviously children. To gain control of the child, all they had to do was place her in a room alone for awhile until her mother came to get her, instead, they resorted to what they know best...combat.

The teacher, principle, and the St. Petersburg police force should be brought before the highest court in the land, Judgment before God, and sentenced to eternal punishment.

[Video footage compliments of <U>Pan African TV</U>]

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The Difference Between Spanking and Abuse

Many believe in and practice what the Bible says about physically disciplining a child, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die" Proverbs 23:13. Some would read this and interpret the worst, as in beating a child with a blunt object unmercifully, and they would resist such a command, however, it would be a grave misinterpretation.

The meaning of the scripture should not be taken at surface level, but understood in a most logical sense, as in, do not withhold correction, spank your child as necessary, they will live. Today's society discourages spanking based on a feministic view of a new world, one of victimization.

A parent in tune with their children, as in having a closeness with them as a parent should, would know when to punish their child by spanking or whippings and when to punish them with words and withholding material pleasures from them. But not many parents today have that closeness with their child so they do not see or know when to inflict a spanking on their child.

A child needs to be hit when they have seriously and blatantly disrespected an adult, or another child or a sibling. In any situation of such behavior - disrespect of others - that child should learn a hard lesson. Most "aware" parents have a built-in sensor that triggers when their child should receive a swift hit.

However, there is another side. Children should not be constantly hit by anyone, especially a parent. Many times parents or caregivers are stressed to an extent where they swing and hit a child too hard or too many times and in the wrong place.

A child is fragile in both body and soul and scars will be left upon that child if inflicted too harshly. A child knows no other and loves no other but the primary care giver and or parent, and that child should never experience any forms of abuse from them.

Abusing a child in any manner is a horrible crime and should be viewed this way by society because it births into society an angry person, one abused and hurt by a loved one, which often results in disrespect of others.

Because children are very impressionable, they must have the best and most compassionate upbringing; not one laced with violence and hatred in the form of words. Any parent that verbally or physically abuses their child should face sentencing by a concerned jury of their community peers.

Spanking is one thing, but abuse is another, and spanking should not be viewed by society as abuse, but simple forms of discipline to keep our children aware of their wrong doings and aware of the importance of respect for people, all people.

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Keeping Your Child Drug Free

Studies show that Black children are less likely to get involved with drugs than white children are because in a strange twist of social privilege, white children have more access to different kinds of drugs and drug venues than Black children do.

Contrary to popular social stereotypes, the "ghetto" is not as drug-ridden as the suburbs. New and different drugs surface in suburban areas more often than inner cities and children of any race have more access to those drugs.

Once they enter middle school, their chances of becoming involved with drugs increase, regardless of race. Because your children may now see older students using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and may think they are cool and self-assured; your children may be tempted to try drugs too.

Drug use goes up dramatically in the first year of middle school or junior high. And if you are a parent to one of these children, here are some tips that can help keep your child drug free.

To help your children make good choices during this critical phase, you should:

- NOT do drugs yourself;
- Make sure they are well-versed in the reasons to avoid alcohol, tobacco and drugs;
- Get to know their friends by taking them to and from school activities, games, the library and movies (while being understanding to their need to feel independent);
- Volunteer for activities where you can observe your child at school; and
- Get acquainted with the parents of your children's friends and learn about their children's interests and habits. If it seems that your child is attracted to those with bad habits, reiterate why drug use is unacceptable.

To make sure that your child's life is structured in such a way that drugs have no place in it, you should:

If possible, arrange to have your children looked after and engaged in the after-school hours if you cannot be with them. Encourage them to get involved with reputable youth groups, arts, music, sports, community service and academic clubs, or try changing your work hours to be there when they need you.

Make sure children who are unattended for periods during the day feel your presence. Give them a schedule and set limits on their behavior. Give them household chores to accomplish. Enforce a strict phone-in-to-you policy. Leave notes for them around the house. Provide easy-to-find snacks.

Get to know the parents of your child's friends. Exchange phone numbers and addresses. Agree to forbid each other's children from consuming alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in their homes, and pledge that you will inform each other if one of you becomes aware of a child who violates this pact.

Call parents whose home is to be used for a party. Make sure they can assure you that no alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be dispensed. Do not be afraid to check out the party yourself to see that adult supervision is in place.

Make it easy for your child to leave a place where substances are being used. Discuss with your child in advance how to contact you or another designated adult in order to get a ride home. If another adult provides the transportation, be available to talk to your child about the situation when he or she arrives home.

Set curfews and enforce them. Weekend curfews might range from 9 p.m. for a fifth-grader to 11 pm. for a senior in high school.

Encourage open dialogue with your children about their experiences. Tell your child, "I love you and trust you, but I don't trust the world around you, and I need to know what's going on in your life."

The most important of these is to reiterate the effects drugs can have on their bodies, mind, and relationships. Children should know the real deal when it comes to drugs, that drugs can totally destroy their future chances for decent relationships, career choices, and life security.

2004 By CR Hamilton

Ecstasy, The Drug

There have been remote rumors about the popular party drug Ecstasy making its way from the suburbs of spoon-fed white rebels into the hands and minds of Black America. As expected, once again we are beginning to fall into the trap of another drug epidemic (as they call it in Whiteville, but a "drug problem" in the Black areas). This is one time we can stop this madness before it starts.

What this will lead to is another strange occurrence ten years from now of a ghetto made form of ecstasy that makes junkies out of potentially strong-minded young Blacks. This is how cocaine and heroine turned into crack, it started as a social upper for whites with too much money then trickled down to the urban communities where it turned into a deadly disease that destroyed thousands upon thousands of Black minds.

Like other potent mind-altering drugs, the use of ecstasy has been associated with impaired mental health and impaired judgment. While under the influence of the drug, users may sometimes experience confusion, disorientation, anxiety, panic attacks, depression, insomnia, depersonalization, derealisation, perceptual disorders and hallucinations, paranoia and psychotic phenomena. It is possible that some of these effects may continue for a period after cessation of the drug.

If there are caring souls out there who would like to halt this danger before it drifts too far into the Black social scene as acceptable behavior, mobilize a campaign right now against this drug and direct it at elementary, middle and high schools in your community. We do not need another generation of wasted minds with no one to lead them but government programs.

2003 by Cartel Q

Drugs For Worries and Bad Habits

In the past 25 years worries and "bad habits" of various kinds have become reclassified as mental disorders that need to be medically treated, usually by drug therapy. By redefining worries and bad habits as diseases, physicians, hospitals and drug companies now earn vast amounts of money treating these problems.

Now a significant portion of the population is being treated with an antidepressant, anti anxiety, or anti phobic pill, or with drugs to control unhealthy habits such as smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, or overeating. We live in a time when it is widely accepted that "bad molecules" produce in our brains or bodies cause us to drink and eat too much, to worry excessively, or to be overly shy.

If a bad molecule can be identified, then a "good drug" can be developed that will counteract the effects of the bad molecule. As more unhealthy behaviors and anxieties become molecularized and medicalized, the medical/pharmaceutical industry continues to grow and prosper.

There are still some bad habits left waiting to be medicalized and treated. For example, gambling is widely regarded as a bad habit, especially compulsive gambling. Researchers are looking for an inherited gene carried by compulsive gamblers that is responsible for their obsession. Moving from an identified gene to a drug to comfort its effects is only a matter of time, money, and effort on the part of a dedicated drug company. And considering the number of people who like to gamble, the rewards could be enormous.

Compulsive shopping (strongly encouraged by advertising and sales clerks) is another bad habit, especially if you don't have the money to pay for your charged purchases. Drug companies are currently testing drugs in order to identify ones that put a damper on the uncontrollable urge to buy.

Consumers will soon have the choice of running out to buy some new clothes or spending the money on a prescription that will suppress the urge.

For Black America

Black-America should not fall prey to these scientific marketing campaigns. Medically prescribed drugs can be very addictive and many have not been studied long enough to know what kind of long-term effects they really have. Do not become experiments for American physicians.

This type of false and misleading practice is for otherwise normal intelligent people who basically have weak minds. Though they have succeeded in life and have education, good careers, and families, they are the ones who never tried drugs and somehow escaped the epidemic. But because of society's hurried and bustling lifestyle today, people are not coping like they should.

And because America is a society that can no longer accept personal responsibility as a moral practice, they are turning to legalized drugs. The blame-game in this country is turning in every direction. From law and frivolous lawsuits to the medical field and frivolous drug use for common problems and habits.

In all honesty, what is the difference between legal and illegal drug use? Look at Rush Limbaugh. What makes him different from the corner drug dealer or addict? Money and legal red tape, and of course, skin color. Crack cocaine and marijuana have destroyed our communities enough creating poverty-stricken neighborhoods and wasting many otherwise productive lives, do not allow legalized drugs to destroyed the productive lives we have worked 400 years to achieve.

Source from: Health and Wellness, Edlin, 2002.

2003 by Cartel Q

Exposing Child Neglect

Everything that means anything in the structure and operation of the current society is stressed as being "for our children." Society needs to clean the environment "for the children." Social Security should be saved "for our children." We need to protect our freedoms in America "for our children," and the list goes on endlessly.

The fact is, we have become a society pathologically over-protective of "our children" when at one time there were no such things as bicycle helmets, seatbelt laws, child care seats, child-proof aspirin or safe sex. Every aspect of life before the 1970s was basically a haven for deathtrap if compared to today's "for our children" rage.

Thinking back during the days of elementary school, not many children were neglected at home and the majority had fathers and mothers who attended parent-teacher conferences. There may have been one kid who smelled like pee in class and every now and then, someone would come to school without combing their hair or brushing their teeth, but it was no big thing and usually drew nothing more than elementary teasing.

Today, however, lawsuits fly if something is said out of line to a child about their personal habits, hygiene, or dress preferences. Children have more rights today and they are knowledgeable as to how to use those rights. And because society has advanced to a point of child independency, this move away from the traditional family household into the realm of civil rights and child protective service laws, we have now created a generation of not only physically neglected children, over protected and spoiled, but a generation of emotionally and mentally neglected children.

So, who is really at fault when a child is found is a state of neglect? Is it the parent or a reaction to the trends of society? At the microlevel, of course, it is the parents, but at a macrolevel, some problems have to be attributed to the alternative changes in society. According to studies, the appropriate definition of child neglect is:

"Neglected Child" means a child less than 18 years of age whose physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in danger of becoming impaired as a result of the failure of the child's legal

guardian to exercise a minimum degree of care in supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, or education or medical care. Neglect also occurs when the legal guardian fails to provide the child with proper supervision or guardianship by allowing the child to be harmed, or to be at risk of harm which includes when the guardian misuses drugs or alcohol him/herself.

Observable Indicators

- Dirty skin
- Offensive body odor
- Unwashed, uncombed hair
- Tattered, under or oversized and unclean clothing
- Dressed in clothing that is inappropriate to weather or situation
- Frequently left unsupervised or alone for periods of time (Note: This is the most frequent cause of child death and should not be minimized)

Indicators of Poor Health

- Drowsiness, easily fatigued
- Puffiness under the eyes
- Frequent untreated upper respiratory infections
- Itching, scratching, long existing skin eruptions
- Frequent diarrhea
- Bruises, lacerations or cuts that are infected
- Untreated illnesses
- Physical complaints not responded to by parent

Indicators of Malnutrition

- Begging for or stealing food
- Frequently hungry
- Rummaging through garbage pails for food
- Gorging self, eating in large gulps
- Hoarding food

- Obesity
- Overeating junk foods

Indicators in Infants and Toddlers

- Listlessness
- Poor responsiveness
- Does not often smile, cry, laugh, play, relate to others
- Lacks interest, curiosity
- Rocks, bangs head, sucks hair, thumb, finger,
- Tears at body
- Is overly self-stimulating, self-comforting
- Does not turn to parent for help or comfort
- Hospitalization for failure to thrive regresses upon return to home
- Unduly over or under active for no apparent purpose

Indicators in Children

- · Cries easily when hurt even slightly
- · Comes to school without breakfast
- · Has no lunch or lunch money
- · Needs dental care, glasses
- · Falls asleep in class
- · Often seems in a fog or dream world
- · Comes to school early, does not want to go home
- · Sees self as failure
- · Troublesome at school
- · Does no homework, refuses to try
- · Destroys completed written work
- · Destroys books, assignments and learning aids or toys

- · Is withdrawn, overactive, underactive and/or lethargic (depressed)
- · Is cruel to classmates
- · Lies, steals from classmates, school
- · Breaks objects or damages school property
- · Frequently absent or late for school

Indicators with Parents and Family

- · Promises but does not follow up on recommendations
- Fails to keep appointments and/or refuses help from school or other resources
- · Abuses alcohol or other drugs
- · Lifestyle of relative isolation from relatives, friends
- · History of abuse or neglect as a child
- · Disorganized, chaotic home life
- · History of chronic illness
- · Gives impression of resignation and feeling that nothing makes much difference anyway

• Failure to provide supervision of children (This is the most frequent cause of child death and should not be minimized)

NOTE Again, any one of these indicators could be attributable to a specific life event or other trauma. A pattern of behavior is the strongest indicator of abuse and should not be ignored.

Be careful that racist school administrators do not apply any of these to your child (being Black). They will attempt this as an effort of malice.

Though parents should be held responsible for the well being of their children, children are exposed to many other influences that cause them to display or acquire some of the above traits of neglect. For instance, when children go to schools that are under funded or poorly managed, they may begin to display sign of restlessness, frustration and bitterness toward classmates and teachers.

The cases of the school shootings during the late 90s are indicators that society has an influence on the emotional and mental neglect of our children. Though experts sought hard to place blame on the parents, and it was the only logical explanation from the eyes of many other people, the kids who turned to violence to express their frustrations were children who came from prominent families.

This means that a child can be cared for properly financially and never has to exhibit the signs of outright neglect, but they are suffering inside emotionally and mentally, which merits a form of neglect culturally. Children are a product of their environment and whether that environment is a dysfunctional family and

home life, or a public institution that has pushed non-traditional values and ideas into their heads, the child will show outward signs of neglect in one form or another.

We must realize that the best care for a child is a healthy environment in and out of the home. This means that the schools they attend reflect the values of the family. It means that the surrounding community should provide a safe haven for the children, which calls for lawmakers and legislation for safe streets and programs that will encourage our children instead of threaten them with confinement.

We have turned into punishers instead of teachers and encouragers. We debate as to whether or not to send a child to the electric chair instead of looking deep into that child's mind to see if there is anything that could be changed or preserved preferably life instead of an early death. We should think again about who actually neglect our children.

Is it the current trends, is it the parents? Or is it the fact that we use our children as an excuse to fulfill our own agendas, politically, economically, and selfishly so. If it is all "for the children," then let us make sure we as adults know what is best for the next generation and not what is the next best definition for another politically correct trend.

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Provoking and Abuse

Ask some men why they hit women and many will swear they are provoked, and some people would agree that some women do possess a seditious behavior that summons a man to swing on them. As horrible an act as it may be for a man possessing twice the strength of a female to assert violence against that female, reason struggles against human nature when questioning this act.

Of the many emotions we as humans' experience, there are a few that take control regardless of how hard we attempt to sustain that emotion. For example, anger, jealousy, and hatred are emotions that by nature are more difficult to bring under control than say sadness or grief. Though there are times where the latter two can overwhelm some people, the former are ones that when nurtured long enough, can develop into obsessions that determine our every action.

In a situation of a man and woman having an argument about the most menial thing, harbored anger, jealousy, frustration or resentment can be brought to a serious fume through the art of emotional manipulation. If a woman knows how far to go with a man or what buttons to push, she can and will use that knowledge to infuriate him to the breaking point or right before, and vise versa, but rarely vise versa. Most times, it is the man that attacks the woman thus we have an abusive male.

Now, not to take these words the wrong way, men who hit women should be classified on the same level as men who abuse children- sexually and/or physically, as infidels and sociopathological misfits. (A man who hits a woman is obviously not using his mind but obeying his emotions). And many men are not as

emotionally strong as others and do not have proper knowledge of controlling their feelings. On the other hand, many women are not as knowledgeable about when to digress in an argument with a man nor of what artillery to use in an argument. Or vise versa.

If the two are ignorant in either area, there will definitely be a fight because neither has complete control over their own feelings, yet more so over the other's. Only when either of the two are mature and do understand the boundaries and intensity of their emotions and the other's, will there be less of a chance of an abusive encounter. Knowing self (what you will and will not tolerate in a relationship beforehand) is primary in controlling self and knowing the limits of the other comes next.

If a woman has the right ammunition to fuel the fires of an argument and that man is not mentally prepared to defend against her attack, he will blow and possibly hurt her. If the woman knows she has the ammunition yet proceeds anyway, she sets herself up for an attack and if the man attacks, though he is wrong for attacking, she is wrong for provoking the attack because she loaded the gun, even though he pulled the trigger. Now she is the victim and he is the abuser.

Some men are simply too insecure and unsure about their manhood and it does not take a woman to provoke him, he is just an abusive man, and it is this type man who deserves just punishment. Yet there is a scientific and psychological difference in profile of a man who becomes the victim of mental and emotional manipulation, especially by a woman that knows what she is doing. It is these women that the American judicial system has as of yet profiled as domestically criminal.

In a society that thinks on the surface, there is no real justice, only justice based on stipulated definitions of criminal activity. Without understanding of the human mind, soul, and spirit, society will remain in a primitive state of being regardless of how high we stretch technology, academia, or science.

Human behavior acts only out of response to the surrounding society. If the pattern of abuse toward women has escalated over time, it is not because men are naturally abusive, but because the social demands and stigmas of society have intervened into the relationship of men and women. From the beginning of time, man has abused women and this will be a factor until the last day of humanity, the revelation as to avoiding abuse in a relationship comes in knowing and understanding human behavior.

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Verbally and Psychologically Abusing Your Children

The fastest way to destroy the self-esteem and character in a child is to direct malicious verbal words at that child's abilities and accomplishments. When it comes from a peer or anyone else outside the home it can be tolerated more because there is no permanent bond to the attacker. But when verbal abuse comes from a loved one such as a parent or other sibling on a daily basis, it hurts deeply and causes hostility to build within.

When your son or daughter does not make the bed correctly or fast enough, or when they fail to clean the dishes as they wash them, or bring home higher grades than you did when you were in school, calling that child stupid, lazy, dumb, or incompetent will never get positive results from that child. Even worst, cursing at children will surely birth a cursing child, and when the teacher calls your job complaining that Jimmy has cursed her and his classmates out, there is no need to punish the child; punish yourself.

Many parents take their frustrations out on their children unconsciously. If something has troubled a person and their own self-esteem have been hurt, many people turn to another, usually a weaker vessel to relieve them of the pain. Most of the time only a higher authority can do severe damage to one's personal esteem or character because most people disregard the words of someone they consider below their levels of accomplishment. This is why the authority of a parent can do much damage to a child.

The authority of a parent is a valuable one that must be used for positive development and not negative. Just because you are a parent does not mean you have the right to continually verbally and psychologically abuse your child. If you find yourself calling your child names or cursing at them through your own frustration, there is most certainly something in your life that has you under extreme stress. A daily evaluation of your surroundings and activities that may cause you stress should be done to avoid problems in the home.

Past experiences not confronted from your life could surface at a time during child rearing. Many memories of childhood usually surface when parents raise children of their own, which could sometimes bring pinned up feelings of anger or depression. This, in turn, results in the verbal, psychological, and sometimes physical abuse of a child.

Many people can confess that they were never physically abused as a child but many cannot say they were not verbally or psychologically abused. Some do not even realized they were abused in that manner during their childhood. People with bad attitudes, emotional swings, and negative views toward life in general would signal the act of past verbal and psychological abuse.

Counseling is not necessarily an antidote to healing the abused mind. A positive relationship could counter this type emotional disturbance in a person's life better than an informal relationship with a total stranger. A good marriage or friendship would help a person to learn to trust, feel good about themselves, and to pass that support down to their children.

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Whites More Likely to be Drug Addicts than Blacks

As illegal drugs continue to find its way into the country to be sold on the black market, our children, all children, will continue to be more susceptible to drug use. The drug dealer - as portrayed by the media - is

usually a young Black youth, but people should realize that the typical drug dealer is actually from the prestigious sector of society, as is the typical drug user.

Since whites have more accessibility to the drug market, they are usually the first ones to experiment with and profit from drugs. The trickle down effect eventually makes its way to the lower end of the social sector - the urban streets and ghettos - and Blacks then practice drug dealing and abuse in a more glitzy way.

Overall, drug use among whites rarely go reported to the public, as do the uses and practices of drugs by Blacks. Below are the most recent stats about drug use and white America.

Marijuana

In 2002, marijuana was the third most commonly abused drug mentioned in drug-related hospital emergency department (ED) visits in the continental United States.

The latest treatment data indicate that, in 2000, marijuana was the primary drug of abuse in about 15 percent (236,638) of all admissions to treatment facilities in the United States. Marijuana admissions were primarily male (76 percent), White (57 percent), and young (46 percent under 20 years old). Those in treatment for primary marijuana use had begun use at an early age; 56 percent had used it by age 14 and 92 percent had used it by 18.

Club Drugs

MDMA (ecstasy), Rohypnol, GHB, and ketamine are among the drugs used by teens and young adults who are part of a nightclub, bar, rave, or trance scene.

Raves and trance events are generally night-long dances, often held in warehouses. Many who attend raves and trances do not use drugs, but those who do may be attracted to their generally low cost, and to the intoxicating highs that are said to deepen the rave or trance experience. Current science, however, is showing changes to critical parts of the brain from use of these drugs.

MDMA (Ecstasy)

MDMA (3-4 methylenedioxymethamphetamine) is a synthetic, psychoactive drug chemically similar to the stimulant methamphetamine and the hallucinogen mescaline. Street names for MDMA include "ecstasy," "XTC," and "hug drug."

Drug use data sources for 21 metropolitan areas nationwide indicate that MDMA, once used primarily as a club drug, is being used in a number of other social settings.

Crack and Cocaine

Overall, annual cocaine use increased in each grade from the early 1990s until 1998 or 1999 and has subsequently stabilized or declined somewhat. Among 12th-graders, the rate increased from 3.1 percent in 1992 to 6.2 percent in 1999, declined significantly to 5.0 percent in 2000, and remained stable through 2003 at 4.8 percent.

Among 10th-graders, the rate increased from 1.9 percent in 1992 to 4.9 percent in 1999. In 2003, 3.3 percent of 10th-graders reported annual cocaine use, significantly below the peak in 1999, though year-to-year changes were not significant. Among 8th-graders, 1.1 percent reported annual cocaine use in 1991, a figure that increased to 3.0 percent in 1996, hovered around that point for several years, then dropped to 2.2 percent in 2003-significantly below the 1996 high point.

In 2002, 33.9 million Americans age 12 and over reported lifetime use of cocaine, and 8.4 million of these reported using crack. About 5.9 million reported annual use of cocaine, and 1.6 million of these reported using crack. About 2 million reported 30-day use of cocaine, and 567,000 of these reported using crack.

The percentage of youth ages 12 to 17 reporting lifetime use of cocaine increased from 2.3 percent in 2001 to 2.7 percent in 2002. Among young adults ages 18 to 25, the rate increased from 14.9 percent in 2001 to 15.4 percent in 2002.

LSD

Since 1975, MTF researchers have annually surveyed almost 17,000 high school seniors nationwide to determine trends in drug use and to measure attitudes and beliefs about drug abuse.

Over the past 2 years, the percentage of seniors who have used LSD has remained relatively stable. Between 1975 and 1997, the lowest lifetime use of LSD was reported by the class of 1986, when 7.2 percent of seniors reported using LSD at least once in their lives.

In 1997, 13.6 percent of seniors had experimented with LSD at least once in their lifetimes. The percentage of seniors reporting use of LSD in the past year nearly doubled from a low of 4.4 percent in 1985 to 8.4 percent in 1997.

Almost 51 percent of seniors said it would have been fairly easy or very easy for them to get LSD if they had wanted it.

Methamphetamine

MTF assesses the extent of drug use among adolescents (8th-, 10th-, and 12th-graders) and young adults across the country. Recent data from the survey indicate the following:

- In 2003, 6.2 percent of high school seniors had reported lifetime use of methamphetamine, statistically unchanged from 6.9 percent in 2001. Lifetime use was measured at 5.2 percent of 10th grade students and 3.9 percent of 8th-graders.
- Annual use remained stable at 3.3 percent in 2003 among 10th-graders and at 3.2 percent among seniors.

Source from: http://www.nida.nih.gov/Infofax/Infofaxindex.html

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White Man's Heaven, Black Man's Hell

Do not think for one minute that an all loving God condones such treatment of His people. Control of this sort reveals deep-seated psychological troubles of a demonic sort, not of any god-like characteristic.

Hatred for Black humanity is entrenched in this man's mind and such supremacist activity is a dream come true to him. Seeing Black souls and bodies desperate for basic survival needs is what he dreams of in his demented state of mind. He needs to feel this way to satisfy that twisted lust born to him of his father, Satan.

He is most happy when Blacks are down to this point, where he has complete control under the barrels of death, destruction, and the murderous games of hunter vs. the hunted. Do not be deceived, this is the white man's heaven. The one he seeks to bring to pass upon the world of people of color.

The devil himself has hatched this grand scheme of despair against a people defenseless, weak and at a low point where he can kick and throw salt into their wounds, like whips, branding irons, bullets and sink his greedy teeth into our children's souls to drink their blood and smear it over his hands.

Sickness and disease belong to him all over the world. This is the white man's heaven. God of all humanity knows and sees and will allow until that day of redemption, revenge, and destruction, in which this man will bring upon us all, including himself. Little does he know.

Evil lingers within his mind against Blacks who he blames for the troubles of the world. He says we (blacks) are the problem when images such as this show plainly who the problem is. Who domination, violence, and death belong to. The evils of white men.

Pray my children; this is the white man's heaven, and our hell.

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Delinquent Children of Delinquent Parents

Addressing this issue from a realistic perspective, children only become delinquent as a result of delinquent parenting. Studies show that preventing a child from becoming delinquent must begin with good parenting skills and by understanding what reasons children stray toward delinquency. Some of the most common reasons are below:

• Children are harboring bitterness and anger toward one or both parents. Why child harbors anger toward a parent can be the result of a recent divorce or breakup of the parents or even a new marriage, and the child may feel mistreated or neglected by the parent as compared to others.

These are legitimate reasons for a child to show anger toward a parent simply because many parents are not aware how to relate to their child in such situations. These are normally times for the parent to grow and learn and they often forget about the child's growth.

• An argumentative household where the parents argue and curse at one another will quickly give any child a complex. They become defensive because this is normally the mood in the house when one parent is defending him or herself against the other. Children take this mood and incorporate it into their character and it surfaces at school and around friends, which leads to hostile social relationships.

• The parents are juvenile or delinquent in their own behavior. When adults act under their age range by participating in reckless lifestyles, such as having the "party" mentality, entertaining many friends in the home with alcohol and or doing drugs, the child will believe this life is a normal one.

They will adopt many of their parent's traits and grow to live the same lives. When parents do such things as steal cable, watch bootleg movies, purchase stolen goods, cheat on taxes or any other system of society, the child will take notice and believe that every one cheats, drinks, does drugs, and or parties.

• The child is left alone for hours and maybe days at a time. More often than reported, children are left to fend for themselves. There have been reports from school authorities that children come to school with bad hygiene, malnourished because no one is home to cook or there is no food in the house, in addition to the physical abuse of children teachers notice.

Even when children are left at home alone for three to 4 hours everyday because the parent is working they can become bitter overtime for feeling neglected and unloved. Children need to feel love from their parents or they will seek it elsewhere.

• Children are not disciplined effectively. Despite what mainstream culture passes as modern day discipline for children, i.e., timeout discipline, child-parent contracts, and restricting and confiscating play-things, as opposed to a good ole' spanking and a two hour lecture afterward about what is acceptable and what is not.

Not to imply that spanking cures all, but if it is practiced early on when children are very young like two and 3, there is a better chance that that child will heed all warnings afterward and well into their teen years. A parent may never have to spank their child again if the rules and hierarchy of authority is enforced from the beginning.

• Children get bitter when they feel the parent is showing favoritism toward other siblings or someone new to the family such as a new spouse or a boyfriend or girlfriend. Many parents are guilty of this and do not realize that it truly affects the child. Children see more affection and attention being given to another and they experience jealousy, which leads to resentment.

When any of the above issues go unresolved they become deep-seated disorders within a child. Low self esteem, depression, and disrespect become entrenched in the child and they display their anger in forms

of rebellion. Not all acts of juvenile delinquency result in court and or jail time, but can resort to drug use, teen pregnancies, and runaways, even suicide.

Once the problems become deep-rooted, the child seeks to fill the voids left by parents. There are hundreds of immoral and illegal acts that children find to fill these voids and by the time they begin to practice them it is almost too late to reestablish the parent-child bond. When the bond is permanently broken the relationship becomes a power struggle between the parent and the child, which often leads to either violence or the parent disowning the child.

There are many cases where parents have tossed their child into the world too early because they have failed to raise that child properly and it's too late to start again. There is no such thing as a child who is born a bad seed, but there is something called bad parenting.

2003 by C.R. Hamilton

Defense Rest: on the Case of Whites Hate, Blacks Are Angry

Just recently, Afromerica published an article on how foolish it is for people to attribute hate to Blacks when whites are more prone to hate and violence against Blacks while Blacks are guilty of anger at most. Angry at what? The article below, as current news from the AP explains why.

According to AP information, which "was supplied by 12,711 local law enforcement agencies nationwide covering nearly 87 percent of the U.S. population."

"Racial prejudice lay behind more than half the 7,649 hate crimes reported to the FBI in 2004, the bureau said Monday. Hate crimes against black Americans were most prevalent.

The number of race-based incidents rose by 5 percent last year to 4,042 from 3,844. Authorities identified prejudice against blacks in 2,731 of those crimes, the FBI said."

If this country continues to allow this type hate against Blacks to control their actions, not long from now will there come an up-rise this country will never forget. And many will lose children.

There is something looming in the air that Blacks need to seriously consider. Why when it is Islamic radicals that hate America and all she stands for the most are whites directing their hatred toward Blacks.

Simple fear of the Black presence.

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Generational Crime:

Why Some Generations are more Prone to Commit Crimes than Others

Do today's children deserve to be labeled as "corrupt", "unruly", and just plain "bad?" Or are there other factors we need to consider before supposing that this generation of youth is beyond rehabilitation? For instance, speaking from the generation X perspective - anyone born after 1960 - one could say that our parents were just as horrible and crime ridden than we are. Likewise, children of generation Y - anyone born to a generation X parent - could say that at least they are not as psychologically disturb as their parents.

Putting this issue in a more readable perspective, we will analyze the crime rate over a period of years, particularly the murder rates because they are one of the most valid elements of the UCR (Uniform Crime Rate) data because murders are more likely to be reported to authorities. "From the year 1946, (at the end of World War II), the United States experienced the "baby boom" which continued throughout to 1960 and brought forth an unprecedented increase in the number of births. As a result the number of people in the most crime-prone age group expanded very rapidly beginning in the early 1960s, as those born in the late 1940s and early 1950s became teenagers.

After 1960 the country entered a "baby bust" in which many fewer young people were born. This resulted in a much smaller group in the crime-prone age bracket beginning in the early 1980s. In 1946 the murder rates were at 6% per 100,000 people. It went as low as 4.5% as the population dropped throughout to the mid 1960s and then dramatically increased from then on up to the early 1980s as high as 10% per 100,000 people as the population increased" (Stockard, 2000).

Thus, the murder rate rises and falls according to the nation's birth rate. Therefore, this age effect concerning crime is defined as crime over time whereby age-based norms influence our actions. In other words, the "baby boomers" children - born after 1960 - were more prone to commit crimes, especially murder, than their parents were.

Now, studying the data from the children of the "baby boomers" (generation X), their children (generation Y), born between the 1980s to the present - which at most represent the age group from 14 years to seventeen years old - though the population has decreased, the murder and crime rates remain at or around 10%. This difference signifies an irregular pattern of behavior in today's youth in relation to population than the youth of the 1950s and 60s.

Though the population has decreased over time, violence is constantly on the rise. The reasoning behind why today's children would seem more violent than the children of the 50s and 60s would be obvious: television, video game violence, an increase of single-parent families, and widespread narcissism and individualism in the country. In brief, the breakdown of the family unit has contributed more to national violence than any other factor.

This would suggest that environmental surroundings and national well-being play a huge role in influencing the actions and character of children. The famous phrase "When I was a kid" may have to be retired to give way to a new phrase that states, "Here in your day." The fact that many "baby boomers" sit on local and national court benches passing out prison sentences to generation Xers and Ys can be viewed as a lop-sided world view and a total misunderstanding of what today's society has to offer.

The expectations of judicial officials can no longer be measured by the standards of "their day" but must be considered in terms of "our day." After all, it is their children and grand children that are the ones affected by the society they - the "baby boomers" have created. It is a society of dysfunctional families brought on by parental neglect, psychologically disturbed and troubled victims in a world of social selfishness, and thousands of emotionally scared cases of child abuse, molestation, and sexual genocide.

So, to answer the question of "why some generations are more prone to commit crimes than other generations," it is a simple matter of cause and effect. Until the "baby boomer" generation dies out (after draining the health care system and social security), unless the next generation has a plan to curtail simulated violence through entertainment and social selfishness, the country will continue to suffer a serial personality disorder.

2003 by C R Hamilton

Parents, Majority Victims of Juvenile Assault

At one time, no child would ever think of striking a parent let alone murdering one, but since times have changed, parenting techniques have changed, for the worst and not the better. More parents find it increasingly difficult to raise their children in light of today's moral backdrop.

Having to compete with television - which acts more as a babysitter than anything - with twisted music lyrics, the violence of video games and the pressures of peers, parenting skills have subsided, which diminishes the ability to discipline. And many parents have all but given up by turning child rearing over to all the above.

What suffers most are values, respect for authority, and the self-discipline it takes to maintain control over ones own actions. Society has turned out more juvenile criminals than ever before to the point where the American judicial system try teens as adults. This is because teens are committing crimes at one time only adults committed, such as murder, rape, and violent assaults.

The sad part is that adult victims of juvenile assault were family members. According to the most recent stats, "parents and stepparents accounted for 9% of all victims of aggravated assaults committed by juveniles and 13% of all simple assaults by juveniles. However, among assault victims older than 30, parents and stepparents accounted for much larger shares: 37% for aggravated assault and 52% for simple assault."

The parents most likely to be assaulted are those in the age range of 40-49. These are generation X parents who are the children of the Baby boomers. They are the ones who comprised the latchkey population of the early 70s. They are the first to actually experience separation from the family unit. Therefore, they grew with the same skills, to allow other forces to raise their children instead of themselves.

These stats say that there is definitely a lack of respect for parents today than there were 30 years ago. They also suggest that morals and values have failed in our society and are not as significant as they once were. There is a nonchalant mentality that has taken hold on today's youth, a feeling of apathy and indifference. They lack vision, encouragement, and a sense of security in the present world.

White and black children feel have less to live for, except from a different perspective. White children see dysfunctional families where security and tradition once reigned, and they see less parental involvement, while their parents work to become rich. Black children see the same but also the hardships suffered by their parents, more single parents, and less reason to build a family of their own. Instead of college as a vision, they see sports and music as saviors and place no faith in the family institution.

This indifference from teens and the abandonment of many parents concerning actual child rearing, has caused a rise in parental assault, brought on by resentment and anger. What makes the situation worst is that parents do not try to mend the pain their children suffer but resort to psychotherapy, drugs to control their children, and other outside expertise to alter their children's behavior.

If this cycle continues, in the next 20 years, America's family values will cease and morality will suffer much more. Assaults will increase to murder and simple arguments will lead to assaults on parents. The solution to this is one that society has not time for, which would be to restructure the family unit and return to the traditional family life. However, as times continue to change and people support this change and glamorize it, so will our troubles.

2004 by C.R. Hamilton

New Underground Railroad Needed as Black Men Flee the Pursuit of the U.S. Justice System

Hunted like runaway slaves, the Black male needs more support than ever from community leaders and leading Black gatekeepers instead of criticism and condemnation. As of December 2005, over 2 million prisoners occupy the U.S. Prison system, the largest incarceration rate in the civilized world, and at least 65% of those are Black males.

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, 3,145 Black males are sentenced per 100,000 Black men in the United States, compared to 1,244 Hispanic male inmates per 100,000 Hispanic males

and 471 white male inmates per 100,000 white males. These numbers are astonishing as well as questioning.

At first conclusion, one would tend to believe that Black male imprisonment is more needed than any other race of males in the U.S., implying Black males are criminal at heart and destine for a life of incarceration. No man is born a criminal and not one is destine for incarceration, except in the unproductive practices of the U.S. justice system.

No more an institute for rehabilitation, the U.S. prison system has repositioned itself as a system of collecting and housing bodies as possessions of the state to be further used by bidding corporate entities for production of cheap product goods and services, in addition to providing rural families with employment.

Black men have become a commodity in this systematic market and little effort to change this system has been attempted by anyone; politicians, activist groups, churches, and especially Black leaders. Instead, Black men have to carefully watch their steps to avoid fitting the national profile for potential incarceration.

During slavery, when Blacks sought to escape the pursuit of the slave masters and catchers, our brave sister, Harriet Tubman, accompanied by others, devised an escape route called the Underground Railroad to assist runaways in their search for freedom. Today, a new Underground Railroad has to be put into place to help Black males avoid being ensnared in the trap set for them by the U.S. justice system.

Anger and despair engulfs many Back males today because of lack of supervision, family structure, guidance, and support from those who should support them most, such as fathers, teachers, neighbors and of course the Back woman. Yes, there is much temptation in the "hoods" but Railroad stations must be put into place by concerned Black community groups, preferably the churches that will divert and transform all the negative energy in Black males into positive energy.

No help or solutions will come from the political system or the justice system because it is those systems that hunt our Black men, so any effort to get attention from those systems would be a waste of time. Innovation in the form creative action from schools, families, and volunteer community groups would do more because it is these institutions that have a better understanding of the Black male than anyone.

Sadly, society and even the Black community itself have become complacent with what is happening to the Black male population and have seemingly given up, believing that Black men are of no use and hopeless. This is untrue, the problem is there are no institutions in this society that have acknowledge the problem and decided to take action to reverse the trend.

When an issue is treated as untreatable, then the issue will of course only get worse, but negative imagery of Black males in the U.S. society has gained a strength that only seems unbreakable, yet is not. Divine intervention is needed to break the yoke of persecution against Black men.

Black leaders must stop depending on politicians and political policies to end the struggle for Black equality and begin taking to the streets erecting Railroad stations that address the problems as needed, with love, power, and a will to defeat this modern day institution of U.S. re-enslavement of Black males.

Mar 2007 by C.R. Hamilton

Spanking Your Child:

Do you use spankings to discipline your child

One thing definitely different among cultures in the U.S including Blacks, whites, Asians, Hispanics and other minorities, is the parental method for disciplining children. The going stereotype is that whites are the least group to use spanking as a discipline whereas Blacks and Hispanics are known to spank and whip their children religiously [no pun intended]. Asians are known for using practical forms of discipline which involves some physical and some mental techniques, but overall, the majority of parents, regardless of what race or culture, belief spanking is more effective.

According to the poll below more parents believe in spanking when nothing else works or when they have simply had enough. Only small percentages believe that spanking does not work and would never use this method. So why has there been laws passed to make spanking your child a type of social crime? Because most of the people who pass these laws and vote for these laws probably have no children and lead miserable lives.

Choice	Votes	Out of 9669 Votes
No, never.	897	9%
Rarely.	1643	17%
Sometimes.	3692	38%
Yes.	3437	36%

The reason spanking is more effective than say "time-out" or withholding child favorites or confining them to the house is because spanking comes from deep within the heart of the parent and not from the mind per se. If you think too long and hard before laying your strap to the butt, you probably will not. But if you are driven by a natural parental instinct, the first thing - the gut reaction - usually brings out the belt.

However, some factors come into play when a parent considers spanking the child, such as the child's age, the severity of the child's behavior, and the persistence of that behavior.

Child's Age

There are certain ages that spanking and whippings are more effective on children. When a child is old enough to know what he or she is doing, say 2-4, then they are old enough to know what not to do. Spanking at this age is the best time because the parent established boundaries and set limits on the child's behavior. This is also a good time to teach the child manners and politeness.

When the child reaches 7-10, they need whippings, not spankings. Every now and then a child at this age will do things to try the attention span of the parent and to test them as to what they can get away with. They can be sneaky, manipulative, and attempt to undermine the parent's intelligence by establishing themselves a loop-hold in the child-parent relationship. When the parent realizes what the child is up to, it is a good idea to attempt to change the child's behavior without physical punishment but with firm warnings, then when they take advantage of the situation, the belt should come out. If you began spanking your child at the ripe ages, you will find that you will not have to spank them at the next age level as often, maybe once or twice.

When children reach the teen years, spanking are no more, whippings should not be, but instead a mature and reasonable conversational level should have been established. If the child is unruly in teenage years it is probably because there was no early physical discipline. Parents who find they have tried everything from spankings to whippings to talking and punishments and the child remains a problem, they tend to give up on the child and not look at themselves as a possible cause.

Severity of the Behavior

"If you neglect to discipline your child you can believe that the police will do it. The police can beat and kill your child for not obeying their command, and that is "in the line of duty". If for no other reason than to save their life there is a need for spankings at times." (Quote from author of survey).

Parents who find their children involved in criminal acts at young ages should seriously consider their surroundings and their own lifestyles. Some children begin stealing as young as 8 and 9, not bubblegum from the grocery store checkout counter, but friend's toys, school property, and games and videos from department stores. For these crimes, the judicial system will easily consider that child a juvenile offender and recommend juvenile sentencing. Not very often do they call the parents and let the child go.

When children reach teen years possessing this mindset, they are headed for more troubles. Peer pressure is harder for them to escape and they have something to offer in the way of advice for their friends who also steal and do other illegal things.

Many single mothers face such situations and feel they have tried everything and have nowhere else to turn. But they do. They can go to family members or close friends and positive role models in the community for support. They can seek out fatherly and motherly type figures for their child if that part of the child's life has been lacking. Many times children are acting out of frustration of an empty void gone unfilled.

If things are more than the parent can handle, the parent should consult a professional for that child and for themselves. If the frustrations build too high and are suppressed too deep it could lead to abuse of the

child or even neglect. Never allow your feelings of anger and frustration to dictate how you discipline your child and never discipline your child from feelings of anger and frustration.

Persistence of Behavior

If a child is young and begins a strange habit or abnormal behavior of a disciplinary sort that a parent feels should not be rewarded with spanking, then professional help should be sought. If the child continues to show signs of behavioral problems throughout into the adolescence stage but seems normal in all other areas of behavior, then spanking may be an option.

Continued disciplinary problems should not go unpunished because they never do in real life. If a person (an adult) is considered a repeat offender they are sentenced to longer terms in prison. A child who continuously acts out should be disciplined at some point to show them that they cannot do whatever they want and get away, especially if the child is treating other children and siblings wrong. They must learn to behave and showing them that there is always someone in life bigger and badder than them will bring them down to reality and prepare them for real life.

When children continue to show bad behavior, this is a good time not to spare the rod. Children are sweet and loving beings but they can be manipulative and they do have sense enough to know when their parent(s) are wimps. They will use this knowledge to control the parent and to get away with anything they want, and this is not a good public relations skill for real life.

2003 by C.R. Hamilton

The Truth about the Sag

To all young Black men; to all fathers, mothers and sistahs locked with young brothers who wear their pants on or below their butts; here is a truth Afromerica thinks you should know about the sag style. Prison inmate intimacy is the root.

From the mouth of a brother recently release from one of the northeast most hardcore prisons comes this truth. No longer concerned about his own dignity but more concerned about the dignity and reputation of young Black men everywhere, this brother reveals the secrets of prison intimacy among young men.

He tells us that when a new inmate has resorted to wearing the pants of his blues around the middle of his butt, it is a prison message for his manhood is ready for breaking, and when he wears it down below his butt, he already belongs to someone inside.

The myth that this trend came from having belts confiscated from inmates, which caused their pants to sag is not accurate, but have only help further glamorize the image of prison apparel among today's urban and suburban youth.

They believe it a 'hard' image to portray among other youth in the hood, never even having been behind bars. However, once the truth gets out about the meaning of the sag, more youth should reconsider how they wear their pants or the wrong message about them will be taken.

Please pass this message along to someone you may know who has a young son that wears their gear like so. Tell them they must reconsider the trend and make an effort to change. Their manhood is at stake.

Aug. 2007 by C.R. Hamilton

Now that we have a Real Problem

In a sympathetic moment, the average person would readily pardon the crime of a juvenile delinquent under the assumption the youth is only a youth and they do not have the slightest clue what they are doing. But that view is changing and people, and the courts, are fed up with young people who commit crimes just because they were bored. A rising issue in America's courts is whether to try juveniles as adults, seeing more of them are committing adult crimes, such as murder, rape, and personal assaults against law abiding citizens. Well, the fact is that juveniles have been committing crimes for many years only gone unnoticed in the media. The reason it is gaining attention in today's society is that the criminals are becoming younger, more organized, more vicious, and may it be said, more whiter.

When black-on-black crime was running rampant during the late seventies and early eighties because of the pushing of crack cocaine, and there was a drive by shooting on every urban street corner in the nineties; and even though many of the victims were innocent kids, the issue was undoubtedly winked at. Now that the criminals are young white males, and females, and the victims are other privileged whites youths, and/or their parents, the issue has attracted the attention of every neo-liberal activist group in the nation. What does this really say about the priorities of this country?

Blacks remain at second class status regardless of what successful Blacks are occupying what public office, and those who have overcome the supposed curse of poverty. While ignoring the murders and crime rates in the inner cities, suburban-class families were also ignoring the well being of their own families. Talk about irony.

Now what do we do? We watch the suburbia legacy drown in drugs, teen sex, immorality and self-pity while the urban communities recover from a long and difficult drought of the same. Now that it is a "national problem", the solution will miraculously come; one that was there all along. Gun control, as opposed to manufacturing and shipping the Uzi's to Harlem and South Central and all the other projects of America, would be a start. Now we can curb the violence among our youth since it poses a real threat to the very structure of society. Now, we must pay attention to the demands of our children and make sure we are not setting bad examples for them to follow.

Surprisingly enough, the hypocrisy of the judicial system of this country cannot go unmerited. When sentencing young black juvenile offenders to adulterous prison terms, although they were doing it in the name justice, the injustice the offenders suffered was not totally due to an unsympathetic mind. For, they are sentencing young white offenders to prison terms too.

Racism may not be a factor in racial profiling no more than simple ignorance of the definition of true justice. In other words, the justice system of this country is not only color conscious, but they are judgmentally incompetent. They really do not know what to do with a disobedient child no matter what color. Therefore, they lock up offenders and throw away the key. They close eyes to any alternative forms of discipline and enforce laws written at the spur of the moment and based on public outcry. They choose to make an example of any child, or case, which they do not understand.

On the other hand, to be a victim of a murderer or a murdered child, one would say, yes, fry the bastard; and, to be white and the victim of a black deviant, yes, fry the bastard. Nevertheless, to be the victim in a culture that holds social norms up to the eyes of the world and then cast away one of the young bastards can be an eye-opening experience. Sad to say, America is one of the few countries that sentence juvenile offenders to the death penalty, in the company of countries like Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq. Not even China or Russia executes or imprison children for life terms.

Racial profiling and inner city crime is not all that bad according to the judicial system compared to the school shootings and parental homicides of suburbia delinquency, you see, blacks and the gangster mentality that plagued urban neighborhoods in the past, and the stereotypes and prison sentencing slapped upon them are not the problem. The young, white children are.

2003 by C.R. Hamilton

Why Police Brutalize

Police brutality and excessive force have become a concern not only in the Black community, but in many low-income communities around the country. Few, if ever any cases are heard of police brutalizing or using excessive force on white collar criminals. Do you know why? Because the police today are cowards.

The question or concern is not so much as to why police are killing Black men at the rate they are, that is a given (because in definitive terms of white America, Black is bad), the incident in Waco Texas squashes any theories as to the astuteness of America's law enforcement discretion.

The question or concern should be what causes them to disregard any efforts at judgment when pertaining to a human life thus causing them to absolutely freak out and pull the trigger. This hypothesis is not only determined by simple racial common sense, but by the demographics of their upbringing, the color of their skin, (which involves genetic blemishes of racism), and to what extent they believe the hype.

The hype of racial stereotypes placed on Black men along with the white man's overwhelming insecurity of power loss, (coupled with the need for power), lack of proper training, deep-seated anger, ignorance, arrogance, and an age-old fear of hand-to-hand i.e., cowardness, explains why police kill without a trial, particularly Blacks.

Also, the Black life has always been of little value to whites. Regardless of whom that Black person is. We were throw in the ocean by the millions, hunted and shot like game, hung, burned, chopped up, snipped, and whatever other psychopathic tactics of extermination whites could conjure up and justify, and to this day that mind-set still reigns when low-income Blacks cross the path of an angry, racist white cop.

Yet this mindset is not prevalent only in police, but in judges, District Attorneys, Prosecutors, prison guards, and at all levels of the justice system. The Black life means nothing and is but a waste, a burden, or a menace to 'their' society, thus the need for social and systematic elimination.

The only reason Black cops shoot and kill Black boys or are involved in a police shooting of one, is because they want to fit in, are indirectly protecting their white officers, or have been raised around whites and they too, believe the hype. However, their reasons and overall motives are very different from white police killers'.

Many white boys with guns become psychopathic, power-hungry, and boastfully authoritative. Whatever prep talks are preached in police role calls, they all lack one vital factor for protecting and securing the community; and that thing is called courage.

May 2007 by CR Hamilton

The Hypocrisy of America's Rule of Law on Illegal Immigration

First, considering the fact that "The Americas" does not rightfully belong to white Europeans of any stock or breed, neither Mexicans nor Blacks should have to be unjustly subjugated to the stipulated legalities of Euro-American law. However, those who write the laws can obviously choose to obey them or change them when situations permit.

But for the sake of argument, let us talk about hypocrisy! If it is illegal, should it not undergo the proceedings of the justice system, from local law enforcement to the courts, to the Supreme Court? Obviously, not where it pertains to the illegalities of immigrants - of all nationalities - who spill into the country and obtain basic services afforded to legal citizens. One has to ask why the US is allowing its laws to be blatantly broken.

Thousands of people considered "Illegal" walk through the streets of America shouting about things they want without any law enforcement intervention. What is most confusing and hypocritical, is the fact that since 911, 2001, the American government has talked big talk about terrorism and terrorist cells operating

from within the borders of its own country, devised strategic plans of deterrence, implemented a whole nother government department "Homeland Security", yet they cannot logically comprehend what 2 and 2 is. Thus, in a confusing state of stupidness, they tighten down on American citizens through the use of surveillance and identification; yet have a difficult time securing what would obviously be the biggest hole in national security, the borders.

In a humanist attempt to include what they deem as "honest and hardworking" immigrants, the US government have totally ignored their own rules of law to pander to activist and interest groups in a plea for political support; what type strategy is this, as the saying goes - to cut off ones nose despite their face.

If all illegal immigrants had been Black, can anyone honestly believe that the situation would be the same? Not because the notion begs the question of racial profiling, but points out the apparent disdain for people shades darker than white. There would be such a round up of Black illegal immigrants and such a show of law enforcement that the world would have thought America had lost it "never-loving" mind.

Do not take this the wrong way, this is not a play of the race card but to prove the point that when the socalled "rule of law" comes into play, one has to consider color in the grand scheme of things simply because of the racial make-up and emphasis of the country, and rulers of the country.

Remember, this all started when Mexican President Vincent Fox claimed that Mexicans do jobs that Black people will not, let us not lose that small point. This is the base of the entire argument, thus race is not completely irrelevant. That statement dug deep into the subconscious of millions of Americans whereas they see Mexicans as the next wave of Civil Rights activist, and they will come to their aid quicker because they have become much more passive about race relations.

Nevertheless, Blacks who support illegal immigration should consider the fact that, beyond a shadow of a doubt, if this was an issue in true Black and white, there would be no question as to what the law would conclude. Hypocrisy at its best has taken hold of American opinion: from whites, to Mexicans, to ignorant and forgetful Blacks; The American justice system is a complete joke.

May 2006 By CR Hamilton

Jim Crow Mind-Set

From the 1880s into the 1960s, a majority of American states enforced segregation through "Jim Crow" laws (so called after a black character in minstrel shows). From Delaware to California, and from North Dakota to Texas, many states (and cities, too) could impose legal punishments on people for consorting with members of another race. The most common types of laws forbade intermarriage and ordered business owners and public institutions to keep their black and white clientele separated.

Many of the laws below, though unconstitutional by today's standards, are embedded in the mind-sets of millions of white, and some Blacks too. By using your own imagination and experiences, I'm sure you can attribute more than five (5) of these laws to a mind-set of today. Have fun.

Here is a sampling of laws from various states:

Nurses No person or corporation shall require any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed. Alabama

Buses All passenger stations in this state operated by any motor transportation company shall have separate waiting rooms or space and separate ticket windows for the white and colored races. Alabama

Railroads The conductor of each passenger train is authorized and required to assign each passenger to the car or the division of the car, when it is divided by a partition, designated for the race to which such passenger belongs. Alabama

Restaurants It shall be unlawful to conduct a restaurant or other place for the serving of food in the city, at which white and colored people are served in the same room, unless such white and colored persons are effectually separated by a solid partition extending from the floor upward to a distance of seven feet or higher, and unless a separate entrance from the street is provided for each compartment. Alabama

Pool and Billiard Rooms It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with each other at any game of pool or billiards. Alabama

Toilet Facilities Male Every employer of white or negro males shall provide for such white or negro males reasonably accessible and separate toilet facilities. Alabama

Intermarriage The marriage of a person of Caucasian blood with a Negro, Mongolian, Malay, or Hindu shall be null and void. Arizona

Intermarriage All marriages between a white person and a negro, or between a white person and a person of negro descent to the fourth generation inclusive, are hereby forever prohibited. Florida

Cohabitation Any negro man and white woman, or any white man and negro woman, who are not married to each other, who shall habitually live in and occupy in the nighttime the same room shall each be punished by imprisonment not exceeding twelve (12) months, or by fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Florida

Education The schools for white children and the schools for negro children shall be conducted separately. Florida

Juvenile Delinquents There shall be separate buildings, not nearer than one-fourth mile to each other, one for white boys and one for negro boys. White boys and negro boys shall not, in any manner, be associated together or worked together. Florida

Mental Hospitals The Board of Control shall see that proper and distinct apartments are arranged for said patients, so that in no case shall Negroes and white persons be together. Georgia

Barbers No colored barber shall serve as a barber [to] white women or girls. Georgia

Burial The officer in charge shall not bury, or allow to be buried, any colored persons upon ground set apart or used for the burial of white persons. Georgia

Restaurants All persons licensed to conduct a restaurant, shall serve either white people exclusively or colored people exclusively and shall not sell to the two races within the same room or serve the two races anywhere under the same license. Georgia

Amateur Baseball It shall be unlawful for any amateur white baseball team to play baseball on any vacant lot or baseball diamond within two blocks of a playground devoted to the Negro race, and it shall be unlawful for any amateur colored baseball team to play baseball in any vacant lot or baseball diamond within two blocks of any playground devoted to the white race. Georgia

Parks It shall be unlawful for colored people to frequent any park owned or maintained by the city for the benefit, use and enjoyment of white persons...and unlawful for any white person to frequent any park owned or maintained by the city for the use and benefit of colored persons. Georgia

Wine and Beer All persons licensed to conduct the business of selling beer or wine...shall serve either white people exclusively or colored people exclusively and shall not sell to the two races within the same room at any time. Georgia

Reform Schools The children of white and colored races committed to the houses of reform shall be kept entirely separate from each other. Kentucky

Circus Tickets All circuses, shows, and tent exhibitions, to which the attendance of...more than one race is invited or expected to attend shall provide for the convenience of its patrons not less than two ticket offices with individual ticket sellers, and not less than two entrances to the said performance, with individual ticket takers and receivers, and in the case of outside or tent performances, the said ticket offices shall not be less than twenty-five (25) feet apart. Louisiana

Housing Any person...who shall rent any part of any such building to a negro person or a negro family when such building is already in whole or in part in occupancy by a white person or white family, or vice versa when the building is in occupancy by a negro person or negro family, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or be imprisoned not less than 10, or more than 60 days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Louisiana

The Blind The board of trustees shall...maintain a separate building...on separate ground for the admission, care, instruction, and support of all blind persons of the colored or black race. Louisiana

Intermarriage All marriages between a white person and a negro, or between a white person and a person of negro descent, to the third generation, inclusive, or between a white person and a member of the Malay race; or between the negro and a member of the Malay race; or between a person of Negro descent, to the third generation, inclusive, and a member of the Malay race, are forever prohibited, and shall be void. Maryland

Railroads All railroad companies and corporations, and all persons running or operating cars or coaches by steam on any railroad line or track in the State of Maryland, for the transportation of passengers, are hereby required to provide separate cars or coaches for the travel and transportation of the white and colored passengers. Maryland

Education Separate schools shall be maintained for the children of the white and colored races. Mississippi

Promotion of Equality Any person...who shall be guilty of printing, publishing or circulating printed, typewritten or written matter urging or presenting for public acceptance or general information, arguments or suggestions in favor of social equality or of intermarriage between whites and negroes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fine or not exceeding five hundred (500.00) dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or both. Mississippi

Intermarriage The marriage of a white person with a negro or mulatto or person who shall have oneeighth or more of negro blood, shall be unlawful and void. Mississippi

Hospital Entrances There shall be maintained by the governing authorities of every hospital maintained by the state for treatment of white and colored patients separate entrances for white and colored patients and visitors, and such entrances shall be used by the race only for which they are prepared. Mississippi

Prisons The warden shall see that the white convicts shall have separate apartments for both eating and sleeping from the negro convicts. Mississippi

Education Separate free schools shall be established for the education of children of African descent; and it shall be unlawful for any colored child to attend any white school, or any white child to attend a colored school. Missouri

Intermarriage All marriages between...white persons and negroes or white persons and Mongolians...are prohibited and declared absolutely void...No person having one-eighth part or more of negro blood shall be permitted to marry any white person, nor shall any white person be permitted to marry any negro or person having one-eighth part or more of negro blood. Missouri

Education Separate rooms [shall] be provided for the teaching of pupils of African descent, and [when] said rooms are so provided, such pupils may not be admitted to the school rooms occupied and used by pupils of Caucasian or other descent. New Mexico

Textbooks Books shall not be interchangeable between the white and colored schools, but shall continue to be used by the race first using them. North Carolina

Libraries The state librarian is directed to fit up and maintain a separate place for the use of the colored people who may come to the library for the purpose of reading books or periodicals. North Carolina

Militia The white and colored militia shall be separately enrolled, and shall never be compelled to serve in the same organization. No organization of colored troops shall be permitted where white troops are available, and while white permitted to be organized, colored troops shall be under the command of white officers. North Carolina

Transportation The...Utilities Commission...is empowered and directed to require the establishment of separate waiting rooms at all stations for the white and colored races. North Carolina

Teaching Any instructor who shall teach in any school, college or institution where members of the white and colored race are received and enrolled as pupils for instruction shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Oklahoma

Fishing, Boating, and Bathing The [Conservation] Commission shall have the right to make segregation of the white and colored races as to the exercise of rights of fishing, boating and bathing. Oklahoma

Mining The baths and lockers for the negroes shall be separate from the white race, but may be in the same building. Oklahoma

Telephone Booths The Corporation Commission is hereby vested with power and authority to require telephone companies...to maintain separate booths for white and colored patrons when there is a demand for such separate booths. That the Corporation Commission shall determine the necessity for said separate booths only upon complaint of the people in the town and vicinity to be served after due hearing as now provided by law in other complaints filed with the Corporation Commission. Oklahoma

Lunch Counters No persons, firms, or corporations, who or which furnish meals to passengers at station restaurants or station eating houses, in times limited by common carriers of said passengers, shall furnish said meals to white and colored passengers in the same room, or at the same table, or at the same counter. South Carolina

Child Custody It shall be unlawful for any parent, relative, or other white person in this State, having the control or custody of any white child, by right of guardianship, natural or acquired, or otherwise, to dispose of, give or surrender such white child permanently into the custody, control, maintenance, or support, of a negro. South Carolina

Libraries Any white person of such county may use the county free library under the rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner's court and may be entitled to all the privileges thereof. Said court shall make proper provision for the negroes of said county to be served through a separate branch or branches of the county free library, which shall be administered by [a] custodian of the negro race under the supervision of the county librarian. Texas

Education [The County Board of Education] shall provide schools of two kinds; those for white children and those for colored children. Texas

Theaters Every person...operating...any public hall, theatre, opera house, motion picture show or any place of public entertainment or public assemblage which is attended by both white and colored persons, shall separate the white race and the colored race and shall set apart and designate...certain seats therein to be occupied by white persons and a portion thereof, or certain seats therein, to be occupied by colored persons. Virginia

Railroads The conductors or managers on all such railroads shall have power, and are hereby required, to assign to each white or colored passenger his or her respective car, coach or compartment. If the passenger fails to disclose his race, the conductor and managers, acting in good faith, shall be the sole judges of his race. Virginia

Intermarriage All marriages of white persons with Negroes, Mulattos, Mongolians, or Malaya hereafter contracted in the State of Wyoming are and shall be illegal and void. Wyoming

The Children of Jim Crow

Anyone Black under the age of 50 can never imagine being forced to sit at the back of a bus, not able to enter certain restaurants, or being led to Black-labeled public facilities. However, this was the atmosphere a little over 50 years ago mainly in the Deep South and some parts of the north.

Everyday we see whites who partook in and enjoyed this social disenfranchisement as well as Blacks who suffered the same. Though the legal system has changed and Jim Crow laws no longer exist, and many minds have changed toward tolerance and acceptance of racial assimilation, the Jim Crow mind-set in the children of Jim Crow whites still linger.

To live in a society that awards you privileges above others of another race must have placed a larger burden of self-evaluation on many whites. They must have had to question by what means and rights they have above others or what makes them better and worthy of better treatment. On the other hand, there must have been many who truly believed they were and are better and more worthy of better treatment, which should be a very sought-after case for any of today's psychiatrist.

Questioning whether or not one is worthy of better treatment and social privilege over others takes an open mind; one that understands that people are people and their life chances depend on their environment in addition to personal desires, not on what color they are. To not raise that question to oneself, but accept things as laid-out by a privilege-based society, takes a mind that seeks self-satisfaction at the expense of others, even to the point of ignoring social injustice.

Because Jim Crow was the law passed by the United States court system, one must conclude that the majority of white America during that time was convinced that they were deserving of a better life based on the color of their skin and circumstantial position in life. Furthermore, this assumption would substantiate the fact that there are many of the same whites who live today over the age of 50 who still believe this.

Thus, if there are many whites today that secretly believe they are deserving of better treatment than people of color, particularly Blacks, then it is safe to assume that they have subconsciously taught their children, and their children's children, to believe the same. Granted, many of their children may not think so after taking a serious evaluation of themselves and life in general, but many more just as well have accept their white-privileged lot in this life.

If after serious evaluation of their life a child of Jim Crow chooses rather to see themselves as a person like everyone else and to treat others with the respect they would want, however, at what point would that

person decide to take advantage of their privilege, seeing white privilege still exist? The answer is; there is no certain point.

Whites believe they have first right to everything regardless of self-evaluation. Though they look deep within themselves and at society and see the injustice, they take full advantage of their privilege simply because it is there and is there as a given. This is what the residue of Jim has brought forth, the sin of rights of passage.

While Blacks continue to fight against modern day Jim Crow, whites enjoy all the benefits of post-Jim Crow yet without the guilt of the actual law. From home loans to health care to career positions to education, to the legal system, whites retain all rights to better treatment, which is a definite unspoken reality.

Black America needs to realize that we fight daily against the children of Jim Crow. The only difference is that if the treatment is not outright public, then we cannot fight it outright public. We must fight it on the same level it is dealt to us, which is psychologically case-by-case. Simply knowing that we live in a hidden Jim Crow society should give us enough ammunition to defend against it by arming ourselves accordingly. Refuse to be treated as second class and point out all injustices.

June 2007 by CR Hamilton

Race Revolution Pending

Racism made headlines today in two different variations; the racist media and the up-and-coming racism of white children. One headline reads: Foxnews.com "Talk-Radio Host Don Imus Apologizes for On-Air Racial Slurs Against Rutgers Women's Basketball Team," and the other reads: "Black Students' Books Defaced With Slurs on Louisiana School Trip." Both sheds light on Black America's 400 plus year plight in this country among these people.

Do not be surprised however, if neither incident is taken seriously or dealt with accordingly by anyone of the white persuasion in the higher-ups because it is this type behavior they indirectly encourage purposely to uphold white supremacy.

As long as they keep racist remarks against Blacks in the mainstream media and in the publics ears, and as long as their children are continually practicing it, white supremacy will live on. Never mind that Blacks in either situation did nothing to deserve or ask for this treatment, which confirms that it is not Black people that have any type psychological or social problem, it is whites themselves because they are in serious denial about who hates them, and they rather choose to harass people who have done nothing to them.

An entire hemisphere of the world hates the west; (which is comprised of whites) terrorizes them, disrupts their business and social cycles of life, kills and maims their men, women, and children, and how do they react? They take out their frustrations on Black people, who are simply trying to survive day-to-day.

As written in the essay by CR Hamilton "Combating Honky Ideology," Blacks need to understand that when this type racism is happening to us, we need to be thankful because we know beyond a doubt that we are not the ones with the problem, it is they.

Do not ask for an apology, and do not expect any justice, because we live in a country and among a people who have no understanding of either nor the capability to take either seriously.

So remember, as long as people like this are allowed by the higher-up whites to act this way toward people who have done nothing, we know that when the day comes that the last straw is broken and all hell breaks lose, it will be us who will have the strength of the All Mighty to be victorious. Until then, the Race Revolution is Pending.

Apr 2007 by CR Hamilton

The World is Seeing American Racism in the Now

Without resorting back to the cruelty of slavery or the crimes of Jim Crow, this new millennium as recently as last month reveals America's public racial exploits against Blacks. There are no shackles or nooses (not in the last few months) or government laws for segregation, but there remains the hatred and animosity whites have for Blacks that fueled such inhumane acts of racism in the past.

Mainstream media asked America in polls and surveys were they ready for a Black President, the answer is now clear; no they are not. At least half of America is not, the half that has yet to relinquish white superiority as the model society. The country and world now knows that there is a large faction of America that simply cannot bring themselves to adhere to the leadership and ideology of a Black man, or even racial tolerance in American society as a possibility.

Before that happens, they have to be assured that this Black man is not one that can see straight through to their souls and the hatred that is harbored inside. White America has to convince the rest of their followers that having a Black man in highest office could quite possibly mean that they would have to finally answer for past crimes of racism and possibly that their hidden conspiratorial documents against Blacks will be exposed and Blacks may be given a fair chance.

To thwart this possible change of racial hierarchy, whites are pulling every evil scheme they have from their bag of deception. They are casting doubt on the Black candidate accusing him of being everything from a Black nationalist separatist, a honky-hater, a Islamic terrorist, a possible treasonous, a traitor, a cult leader, and anything else horrible that would cast the doubt on his ability to lead America, and they are obviously doing all this without the possession of a mirror.

This in itself shows that racism - like a terrorist cell awaken - is active after lying dormant for a few years after Katrina and the Islamic profiling of 911. Once again America's ethics are in question and they'll be damned if this time they will go down without a fight.

The more they claim innocence the guiltier they look, and are, but all their tactics seem to be working on their own kind, those who harbor race hatred against Blacks, because in spite of a historical cry once again for race unity, half of this country just cannot accept that.

America should be brought up on charges of racism to the UN.

Mar. 2008 By CR Hamilton

The "Angry White Male" Controls the News Media

Racial fanaticism is prevalent in America's news rooms. This fact became apparent since 911 2001 and during the crises of New Orleans in 2005. Every since, it has surfaced in many news stories pertaining to Blacks, Islamic citizens and also Hispanics through white America's war on terrorism and immigration, and its historical hatred for Blacks. At current, should not people begin to question the mindset of the media executives?

If prominent news anchors, radio talk show hosts and political figures that are in the media light daily spew subtle bigoted rhetoric to an audience of millions of people, what does that say about the executives that employee and endorse them? It says that they are also racist in view. It says that there is no real attempt to curb racial indifference in America no time today or in the future. The same racial sentiments are carried over from generation to generation in the news media as it is in Hollywood also.

Regardless of how many televised parables of racial equality are portrayed to viewers, stereotyping and mockery, subtle and sharp attacks against minorities - Blacks especially - continue and will continue because white America has a racial fanaticism they cannot shake. Regardless of how many and how often corporations and politicians apologize again and again for slavery or profiling, there is no real sincerity, only empty words.

Media-casters such as radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, Neal Bortz, television's Fox news anchor Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and the other angry white male figures along with the new breed of angry white females, are so apparently racially biased and in favor of white rule, that if racism were a crime, they would do serious time. The only problem is the burden of proof. Like the empty apologies for slavery, white America has excused away the racist mentals they are and made racism an improvable and unpunishable crime so they can continue a white supremacist reign.

As portrayed in the vigorous third degree of Barack Obama by the white media hounds, it seems he is expected to proclaim a public hatred for his ex-pastor before America is supposed to accept him as one of their own or suitable for the "white" house. As presumed by many of our wise brothers of Black

liberation, a Black man has to shed all cultural aspects of his Blackness before they can move higher in any area of expertise or if they want a larger piece of this so-called American pie.

This forced assimilation into white culture has had a serious effect on the minds of Blacks who simply want to make a difference or even make a living in this country. No matter who you are, if you come across an opportunity to make change in the plight of Black America or other minorities, you will eventually hit a wall that asks for your "whiteness" passport before you go any further. You have to prove to the white man that you are not or will not become a threat to his theories of supremacy in the near future.

As a Black progressive, before you can actually move Black America to a higher ground, you have to compromise your position on his subjects as well as your world view of how things should be, regardless if your thoughts or intentions are right or noble or sent from God or not, as long as they match his expected answers. As many of our proud watchmen have proclaimed to us in times past, you have to yes' up to the man; you have to explain yourself, you have to agree with him or else. You have to make yourself believe that what he believes is true just so you can sit where he sits and point to what he deems worthy or not.

A Black man cannot have his own thoughts or views about the world and life because the white man has already established that for him. He has said it so it will be and nothing is better or can be different because it may pose a threat to his current order of things. He is so afraid that if your ideas work better, he would become expendable so he will quickly steal your ideas and past them off as his own, never giving you your due respect or honor.

Defending Black ideology, concepts about liberation and what is right and wrong have become obsolete because the white man's theories are concrete and if you think otherwise you are ostracized. You cannot be original in your thoughts but you must learn and become academically educated to his theories of life, living and humanity and if you veer off course, you will have to defend your position and explain yourself in a court of America patriotism, which will question your loyalty to the American way of life, and even your convictions about life itself, humanity, and your beliefs about God.

When white rule has placed into question the Black man's relationship with God, in which the white man has no business or concern or control, he has reached a low point; a point of fear, envy, and hatred that has no measurable point in ethics but is based on nothing but sheer evil. All this and more has manifested itself in today's news media. The fear, the hatred and the anger toward anyone who would have their own or different views of life and the operation of humanity.

If white men who control the means of information can rise no higher than the opinions of immature bigots of social disorder, then they have no business being in the positions they are in. They have neither the intelligence nor discernment to inform the public of truth or goodness, but are there to simply maintain control of white supremacy. Sad to say, but many white men in leadership positions in America secretly harbor racist thoughts in their hearts, yet daily, many more become unraveled unknowingly.

They will not transform willingly to the desires of the people of America, which is racial tolerance at heart, but they find it necessary to keep a stronghold on the perceptions of racial superiority and spread this madness and disease to the minds of the rest of their white counterparts in America. The people are

growing tired of racism and will soon rise against the current mainstream propaganda and demand tolerance. That is manifesting as we speak. The question is, will the people prevail or will racism forever rule America.

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White Women: The Silent Racist

All too often when people think of racist they envision the white male. The confederate flag-totting red neck, the red-faced arrogant supervisor, or the corporate god sitting on the golden throne of a large company, but never does the image of the white woman fit the profile of a racist. Why? because most people view the white woman as an advocate against racism and the calming force of her white male counterpart on racial issues.

For some reason white women have been given an unspoken clearance from being racist because people believe that most are against it and may have been a large reason why slavery and more modern forms of racial oppression have subsided. People assume that the sensitivity of white women eased the brutalities of white men thus making the white male more passive toward Blacks and other minorities.

This reasoning is logical enough because white women possess a type of innocence in their demeanor that would suggest such sensitivity and empathy, however, not many people consider the fact that white women also contributed many times to the oppression and brutality of other minorities, also in so many unspoken words. They are, in fact, and always have been, the motivation behind the white male.

To look at the white woman who sits across from you at work and picture her chanting racial slurs at the local Klan meeting may seem far-fetched to many but this image is not unrealistic at all. Since the growth of the Internet, which allows more people to collaborate together from many parts of the country and world, hate groups have risen quite fast. And more [white] women are joining these groups.

"The number of women in some groups now ranges 25 to 50 percent of the membership," according to Kathleen Blee who authored the book: Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement.

However, "Blee found that women tend to join not because they subscribe to racist or anti-Semitic ideology, as men do, but for personal reasons. They will befriend a member of such a group, often without knowing it, and slowly begin to subscribe to the group's beliefs in a cult-like fashion, she said."

"White supremacist groups are increasingly recruiting women because they tend to be overlooked by police and are less likely to leave the groups than are men, according to research by a University of Pittsburgh sociologist."

Should minorities be concerned about such a rise in racist white women? No, because the hate group will never actually gain too much power to fear nationally, but minorities should be concerned with hidden

racist attitudes held by the white women we see everyday. Many secretly hold the belief that they should have first rights to positions of high authority and decision-making in the work force over those of minorities.

"Like their male counterparts, extremist women deny that Blacks, Jews and other minorities are equal to whites. Yet many extremist women argue that they themselves should be given the same consideration as white men in the workplace. By joining the workforce, these women believe they can better aid the white supremacist movement."

People, especially Black people, believe that the days of the "conspiracy" is over, but this belief should not be counted out so fast. There is always potential for a rise in certain beliefs based on many social factors of society. For instance, some group could feel that there are too many illegal aliens in the country and begin to target them for the welfare system. Because of a rise of one variable, a reaction of another is sparked naturally. Thus, since the rise in minorities in the work force, white women must somehow protect their jobs and futures.

According to and article at the Her Race Web site, Jane Burton presents appropriate "Careers for White Women," such as "Lawyer," "Human Resources Worker," "Advertising Writer," and "Real Estate Agent." Telling women "the White race needs" their help, Burton writes, "You need to work; so work in the right direction!" She asks, "What well-paying, interesting jobs could you choose that would most advance your race?"

Think that white women are only interested in protecting their financial futures? Think again. Many are prepared to protect their children and family if violence is involved. This is another image people tend to overlook. What if it really came to a race war is there any reason to believe that all white women would be standing in between the opposing forces crying "peace, love, and not war?" Not likely.

"Many other racist women suggest that females should be equal partners in the extremists' struggle, even when that struggle involves violent action. Nancy Jensen believes that women who would choose to lead the "movement" on the battlefield should be given the opportunity to do so. "As for the issue of women physically defending their race or country," she writes, "if they possess that desire and ability, than [sic] they should go for it."

Even in the political arena, more white women are pushing for higher positions that would allow them to secure laws and policies beneficial to their own interest. Not all white women are for "saving the children and the homeless," but more are concerned about their children's future and protecting it from extinction because of too many minority workers and workforce diversity.

"Other concepts promote female extremist political activism. "Diana, Love of a Princess" by Lisa Turner recognizes "the unique power a woman can have in the political world." Writing without any apparent sense of irony, Turner states that the white supremacist "movement" "desperately needs more women" because "women can represent nurturing, love, reaching out, touching, bridging a gap, and bringing a gentle, diplomatic approach to the problems at hand."

Never think that these are hate group concepts alone. Both conservative and liberal high social class elitist have the same ideas, they just do not promote them as openly. There are hundreds of elitist social clubs -

not considered as "groups " - that are comprised of rich whites and the women who nurture this club's motivation have lots of social power.

In fact, it can be safely assumed that most racist are not confederate flag-totting red necks, red-faced arrogant supervisors, or the corporate gods, but are made up of democrats, republicans, and judges in positions of high authority throughout the country. As more women move into political and social positions of authority, be aware that not all of them believe minorities are their equivalent.

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Brian Nichols vs. American Justice

The incident with Brian Nichols spans a wide spectrum of problems facing Black men in America where it pertains to justice and social image. Beginning with a failed relationship and ending with a possible death by execution or life imprisonment. Ironically included, however, is the ending relationship with he and the white female who turned him in. Through it all though, the actions of Nichols either confounded or testified against white America.

Initially tried for rape against his ex-girlfriend, a hung jury (8 in favor of acquittal and 4 against), questions the authenticity of the accuser from the start: a helpful variable in determining the effectiveness of the American Justice system. Could it be just another case of feminist-correctness against a man (a Black man), as a throwback of Jim Crow and "the rape of the white woman?"

Even though in this case the girlfriend was allegedly Black, there is not much difference from the Jim Crow theory simply because the Black woman has become a weapon in the modern day Crow's destruction of the Black man. Evidently, Nichols supposed the jury was given a second chance to judge him, only this time he knew they would carry out Crow's plan. According to the Prosecutor's words and many cable news experts and pundits, the jury was headed toward conviction.

Thus, now we know that Nichols had a motive to what he did. The anger that sieged him boiled from what he felt, or knew, was the fire of injustice being lit beneath him. He reacted according to how anyone would react when wrongfully persecuted by a system that has a history of wrongful conviction of Black men.

Not much thought was taken in his actions, nor was there a long drawn out plan, just a mutinous impulse against the deed of obvious oppression, much like a runaway slave. Though there was a law against being a runaway, human dignity rises above any man's law, and that stems from the spirit of human integrity. He killed and would kill again, until he felt his point was made. The point being, he was not going out like a punk.

He admitted hitting the first deputy, "I hit her really hard. Lord, I'm sorry I hope she lives." It was at this point his anger had reached its peak. Had it been a man his age, he probably would have killed him. Afterward, his anger drove him into the courtroom and he directed that anger toward those he knew possessed the power to crucify him, the judge and indirectly, the court reporter. Though she was only a court reporter, she may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time. The point is, Nichols knew exactly what point he was attempting to make.

Afterward, he made his escape, and yes, startled by the second deputy, he was not about to let anyone make his point null and void. All condolences to the families of the victims, but American justice is on trial and if innocent people get hurt, compared to Iraq and all the innocent people killed in America's world conquest, the justice of Democracy MUST be served.

Hours after Nichols' rebellion, the American media compared him to animals of different species, disgusting elements of the earth, and equated him to the enemy they fight to this day, terrorist. In there analysis of Brian Nichols, they were confounded, dismayed, and obviously in serious denial about why he would commit such atrocious acts in a rage of mayhem.

Never once did they ever consider - or better put - want to admit that injustice was the key component in his rampage. They would rather attribute animal-like characteristics to Nichols instead of put on trial their own system of law and justice. They went as far as to give praise and glory to law enforcement and to reflect on the goodness of the judge and the other victim, yet they never once put into question the wrong the entire system was doing this one human being.

Hours went by during the "hunt" and the media continued to hide behind the cloak of denial and arrogance. They refused to report on the bogus rape trial while continuing to question the motives of Nichols. Nichols, being a Black man, had more to do with their method of reporting than anything because at the same time, a white guy in Wisconsin had opened fire at a church (of Christian worship) killing more people than Nichols and he was never referred to as anything but distraught.

Finally, Nichols gave up: they did not catch him; he gave up. The hostage, Ashley Smith, was not a hero simply because he could have killed her if he wanted, but he did not want to. He was ready, by his own will, to stop the violence. He felt, by this time, that he had made his point. After watching himself on the news nation wide, he himself could not believe what was going on. "I've had a really long day," was the extent of his feelings.

Ashley was simply a person who was caught in the height of the action, if it had not been her, it would have been someone else. Nichols was ready to stop and needed an out. Though she catered to what he was feeling at the time, he never had any intension on hurting her unless she had done what the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent had done, which was resist his commands.

She, being a human being and not an automaton of bureaucracy, communicated with Nichols and even felt his pain. She was in no position to do anything else but sympathize with what was going on, she herself knew that Nichols had become nothing more than a victim of the America injustice system. The fact that she was able to relate to this man more than the Ivy League brats, law enforcement experts, and even the ex-girlfriend herself, was because she was given no choice but to listened and judged accordingly, not systematically.

This is what Black men face in America; distrust, a preconceived image of animalism, and stereotypical media portrayals of anything lower than the white male himself.

What is more ironic is that the white female connected with the Black man better than anyone else in the ordeal. Not to say that this solidifies any standard relationship between Black men and white women, but are Black men to trust anyone where it pertains to feeling him?

The Black woman have all but relinquished the relationship of the Black man and have gone the way of the white male and his legal theories against him. If there were a point made by Nichols, it would be that the Black man is on his own in this society and no Black man should submit to the injustice of the American judicial system, but testify against it. In his own words, "I feel like I'm a warrior - that people of my color have gone through a lot."

More power to brother Nichols and the message he sent. If there is a God, judgment will come forth on his actions as well as those of the American Justice system.

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Ignorant Of The Law

Many times the average person will have to attend court, for a traffic ticket, a licensing citation, and maybe a minor civil suit or a juvenile case pending against their child. And many times the average person is somewhat knowledgeable about the laws, policies and procedures of the local and or state legal system. But when it comes to knowing the laws that can actually help you, there is a price to pay for that knowledge.

The average working hand have not the resources, contacts, or money for lawyers that can truly offer them real good legal advice. Television lawyers are a dime a dozen as is retribution from accident and medical claims. These are also basic laws that the average person may have knowledge of. But there are laws on the books that benefit people of a higher class who basically has the money to pay.

In other words, if a lawyer knows the average hand's annual salary, they will give them average advice. This is because these are lawyers that only the average person can afford. If the lawyer knows the person is of a higher class and can pay more money, they give more and better advice. They reveal laws written on the books supposedly for everyone (except people who have not the money to pay) that can actual help them more. If the lawyer knows that the person is rich and can afford any price, again, the books are opened to an even better page.

The more money a person has, the deeper into the laws that actually benefit people the lawyer will go. Not because he knows any of the law, but because the money is there. For instance, there are laws written especially for the rich on how to keep their riches and laws that protect their riches from anyone, including creditors and the government. There are laws written in criminal law that would actually work for someone who has the money to make it work but would not work, or not suppose to work - based on a technicality - for those who have not the money.

When the term "knowledge is power" is blurted into the ears of society it is just a cloak for the real truth, which is that "money is power." A person can have all the education and knowledge in the world but if they have not the money, that education and knowledge is worthless. If only money can buy the best legal advice, how can the average person ever expect not to be ignorant of the law? Though the judicial system claims that "ignorance of the law is no excuse" how can they justify this ignorance on the behalf of the average person if there is never an effort by society to education the public?

Are there any government community programs that attempt to educate the community on the deepest benefits of the law? No. Are there any community courses or even universities that reveal the depths of the law to people who would not otherwise be able to afford that college? No. So how is the average person suppose to know the law when the system sets it aside for those with the money?

Does anyone realize that the average person is not actually required "by law" to pay taxes, such as federal, state, or social security taxes? And that they cannot be sent to jail if they do not? When a person is unemployed, do they pay taxes? No. Do they go to jail? No. So how can a person who does not pay taxes if they are employee face jail time if they do not pay? The reason people pay taxes is because the government takes the taxes before people can stop them, which is a form of a monocracy or a dictatorship like Sadam Hussein's ex regime.

The point is the average person is ignorant of the law because the government does not want the average person to know the law, unless they can pay. The American system is set up to protect the rich because the rich pay the most taxes. The richest lawyers get richer because they have the money to gain the knowledge and because they help the rich get richer. The not-so-rich lawyers gets more money from people who know not the law thus making the average person a servant to that lawyer, the judicial system, and the American class society.

Just another Afro observation into the world of American injustice.

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The Cost of Underdeveloping the Black Community

The going complaint among "American tax-payers" is that they resent having to support welfare recipients out of their hard-earned dollars and the welfare budget should be little or nothing, and rightly

so, no country should have a system to support a permanent underclass. Yet, no one complains about having to support America's overblown prison population, especially when Blacks comprise a significant amount.

Talk about free meals, housing, and work programs, prison inmates live better lives than some people in free society. Not only has America created a permanent underclass of poverty-stricken welfare recipients, but they have also manufactured and marketed a permanent criminal underclass that in recent years has become a base for corporate operation, i.e. legalized corporate slavery.

"There are approximately 2 million inmates in state, federal and private prisons throughout the country. According to California Prison Focus, "no other society in human history has imprisoned so many of its own citizens." The figures show that the United States has locked up more people than any other country: a half million more than China, which has a population five times greater than the U.S. Statistics reveal that the United States holds 25% of the world's prison population, but only 5% of the world's people.

From less than 300,000 inmates in 1972, the jail population grew to 2 million by the year 2000. In 1990 it was one million. Ten years ago there were only five private prisons in the country, with a population of 2,000 inmates; now, there are 100, with 62,000 inmates. It is expected that by the coming decade, the number will hit 360,000, according to reports."

The average cost per year to incarcerate an inmate in the United States is \$20,674, while Aid to Families with Dependent Children or public assistance recipients, 17.06% of households, receives on average \$10,138 of non-cash benefit(s) annually.

With these stats, either the American government and its die-hard supporters have lost all sense of the common means, or there is a blatant conspiracy to develop and maintain a permanent underclass that labors for the glory and power of the rich and select upper-middle class.

You gotta brain, you make the call.

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The Psychology behind America's Incarceration Rates

The high incarceration rates in the United States signals a social breakdown between the powers that be and the people, and begs the question of why does the wealthiest society in human history maintain the highest level of imprisonment? For what reason would people have to commit crimes when according to the amount of wealth, there is enough to go around in addition to the acclaimed amounts of opportunity for success and prosperity America has to offer?

A most logical response would be that because of the wealth there is more opportunity for crime, but when population becomes a factor, China holds 4 times as many people than America yet their incarceration rates are not even half that of the United States. And though China is a communist country, it signals all the more reason to raise a question as to the effectiveness of a capitalist system where equality is concerned.

Does opportunity to wealth increase the rate of crime more than the economic limitations on the people of a communist system? Many variables can play a part in this answer such as the social stigmas attached to wealth that a society may have in their ethics, relations between the powers that be and the people, and how social class plays a part in that society. Yes, the U.S. may be the richest country in the world, but at what price when measured for true freedoms of the people.

We were taught in school - and are reminded to this day - that communist countries place restrictions on the freedoms of the population while the state controls the means of production dictating who gets what and when; while a capitalist system allows freedom to the people as the market economy stretches forth its invisible hand and provides for those who take hold of the opportunities it supplies; in essence, that a capitalist system is better than a communist system where freedom is concerned.

Nevertheless, if a society breeds wealth at rabbit-like speed, and crime becomes more of a temptation to gain that wealth, or possible greed becoming a vice of certain people, when all is said and done, the race for wealth then becomes the most controlling factor of that society. And those who cannot keep pace with the speed of growing wealth become victims of temptation to their wants and even their needs.

If that wealth then becomes a stigma to which freedom is measured, those who have wealth are actually the only ones who are truly free and those who have not wealth become prisoners to wantonness, poverty, and eventually crime. At the same time, many wealthy become victims of greed, which in turn breeds a need for protection against potential criminality as well as a suspicion against any threat to take what the wealthy has earned.

However, not only are the wealthy suspicious against the criminal element, but they are more suspicious against government power and authority and they from that point want to guarantee protection from government laws, regulations, and possible forced acquisition. As a result, the wealthy, including individuals and business entities, erect fortresses of legal protection against government rule as well as the lower criminal element they may find a threat.

Because America is supposedly founded on the concept of freedom, the definition of freedom best fit the protection of wealth more than it does the protection of individual rights, thus those who have wealth have more rights than those who are not as wealthy. As a result, there are laws made to protect the wealthy and their wealth that would prohibit those without wealth from becoming a threat to the wealthy, such as fraudulent documentation, identity theft, and other crimes that are considered white collar crimes.

Now, if wealth was not such a social stigma in American society and protection of wealth such a cause for law enforcement, the chances of white collar crime and the temptation of it would decrease. In a society where class and riches is not so prevalent, and the general population are provided the things they need, the need for crime is reduced, not only in white collar criminality but also in the violent or more lower forms of crime, such as street robbery, theft, and possibly random murder.

But there remains, wealth as a social claim to individual right and freedom by which America stands thus automatically creating a class of people in need of protection from another class; a class who struggles to emulate the wealthy every chance they get. As the divide grows and the protection for wealth increases, the tighter the laws become for the lower-class and the higher the chance of losing freedom occurs among the poor. And as the chances decrease for the poor, and crime rates rise, the more need for prisons in society rises. This is where America has arrived.

Thus, as a result of a booming society based on wealth and as people get wealthier, the more protection they need, which increases police protection, stricter population regulation, increased identification surveillance, which eventually bleeds into not only personal freedoms but the concept of personal privilege also, such as destinations, habits, and eventually beliefs. For if too many people believe the same thing that is contrary to what a society has determined most important to uphold and protect, that people must be controlled more often as well as watched closer.

A society such as a class-based society regulates its people based on the highest class, which in America's case is the wealthy. This causes a society to set standards of behavior, ethics, and life principles. Of these standards comes an expectation of the people to not necessarily behave a certain way but to restrict behavior to a certain standard that appeals to a citizen's sense of individuality, accomplishment, and most often their sense of duty.

For instance, paying taxes was in essence (and in theory) a duty instead of an actual law, just as driving has been told to us is a privilege and not a law. However, the restriction on the individual by the law has crossed that line right under our noses whereby a person is treated as a criminal if they do not pay taxes or if they are found driving without a license.

So greed, as a result of a wealth-driven society, has more to do with who is considered a criminal and who is not. The people have been psychologically sabotaged to maintain a sense of competitiveness in a consumer-driven economy i.e. drive a nice car, own a home, (which requires a sense of financial discipline further enforced by the threat of financial delinquency and ruin - an indirect "pay your bills or go to jail" type of bylaw), and pay all fees, taxes, and interest without question or risk being ostracized by society.

In one way or another, each of the above ethical codes of capitalism has attached to it a crime if not obeyed by the people. An eminent threat of jail time, penalty or the dreaded audit attaches itself to individual freedom thus reducing freedom to a lower form of unconscious servitude. As a result, even those who live honestly just to maintain in life become potential criminals, and though the jails and prisons are now filled with mostly violent criminals, all have become suspect and capable of committing crime if they are not living up to standard.

Not all people are criminals by nature but all are becoming suspect. In light of 911, many more restrictions have been set in place to screen out potential criminals, which could be defined as an elderly woman at the airport or a kindergärtner who draws a picture of a gun. The social atmosphere of America is one of control, not freedom. And with the increased use of background checks, in the future and as a

result of tightened individual surveillance and documentation, many may be permanently locked out of jobs in many professions, including education, child care, driving a bus, working in a nursing home, in addition to not being able to vote.

In fact, because the restrictions have trickled down to the most menial areas of life, do not be surprised if you are soon considered a law-breaker if you do not have health insurance, which right now is looked on as an option, but because of increased regulation on health i.e. smoking, obesity and the like, like driving was once a privilege, having health insurance will become an indirect law. The problem is that people have become very unconscious of what is happening that they cannot see their freedoms have been taken already.

Right now the prisons are filled with mostly people from low-income circumstances including nonviolent drug offenders to violent offenders, but it will not be long before prison life becomes a social normality for many. "Some 701 per 100,000 of the national population, averaging close to 4 million people residing in prisons and jails, however, by 2010, the number of American residents in prison or with prison experience is expected to jump to 7.7 million."

"The numbers come after many years of get-tough policies - and years when violent-crime rates have generally fallen. But to some observers, they point to broader failures in US society, particularly in regard to racial minorities and others who are economically disadvantaged." The prison population has quadrupled since 1980. Much of that surge is the result of public policy, such as the war on drugs and mandatory minimum sentencing. Nearly 1 in 4 of the inmates in federal and state prisons are there because of drug-related offenses, most of them nonviolent.

Let us say that excess wealth does not inadvertently cause a reciprocal effect to crime and a growing prison population, but is in fact a reflection of racial genetics, quite possibly that minorities are born more crooked, would rather choose a life of crime, or because of some mental deficiency found more in people of color than in whites. If this is the case then one would have to assume that based on the racial makeup of prisoners, whites make up a small portion of prisoners because they are not necessarily criminal by nature, criminal-minded, or are not mentally flawed in any way as supposedly are Blacks and Hispanics.

In fact, let us assume that whites are innocent, pure, have no evil intent and are the most upright, law abiding citizens of humanity and are simply not capable of committing serious crimes or deserving of incarceration. This means that at some point as the prison population grows with Black and Hispanics, whites will realize a pattern and automatically suspect all Blacks and Hispanics as criminal and establish a system of incarceration simply for the purpose of confining Blacks and Hispanics.

Defense rest; and the psychology behind America's incarceration rates have been exposed.

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The Decline of Law

There was a time when if someone committed a public crime, community vigilantes would batter ram down the criminal's front door and drag them out to the center of town and try them before an authentic jury of their peers. Most of the time if the crime was harsh enough, so would the penalty be. If it were murder, the criminal would face death that day if not the very next.

If the crime were petty theft, the criminal would make retributions right away with the entire town as a witness. Depending on the crime, the punishment would equally fit because justice was served using common sense and gut intuition, contrary to what the procedures of crime and punishment are today.

In today's criminal justice system, it takes months sometimes years before sentence is passed for the criminal. No longer is punishment determined using common sense or gut intuition, but is determined by emotion and careful consideration on behave of the criminal's past and upbringing, and no more does the punishment fit the crime.

If someone is tried for murder and found guilty, even if they are sentenced to death, the execution does not take place for another five to 10 years. And while the criminal awaits execution, they enjoy moderate living arrangements including cable TV, three USDA approved meals a day (more than some free and working people enjoy), and a warm bed and worry-free sleep without the added stress of paying bills and taxes.

At one time unadulterated ethics guided the principles of law and social order. Society believed and agreed together that a person should only be punished if they are definitely found guilty of the crime accused of. If so, even the criminal mind then had a conscience, which would eventually lead them to confess.

Today our consciences are seared and people believe that if they (with the help of a liberal judge and an equally conscious-seared lawyer) can spark the slightest doubt in a jury's decision, they can get away with anything. Or if they can provide enough evidence that someone or something drove them to commit the crime against their own will, then they could get off with little or no punishment.

Today, people get away with murder, fleeing criminals are rarely caught, children are kidnapped everyday and found either dead or years later, business people rob millions from companies without punishment, drugs flood the country unchecked, guns are bought and sold on the black-market like candy bars, victims are raped by neighbors, teachers, police, spouses, even clergy, and only half the incidents are reported. Cops are criminals (and some based on their own personal prejudices), judges are incompetent and easily swayed by public opinion, mayors and governors bribe and cheat, politicians launder, perjure, and swindle. Even Presidents.

Kids are killing friends, classmates, and school faculty, church leaders commit acts of blasphemy by making God's word a tool to get rich, doctors illegally abort babies of underage girls, state agencies and banking institutions charge what they want for services, taxes and fees for poor service and hide behind policies and procedures backed by the courts while consumers have to accept financial losses. Automobile mechanics, housing contractors, electronics' technicians, and many other specialized

professionals take advantage of the customer's ignorance and overcharge and over-estimate, while providing poor and many times incomplete or incorrect services.

Frivolous law suits rise, corporate and independent lawyers knowingly protect guilty criminals, judges and juries convict and sentence innocent people, while allowing the guilty to go free, the accused are guilty before proven innocent, jurors debate opinion rather than fact, prisons incarcerate and criminally indoctrinate rather than rehabilitate. Hollywood glamorizes the criminally insane, the news media are overly anxious to get the story thereby presumptuously accuse the innocent, the public is thereafter subconsciously fed stereotypes that label certain races and genders as prone to certain crimes more than others.

Modern culture is a mixture of law and natural-core morals, and if the system of law breaks down so do those morals. Because social structure is based on discipline of human will, if that human will is prostituted by the very authority that establishes social law, the social structure will soon break down and chaos will slowly prevail giving rise to a society of complete corruption. And because a return to raw intelligence and basic common sense can only come either after the annihilation of a nation or at the beginning of one, the fate of America's judicial system and culture is currently irretrievable.

2003 by C.R. Hamilton

The Death Penalty: America's Psychotic Appetite

As one of the only countries left in the world to enforce the Death Penalty, on November 27 and 28, 2005, the American Justice/prison system has executed a person each day, while trying to make a 1000-execution quota. The curious mind would ask whether or not the American judicial system and those supportive of it and the Death Penalty is getting a rush from this psychotic and questionable behavior.

In Varner, Ark. "a man was executed Monday for killing a teenager by slashing her throat with a box cutter. Eric Nance, 45, offered no last words when offered a final statement. Except for a slight quivering lip, he lay still on the gurney while receiving the lethal injection."

"Lucasville, Ohio carried out the nation's 999th execution since 1977 on Tuesday, putting to death a man who strangled his mother-in-law while high on cocaine and later killed his 5-year-old stepdaughter to cover up the crime.

John Hicks, 49, was put to death a day after Eric Nance was executed in Arkansas for killing a teenager by slashing her throat with a box cutter."

If the country continues on this path, it looks as though there will be no mercy for Stan "Tookie" Williams come December 13, 2005. Instigators are now asking, will there be a national uprise from Blacks if Tookie is put to death.

A riot is what they are truly seeking so they can have another chance at degrading Black behavior and to shoot and kill some if possible. American law enforcement and media are truly mentally and morally bankrupt.

For a country supposedly built on Christianity - as followers of Jesus Christ who condemned the death penalty concept as eye for an eye and suggested just punishment, the soul-thirsty American religious-right has appeared to have lost their right mind in their quest to meet a 1000-execution quota.

However, some sanity was found in Virginia when "clemency was granted to a convicted killer who would have been the 1,000th person to be executed in the US since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976.

Mark R. Warner, Governor of Virginia and a likely Democratic contender in the next presidential election, commuted Robin Lovitt's sentence to life in prison without parole, because evidence had been destroyed after his conviction." Timesonline.co.uk.

America's morals are going down the toilet at the highest level of power and the people are suffering a slow and powerless defeat. More community and activist groups are needed to rise and speak out by drastic measures. Maybe we can bring sense back into the madness of American society.

2005 By CR Hamilton

America's 'Rule of Law' For Certain People

As social and political gatekeepers continually pound the phrase 'rule of law' into the heads of the public, it should from now on be ignored, especially by Black Americans or any Americans who work to get by because in the on-going immigration debate, corporate white-collar criminality, and Hollywood celebrity, the 'rule of law' means nothing.

Mexicans can illegally cross the border, get a job, credit, and bank account, and live the American dream; corporate CEOs can bilk the public for billions of dollars, and Hollywood pussy cats and dogs can get away with murder, drug use, drunk driving, racist acts and anything else their hearts desire and nothing will happen. No legal or court actions will be taken, at least not seriously.

But if a Black person j-walks across the street, they are subject to punishment to the full extent of the law, and then some. No wonder the jails and prisons are full of Black people.

The justice system is of no good use to this country if the so-called rules of law are not followed. In a May 2007 passing of an immigration Bill "under which the government would establish a point system to evaluate would-be immigrants, giving more weight to job skills and education and less to family ties," employers said they "were unhappy with the result because it would not cure the severe labor shortages they foresee in the coming decade. In addition, employers expressed alarm as they learned that the Senate

bill would require them to check a government database to verify that all current and former employees - aliens and citizens alike - were eligible to work in the United States."

If an esteemed business of legal stature can complain that they have to follow the law, and possibly make sense to and have the support of law makers, what makes average voters any more important to a system that will do whatever the hell they want to do? Votes are no longer effective in this system, a revolution is needed.

Adding two and 2 - U.S. Constitution buffs (Congress) plus major employers of the country - the results show that as long as laws are made to be broken, manipulated for ones own benefit, and twisted to meet the economical needs of capitalist and corporate greed, United States citizens, who have lived here all their lives and are law abiding people, including and especially Blacks, should have no faith in a system that favors some over others, nor should we continue to support it with votes.

How can a country be run by laws that are not enforced except on or for the benefit of certain people? How is that considered justice? Who wants to support a system that works for no one but those with money or who are making money?

The average citizen works for a paycheck, week-to-week or month-to-month only to be taxed, policed by law enforcement, drained by banking and health care institutions, utility companies, and predatory mortgage companies; having their houses taken, license suspended, bank accounts overdrawn, identity stolen, food poisoned, children indoctrinated and infected, threatened with disease, infection, pedophilia, recalls, misprints, racist remarks, public humiliation, sickness, poverty, and all other socially and media reported catastrophes that plague society, and people with money and no citizenship walk away scot free based on the love of money and capitalist exploitation? This is the land of the what?

All the time this is going on, Black people are continually mocked by mainstream media, excluded from higher positions of authority, ridiculed by white college kids, shot by white police officers with ego trips, locked away in prisons for extreme extended sentences, passed-over for promotions, stereotyped by Hollywood, commercial marketing campaigns, and television networks.

Christian leaders in America remain silent while the Ten Commandments are taken from court buildings. Commandments that state murder, theft, and lying are sins, which were at one time bases for the so-called 'rule of law' in America.

So now that the Ten Commandments are being taken from the court building, this obviously means that the courts along with the political systems of this country (Administrative, Judicial, Legislative Branches) do not believe that murder, theft or lying is wrong (except if you are Black or poor or both), and they have started practicing the injustice as of this day. So why should anyone comply with the law?

The going trend is to purchase a gun legally and carry it around with you at all times, because the rules of law no longer apply, it is every man for himself. Although we know that if anyone of low-income status or Black (whichever comes first) are caught doing something against the books of law enforcement (who are no more now than people who have jobs with no meaning), that person will be punished according to the laws of the land.

However, if you just so happen to be Mexican, a corporate CEO or a celebrity, who gives a damn, the rules do not apply.

If this country was built on the principles of the 'rule of law,' that principle is slowly or has now no merit and should be ignored. So the next time anyone, especially a Black person, is ticketed for the smallest infraction to the worst of criminal behavior, just remember, America is the land of opportunity, except if you are poor or Black or both, and now it is the law.

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May 2007 By CR Hamilton

Do Not Blame the White Man: Sentence Him

The next time the phrase "do not blame the white man" is heard, ponder the statement instead of allowing it to insert personal conviction. Today's trendy jargon has blurred what is actually true and what is merely trendy jargon. The act of placing blame rightfully is being upstaged by the catch phrase "personal responsibility" in today's society. To place blame actually means that whatever is being blamed is the cause or source of something, for instance, "the storm was to blame for the power outage."

However, if trendy jargon is applied to this obvious fact, one would tend to believe that the power outage has no right to blame the storm simply because of the power's "personal" responsibility to stay on. It is this type thinking that distorts people's ability to think for themselves; in other words, people would rather believe trendy jargon than argue the truth after thinking the situation through.

When Black leaders, white critics, or the person next door uses the language of trendy jargon to challenge the personal abilities of Blacks in the Black community by applying "do not blame the white man" philosophy, think the situation through carefully by pondering these points.

First, Black America can never, ever be considered foreigners who come here to make a life in this "great country". Who start from scratch in the slums and work eight jobs with no sleep, save money for college, and end up successfully owning a grocery store in the Black community. Blacks were brought here as property, considered as nothing more than subhuman.

Second, who says that Blacks are happy here in America? Under the rules of personal responsibility, should not he who is responsible for taking in the pet be the one who feeds, shelters, and teach the pet? And if the pet wants to leave, should not the owner be responsible for finding that pet a good home? (Unless the owner is cruel and tosses the pet into the streets to fend for themselves).

If Blacks are not wanted and are considered social burdens, underachievers, and misfits, we are not responsible for getting us where we want to be, the ones who brought us here are. And if the argument that the whites today are not the same ones who brought us here so they cannot be responsible, then

Blacks today should not feel they are not wanted by the current whites, and should not be treated likewise or experience any of the similar prejudices that the Blacks who were brought here experienced. Nevertheless, do we?

Third, there is an extreme difference between individual responsibility and collective responsibility. When Black America is considered in mainstream America, we are considered collectively, as "African Americans." However, in the context of the argument of personal responsibility, each individual Black then has to "hold his own." When this distinction takes places, it is hypocrisy because of the confusion of jargon and beliefs.

In America, no Black person is different from any other Black person. Some people may think there is, but they are really not and this is an illusion that needs overcoming: once Black, always Black. One Black may sit on the Supreme Court and another may stand on the corner, in the eyes of America, they are still Black and are subject to prejudice just as if they were standing next to one another.

Considering this ideology, Black people cannot blame themselves for being Black; they must blame the white man for seeing Black, and only Black. If white men saw otherwise, there would be no laws distinguishing Blacks from others. Would there? However, there are laws that make Blacks, Black.

Because America's laws have always included Blacks as Blacks, then the white man must be blamed for the situations of Blacks under those laws. Therefore, of any circumstance that becomes of those laws, whether positive or negative, whites must bear responsibility. How can a Black person take responsibility for their actions when the laws dictate those actions?

Black people cannot be blamed for their situation, any situation, because this is a white man's country, laws, and Constitution. It is his economic policy, his military strategies, his educational academia, his banking institutions, his money, his tradition and his culture. If Blacks do not function under the regulations as expected of whites, are we to be blamed because either of these regulations is naturally contrary to who we are?

Individually, a Black person can agree to all the regulations and abide by them till death; however, as long as he is Black he is subject to the consequences of the regulations set aside for Blacks. And if a Black person does not agree to abide by these regulations, they are doomed to the consequences long established for him anyway, poverty.

Though we (Blacks), are sentenced to the white man's fanatical fantasies, and are subjects in his kingdom of gods, we will not be judged and sentenced, as he will be. He knows that he has a judgment awaiting him because he has established his own god and savior and his own rendition of what the perfect heaven is and will be. What is written is his own sentence yet his denial drowns this reality.

The Black man should never worry about his own personal responsibility as defined by the white man; the white man should worry about his own responsibility to humanity, righteousness, and justice. When walking beside "this man," no Black person should measure himself against "this man" because the mile the white man has walked can never compare to the historical travels and travails of the Afro Black man and woman.

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Americas Mental Breakdown and Pending Judgment

To hail men as heroes who kill other innocent men is the epitome of ass-backward thinking, believing, and living. Anyone, and it does not matter who they are, how much they are worth, or what color they are, who would think the police in New Orleans who shot and killed innocent people trying to get rescued deserve a heroes welcome is either spitefully racist, or have given over their minds to the dark side.

When listening to conservative talk show host or major media news anchors talk of how Sadaam Hussein deserved to die because he was an evil man who killed, tortured, and abused thousands of people, one should wonder if they are actually hearing themselves speak, because the same can be said for the way whites treated Blacks during slavery and to this day... they deserve to die.

Both of the above mindsets, when shared by people who are suppose to be administering justice and upholding a national constitution, are a scary thing. Who and among what kind of people are we living with? How can anyone justify cops killing innocent people or condemn a mass murderer who committed the very same crime as did the accusers and not question their own moral proficiency?

One thing learned as an oven-baked disciple of Christ is that the fear of God purges a man of nonsense and gives that man a humane sense of discretion, the basis of logic from which to think, and a heart of pure understanding. White America – and many Blacks who believe whiteness is best – seem to have developed toward the opposite of all the above and have leaned toward evil, purposefully.

Not to imply all, or most, but a select few, the few who are supposedly leaders and gatekeepers of society, have allowed more and more, the forces of everything inhumane to seep into their mind-sets and are forcefully pushing it down the throats of an eagerly ignorant public, who are absorbing it like socially-controlled androids.

Racism and discrimination is blatantly surfacing against Blacks, Hispanics, and Arabs in this country and the news media makes light of it as if it is a natural given and as if they are completely innocent of it. As if everyone else has a problem and cannot see that racism and the white race have constitutional rights to treat and speak of others as if they are not in the room.

White faces speak over the public airwaves about their concept of justice and how the world should be ran under their ideology; who should live and who should die. Who should have and who should not or does not deserve, all the while practicing favoritism, special treatment of their own, and promoting from within their high social cliques.

Current events such as nuclear threats against America, Hurricanes, and tsunamis, David Duke meeting with Iran, terrorist conspiracies surrounding America's own government in question, nation takeovers and authoritarian hangings, prophetic speeches of destruction, law enforcement brutality against people of

color, incarceration practiced like public education, and no one attempting to make change, America is very soon destine for a mental breakdown under a harsh Pending Judgment.

The public must be made aware that they should prepare for a serious change in lifestyle, methods of survival, and everyday living. To know that the government they support and are encouraged to pledge their loyalty to is selling them out slowly and for sure. The people must learn to get what they will need and cease from seeking riches but concentrate on survival.

Feb 2007 By CR Hamilton

Diamonds in Conflict and the Disease of Greed

Other than the obvious, throughout history, diamonds have been used as a cutting tool, to transmit sound, and for optical applications. The latter uses of diamonds are ones that contribute to development of industrial societies and civilizations but the most obvious use of diamonds serve as nothing more than to feed the vanity of humanity.

As far back as the kings of Egypt, diamonds were used as barter offerings and as protection on war shields and swords. Then came the invasion of Europeans into South African, (led primarily by Cecil Rhodes) who knew nothing of the uses or value of diamonds until they were introduced by the African kings.

Afterward, it was they, Europeans, who transformed diamonds into a "rare commodity," when in fact diamonds are not rare. There are enough diamonds in the world to give every man, woman, and child in America a cupful. But because of the attribute of greed from the bowels of Euro-capitalism, diamonds have not only become this precious and valued stone, but the cause of international conflict and war.

Unfortunately, many of those wars are fought by Africans with Africans as a means to distribute diamonds to the white man in order for him to continue to fulfill his misplaced greed for wealth. He entices the white woman by placing value on a plentiful natural resource and prostitutes the land from which diamonds come, instigating wars, dissension, and bloodshed.

According to studies conducted the Global Policy Forum whose mission is to monitor policy making at the United Nations, "the connection between diamonds and conflicts goes far beyond rebel groups seizing control of diamond-rich areas and selling the precious gems for arms and war supplies. Large diamond companies are involved in this deadly game, along with traders, transport companies, arms smugglers and financial firms."

Mainstream society through U.S. policy attempts to attribute the past and on-going diamond-related conflicts in Angola, Sierra Leon, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo to internal conflict between tribes when the root of the conflict clearly stems from the fabrication and greed of Western imperialism.

Black women in America whose eyes glisten at the sight of a diamond should consider that millions of Africans - men, women, and many children - died for to bring forth a resource used merely for bragging rights. Contrary to popular belief, diamonds are not a girl's best friend, but are the white man's means for monopoly.

2005 by CR Hamilton

The Responsibility To Compensate

Despite the wonderful clarity of DNA evidence, which has exonerated more than 80 Americans of crimes for which they have been imprisoned, two-thirds have never been given any compensation for their lost years. In a country in which some slip-and-fall claims win millions of dollars, it is startling to realize that decades wrongly spent in maximum-security prisons are typically worth nothing.

"In America, when someone is wronged, we pay them," says Adele Bernhard, a Pace University law professor. "It may not be a perfect system, but that's what we do. Why don't we do that here?"

In 36 states, according to Bernhard, no laws explicitly provide for compensating the wrongly imprisoned, while other laws protect police and prosecutors from lawsuits. The reasoning is that public servants could not do their job if they constantly had to fear being sued.

As long as officials do not jail the wrong person intentionally (and they almost never do), they are not to blame - and in our justice system, someone has to be blamed before anyone pays. Even in the 14 states that do have laws to compensate victims of courtroom mistakes, the caps on awards are often miserly. For those out of federal prisons, damages cannot exceed a laughable \$5,000.

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Injustice in America is on the rise. From bogus lawsuits to corrupt lawyers and judges with twisted moral values. DNA evidence, the newest scientific discovery for identification, has been a blessing and a curse to the legal system.

A blessing because if the accused DNA matches the crime, they can be justly convicted, however, where it pertains to matching the DNA to the innocently imprisoned and accused, it turns to a curse. Using this discovery to enforce justice is easy to do but using it to correct the many legal mistakes is something the proud men of the United States justice system cannot bare to do.

Source from Time Almanac 2002

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While the Poor Sleeps

What more evidence could one ask for to prove the inequalities and hypocrisies of America's socialeducational system than the story that is to follow? Inequalities such as wealthy suburban schools squandering millions of dollars from an enormous annual budget; a budget that could make a major difference in the well-being of a few dozen poor urban schools.

According to a mainstream media source, the former assistant superintendent for business and the present school superintendent of a high school in a wealthy Long Island, NY neighborhood were under investigation for spending up to \$8 million dollars of an \$82 million dollar school budget on frivolous personal luxuries. The luxuries included houses, cars, gourmet meals, and a large dry cleaning bill.

The voters of the school district were "outraged" because of the scandal. And who would not be. However, who has more right to be upset than the voters of the school district? The residences of lowincome communities all over the nation, that's who. When stories like this become public and make the news, it should raise a red flag, and many questions throughout the nation about the inequalities and hypocrisies of the not only the educational system, but American society.

While poor and low-income school districts struggle to educate their children on an average annual budget of nine - \$11 million dollars, white-collar criminals extract three times as much from suburban residences and the government without any consideration for their own students, let alone the poor.

Why have not major news stations covered stories of this sort where it deals with social injustice, inequality, and crimes against the poor, instead of national coverage of a year-old murder trial? Why cannot politicians and lawmakers target the rich who use their wealth as the weapons of the masses destruction? Opportunity? This country offers opportunity? How can anyone compete in a society that allows greed to go unpunished?

Why criticize the abilities of and publicly proclaim the weaknesses of low-income students while protecting the criminal activity of white-collar scum such as these school superintendents? In addition, publishing studies on the underachievement of urban schools while not revealing just how much more money suburban and wealthy schools receive as funding? This is hypocrisy at its height.

There is no reason in a society such as this and as wealthy as this country claims to be, to have any poverty. With budgets of this sort allocated to certain schools based on property taxes, no wonder Black schools and communities fair far less than white schools, and no wonder studies always place Blacks at the bottom of the barrel. It is because they save all the money for themselves.

Source from: Associated Press

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The Power Elite Theory

Is there a select elitist group that ultimately runs America? This theory has been researched before by social scientist and one scientific model has surfaced as proven. The Power Elite Model, constructed by C. Wright Mills, who believes that the Power Elite exist and control political decisions regardless of the procedures of democracy and political elections.

The Power Elite is composed of men whose positions enable them to transcend the ordinary environments of ordinary men and women. They are in positions to make decisions having major consequences... They are in command of the major hierarchies and organizations of modern society. They rule the big corporations. They run the machinery of the state... They direct the military establishment. They occupy the strategic command posts of the social structure...

The Power Elite are not solitary rulers... Immediately below the elite are the professional politicians of the middle levels of power, in the Congress and in the pressure groups, as well as among the new and old upper classes of town and city and regions. Mingling with them in curious ways... are those professional celebrities who live by being continually displayed. (1956, p.4).

Democratic politics in American society are mere rituals to the power elite. They allow elections to take place regularly and do not restrict the news media as to what they can and cannot say because they themselves know what the outcome is. Powerful interest groups play a larger part in the American political system than the people do.

Power groups and people with money are conspiring with the power elite to decide the direction of the country. To say that America is strictly a Democratic society is illogical at most. This society is and was set up for a certain people whom benefit and profit from the investments they have put into this society.

It is a joke when grassroots community movements mobilize to be heard in the political forum, and when certain celebrities are profiled to lead voting crusades. Many people say that the efforts does make a difference and that we should continue to participate in the political system. However, many others who do not take part in the political process of America believe it is a waste of time and may be closer to the truth than the former. It may make a difference at the local level, but not overall.

The way to survive in American society is to construct a social paradigm in one's own mind as to what life should be like and then pursue that life. In other words, abide by the immediate laws of the system while at the same time living life the way it should be lived by the laws and rules of true justice and democracy. Who says a person needs a social security number?

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Sub-prime Mortgage Crises: Proof Capitalism creates Permanent Underclass

For the minds that hold to the ingeniousness of the capitalist system, believing it is a system that brings out the competitive entrepreneur hidden deep within the human spirit; please explain the most recent creation of the new financial underclass without cowardly blaming the poor.

During the beginning of the millennium, when home loans were being offered to people of lower income, advancing them the opportunity to own a home and create wealth, many neglected to read the fine print, which basically foretold of their own coming financial doom; people were more excited about having the opportunity to actually own a home than they were expectant of the repercussions, but rather choosing to have faith and to trust in an economy that for years worked for the rich and was possibly available to them after all.

The American dream was just a signature away and those people at last, regained hope in the principles of their own country. Not realizing that it was all a ploy designed by the control factor behind the so-called invisible hand of the capitalist free market. Yes, there is officially no such thing as a free market economy, which flushes close to 80 years of economic theory down the drain.

However, there were just as many people who did read the fine print and saw it coming a mile away. It is these people who now have to wait again for the next 100 years for banks to lax lending standards once again and American capitalist rich to share the wealth.

Before the fall, granted, people were making payments and could actually afford their home mortgage payments; working hard and being financially responsible, but this was not a factor to the banks, they and the sub-prime lenders were determined to bring misery to those same people. Out of nowhere, people's monthly mortgage payments began to balloon from figures of \$1200 a month to \$1250, and 3 months later, \$1300 and months later \$1400, until finally people could not afford to make the payments. Was this the invisible hand of capitalist economics, or something more like the greedy hand of white collar criminality?

The sub-prime crises revealed the hypocrisy of the American market and proved, beyond a doubt, the poor are nothing more than a tool used to create more wealth for the rich. In the end, investors behind the investors never lost a dime in the sub-prime market and those who are claimed to have lost money, are backed by insurance companies that guarantee they will not sink. The only losers in this economic scam were the borrowers, the trusting and hard working poor of the country.

Reports are now published about the many Black, Hispanic, and low income borrowers who have lost and will continue to lose out because of the burst. Many economic pundits will swear by their economic bibles that it was something no one could have foreseen coming, but this is a lie. There is no way coincidence of this magnitude could have ever been missed by the so-called economic experts, one that would eventually shake the world markets. It was planned and the poor got shafted.

Capitalism kills and has once again created a permanent underclass of poor who will now and for the next 50 years become slaves to the rich. It is an evil lie that benefits the rich at the expense, troubles, and working hands of poor people.

Doom and gloom is predicted for Black Americans, who would have otherwise gained a respect for America and its claim to racial equality and fairness, but we now know that that is a lie and American racism persist. Not only will Blacks distrust America more, but what the capitalist did not anticipate was the fact that all low-income, Black, white, Hispanic and others, will no more see America as a country worth fighting for and many more enemies will rise within its gates.

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