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## REPORT

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### Medical Alert



In past issues, *The Harvest Report* has explored various aspects of immigration and its negative affect on Black America. The impact of immigration on our public healthcare is the topic for this newsletter. Receiving adequate healthcare is a major problem in the best of times for Blacks. They experience a high rate of diseases such as high blood pressure, AIDS, tuberculosis and diabetes. They lack medical care, insurance and medical facilities that are often provided to immigrants. Uncontrolled immigration has made a bad situation worse. Most legally admitted immigrants undergo medical screening to assure that they are not carrying contagious diseases. That is not the case for illegal immigrants. And they are having an earthquake-like impact on the healthcare system of the United States. Illegal residents most often come from countries with endemic health problems and less developed health care and pose a health risk of special concern. They harbor a disproportionate share of serious public health problems, are living as part of the population for extended periods of time, and often are dependent on government provided health care services. *Continued on p.6*

### Treaty Lawsuit Filed

The Harvest Institute formed an organization in partnership with the Black Indians United Legal Defense and Education Fund, to pursue common legal issues. The new organization is called The Harvest Institute Freedman Federation (HIFF). On December 2, 2006, the HIFF filed a complaint in the United States Federal Court of Claims in Washington, D.C. against the United States Department of Interior and its Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The Complaint seeks legal redress and civil and property rights for the descendants of Black Indians and Black Freedmen. Freedmen were the emancipated slaves previously owned by Native Indians. Black Indians were the offspring of Indians and Blacks, whether slave or free. Many had lived as Indians for generations.

The treaties of 1865 and 1866, upon which the Complaint is based, were negotiated after the Civil War, between the United States government and the disloyal Indian Tribes. The disloyal tribes included the Creek Nation, Cherokees, Seminoles, Choctaw and the Chickasaw Nations, all slave-owners who had fought on the side of the Southern Confederacy. During the Civil War, these and other slave-holding Native American tribes, repudiated allegiance to the United States and supported the rebelling states.

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*A Vision Beyond the Dream*



*The mission of the Harvest Institute is to educate, advocate for and develop policies that help Black America become self-sufficient and competitive.*

## Blind to Black?

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In race matters, history matters. It is amazing then, that White authors can write millions of books to chronicle how the United States of America was established and developed, yet make no mention of Black people. When the accomplishments, contributions and struggles of a people are omitted from history, it is as if they did not exist. History has omitted and obscured Black people. They are like a herd of black cows in a field on a moonless night. You can hear them so you know they must be there, but you cannot see them at all.

Blacks are omitted from history by the use of broad ambiguous terms to define them. The practice began when the Constitution was written. The Constitution never identified the enslaved group as Blacks. Instead, it referred to them as "other persons," "such persons," and "those indebted." Today the terms used to obscure "Black" are "minorities," "people of color," "poor people," "diversity," and "multicultural," to name a few.

The American mind-set is ahistorical and evades truths about race and the consequences of slavery. History, however, and its omissions, are important. Present day Blacks are shaped by behavior patterns that were established centuries ago. They were singled out, as a group, to endure the horrific experiences of slavery and Jim Crow segregation. The enduring devastation of those systems may account for the reason Black Americans, in general, and Black leaders, in particular, find comfort being placed in broad and ambiguous groups. In the earliest days of our country, the "Founding Fathers" intentionally used broad terms and ambiguous groupings when re-

referring to Black people. It was a technique that allowed them to enslave scores of generations of Black people, yet leave the impression in history that Black slaves were irrelevant to the founding of this nation.

The Founding Fathers knew that the contrary was true. They knew that without Black slaves, this country could not be built. They omitted and obscured facts about Blacks and slavery to manipulate history. According to John Quincy Adams, the topic of slavery and its practices was the dominant topic of discussion of the Founding Fathers while they were drafting the United States Constitution. These discussions were intense, heated and secret—very secret. Frances D. Adams and Barry Sanders write in their book, *Alienable Rights*, why and how the Constitutional Convention deliberations were kept secret for over fifty years. In 1840, the precise details of the closed door proceedings in Philadelphia became public. James Madison had kept detailed records of the meetings, and although he was pressured to release his notes, he insisted that they not be made public until all

the Founding Fathers were dead. In 1836, Madison, the last surviving member of the Constitutional Convention, died. When John Quincy Adams made Madison's notes available to the public, the notes were surprising and shocking.

The Founding Fathers were clever and deliberate. They kept the public ignorant of the fact that slavery had been an over-riding concern of the Constitution delegates. Abolitionists condemned the Founding Fathers for conspiring and crafting a Constitution that marginalized slavery and erased

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## The President's Message by Dr. Claud Anderson

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the identity of slaves. How did the Founding Fathers accomplish this trick? First, they established tight security. They met in halls with locked doors, closed shutters, windows and security guards. Second, they used words to erase and obscure the fact that they were seeking their freedom by enslaving millions of Blacks.

The 'slavery compromise' they eventually reached at the Constitutional Convention, avoided using the words Negro or Black. Even the word slave was used only twice. Why did the Founding Fathers resort to such tactics? Luther Martin, a Maryland attorney who opposed ratification of the Constitution reported that the delegates, "...anxiously sought to avoid... expressions and labels which might be odious to the ears of Americans. But, they were willing to admit into their system those things which the expressions and labels signified."

The writers and ratifiers of the Constitution knew the Black slaves were "those people," "those who were bonded," "persons held in service." But like good magicians, the writers made careful efforts to make both the image of slavery and Black slaves disappear at the same time the writers codified Black slavery using those indefinite terms. The use of euphemisms allowed a White nation to disengage its conscience while viciously exploiting, killing and crippling millions of Black people. The Founding Fathers knew that if they erased the legal fingerprints, history would have a difficult time identifying and holding the perpetrators accountable for the massive damage they had committed on people of African descendant. Using indefinite and ambiguous terms in the Constitution allowed every generation of Whites to enjoy the thrill of being White without the discomfort of a bill for slavery injustices.

The techniques of omission and obfuscation were so successful in 1776 in drafting the Constitution that they were used again, 100 years later, to write the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments and the civil rights laws of 1865 and 1866. All were written to correct the harm slavery had done to Blacks, but again, the drafters obscured Black and manipulated history with words. Governmental and secular authorities today continue to find it effective to use broad, indefinite, and ambiguous terms to discuss Black people, their problems and solutions. Today, Black Americans are hidden from view and buried underneath meaningless terms. These terms hide the fingerprints of racism and justify inaction on behalf of Black Americans.

The techniques of omission and obfuscation also shaped the mind-set in Black Americans that endures even today. Black leaders never opposed the language manipulations that shifted and locked Blacks into amorphous categories. Black Americans are ideologically trapped in their own naïve non-competitive beliefs. They have been brainwashed to obscure their own special history and heritage that no ethnic, religious or gender group shares. Like the cows in the field at night, Blacks cannot even see themselves. Even when they are the *majority* population, like they are in many urban cities, they continue to apply to themselves terms like diversity, multi-culture and seek a minority status in education, employment, contracts, business ownership and public services.

An old farmer once said, "You cannot use the same tool for harvest as you used to sow the seed." If Whites consistently use broad ambiguous categories to render Blacks invisible and powerless, why would Blacks believe that the very same technique in modern day would deliver economic justice to them?

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# Harvest Institute Files Treaty Lawsuit

**A**t the start of the Civil War, Indian Nations had existing treaties with the United States. However, when these Indian tribes entered the Civil War and joined the Southern Confederacy, they in effect violated the terms of all existing treaties with the United States, and rendered them null and void. When the Civil War ended, Congress passed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which abolished slavery. Native Indians claimed sovereign nation status, and the disloyal tribes, therefore, refused to abolish slavery within their respective territories. Having just fought a war that ended slavery, the country could not allow rebellious Indians within its borders to defy Congressional mandates and continue to hold slaves. The United States had to demand that the Indian groups abide by the outcome of the War and free their Black slaves.

In order to reconcile differences over slavery, the United States entered into a series of agreements with the affected tribes. The treaties of 1865 and 1866 resulted from those negotiations. It is these treaties that the Harvest Institute Freedman Federation's lawsuit, seeks to enforce. The treaties abolished slavery and mandated allotments of land and other benefits for the Freedmen and Black Indians.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of Interior has responsibility for implementing the terms of treaties between Native American tribes, the United States government and Black Freedman.

This Harvest Institute's legal Complaint seeks:

- o a declaration from the Department of Interior that acknowledge the rights and liabilities of the United States government to the descendants of Black Indians and Black Freedmen;
- o an order from the Court directing the defendants to comply with the various treaties and to establish contemporary procedures to distribute the allotments of land and other benefits such as tax exempt status, free college educations, rights to own and build casinos, annual income allotments and medical, health and housing services;
- o an order from the Court that compels the defendants to ascertain the status of compliance by the United States with these treaties and to assure that the terms of the treaties providing for land allotment to Black Indians and Black Freedmen, are observed and implemented.



Future issues of The Harvest Report will provide status updates.

# Harvest Institute Supports FAIR on Halting Immigration



**A**t the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, May 23, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) convened a press conference of a coalition of Black business, academic, clergy, education, health care and community leaders.” Several supporters of The Harvest Institute participated. Dr. Claud Anderson, the spokesperson for the Institute, framed the issues at the press conference. Harvest supporters including Dr. Frank Morris, Sr., a former dean at the University of Maryland, Dr. Rosie Milligan, head of the West Coast Harvest Institute Supporters, Bishop Frank Stewart head of Zoe Christian Churches in Los Angeles, Jim Clingman from Cincinnati, head of Blackonomics and Dr. Nathaniel Chism, a community activist and businessman in Youngstown also addressed illegal immigration and the hardship it imposes on Black Americans.

The purpose of the press conference was to communicate the devastating affects immigration has on Black America and to, therefore, express the participants’ opposition to President George Bush and Senate legislation that would provide

citizenship and amnesty for 20 million to 30 million illegal immigrants. Even though the immigrant population increased by 400 percent over the past 25 years, the Senate bill on immigration reform would have allowed Hispanics alone, to increase their population to 90 million within a decade. Currently the Black population is 36 million and Hispanics are almost 42 million.

FAIR said the press conference was, “To provide a voice for Black citizens who have seen their economic progress stagnate as jobs, educational opportunities and access to public services have been taken by millions of illegal aliens who have poured into this country

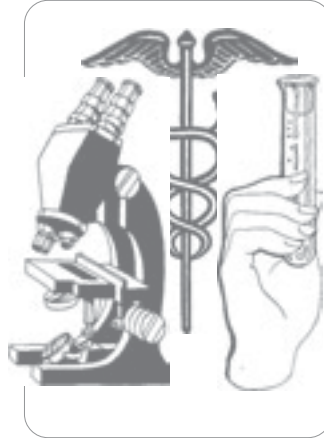
Some of the leading national media, including CNN, Fox and the Washington Post attended the news conference and numerous other media companies noted the story. A follow up press conference and panel discussion is scheduled for January 13, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Syndicated columnist and television personality Tony Brown will be one of the main speakers. Stay tuned.

Photo: Dr. Claud Anderson (center) flanked by Harvest Institute supporters

# MEDICAL ALERT

The neighborhoods in which Blacks live are frequently the destinations of choice for immigrants, legal and illegal. Leading health organizations including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP), have alerted the public to new and emerging contagious diseases that immigrants carry from their home countries to host countries or that are imported to the United States by visitors and tourists to Asian, African and other developing countries. The United States has experienced a resurgence of deadly diseases that it once had under control. New diseases have appeared and imposed crippling financial hardship on hospitals, communities and municipalities. The new and re-emerging list includes such diseases as antibiotic resistant tuberculosis (TB), avian flu, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), West Nile virus, E.coli contamination, malaria, blood disorders, AIDS, leprosy, cholera, chagas, hook and tapeworms, hepatitis, measles, smallpox and polio. Blacks had limited health resources to begin with and frequently die of easily treatable diseases. Now they face dilution of the inadequate health care that used to exist, as well as new diseases.

Challenging diseases come into the United States from all parts of the world, particularly from the 14 million to 20 million illegal



Hispanic immigrants that have come to the country without undergoing any health evaluations. The CDC labels the border states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California a “hot zone” of diseases common in Mexico, Central and South America. Many infected people from the region are employed in the nation’s agricultural food chain, and work in the kitchens of restaurants, schools, hospitals, hotels, entertainment centers and homes. According to the

CDC, these diseases travel this path to migrate north.

**The Harvest Perspective:** While uncontrolled immigration related health issues have shaken White America, they are devastating Black America.

## HEALTH IMPACT

*Immigrant-linked diseases reflect differences in vaccination levels, hygiene practices, healthcare services, cultural differences and economic disparities. Below are some of the diseases that pose significant health problems to the population of the United States.*

### Tuberculosis:

Tuberculosis (TB) is one of the most deadly and far reaching diseases linked to immigrants according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Tuberculosis, a wasting disease most commonly found in the lungs, can also affect the intestines, bones and joints, skin, lymphatic and nervous systems. Nearly eradicated before the wave of immigration that began in 1965, TB is making a dangerous comeback. This time it is a multidrug-resistant tuberculosis known as MDR-TB. It is airborne, contagious and the CDC calls it a global public-health emergency. The TB organism can live for a considerable period of time in air or dust. The most common means of acquiring the disease is by inhalation of respiratory droplets. The New York Academy of Science estimates that each victim will infect 20 or more people.

According to the CDC, of the 16,000 United States reported new cases in 2005, more than 53 percent were foreign-born and 26 percent were from Mexico.

## Medical Alert

**W**hen White America catches cold, Black America has pneumonia. Immigration is hurting Blacks economically, politically, socially and displacing them from the conscience of America. Immigration increases our direct risk to diseases and further dilutes resources available to address our healthcare needs. Often uninsured and under insured, forty-three percent of non-citizens under 65 have no health insurance. A high number use emergency rooms for regular medical and dental care. The cost of uninsured immigrants is passed on to taxpayers and strains the financial stability of the health care community. Madeline Peiner Cosman, a lawyer and health care analyst who wrote about the financial burden of illegal immigrants said, “What is unseen is that their [illegal immigrants] free medical care has degraded and closed some of America’s finest emergency medical facilities, and caused hospital bankruptcies.”

Blacks may not be able to control the incompetent immigration policies that permit unchecked illegal immigration, but Blacks must always remember the lessons of Katrina. If pandemics occur in Black communities, fewer hospitals are accessible to Blacks. Many Black controlled hospitals have

closed or are headed in that direction. In a catastrophic health-related emergency, recent events demonstrate that hospitals outside of our communities will not likely lay out the welcome mat to respond to the treatment needs of Blacks. In a catastrophic health-related emergency, Blacks will not be allowed to travel outside their communities to seek help. No one will come to save us and, we will have nowhere to go.

While federal, state and local governments can see the hardships that this unprecedented wave of immigration has caused, they are apparently incapable of controlling it and acting in the best interest of the country. If governments cannot or will not acknowledge or control the health issues that threaten to unbalance the healthcare infrastructure, it is not realistic to expect that Blacks will be the moving force of change in this arena. Neither they nor their needs are even part of the discussion.

However, Blacks *can* take some protective steps. They can educate themselves, their families and communities about risks and teach them how to prevent infection. Blacks can also affect what people who wear the label of “leaders” say and do. Most traditional civil rights leaders and elected

officials suffer from the humanitarian fantasy and illusion of political brotherhood. They support increased immigration and increased rights for those immigrants. (Previous newsletters describe in full the inappropriate behavior this represents.) We can hold accountable, those people who purport to work in our interest. We should withdraw financial support from those organizations and individuals who support increased immigration. We should voice loud public disapproval of their stands on immigration. We must let the public, and those who

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### HEALTH IMPACT

#### Pork Tapeworms:

The pork tapeworms thrive in Latin America and Mexico and other developing countries. Infestations are a growing concern in the U. S. The tapeworm is a parasite that produces eggs that form cysts around developing larva. When cysts lodge in the brain they destroy tissue, causing hallucinations, speech and vision problems, severe headaches, strokes and in rare cases death. Tapeworm cysts are also found in the intestines, liver and other organs.

#### Leprosy:

Leprosy, like TB, is a disease that is transmitted via droplets from the nose and mouth during close and frequent contacts with infected persons. It is a disease that grows slowly. Symptoms can take as long as 20 years to appear. Untreated, leprosy is progressive and can permanently damage the skin, nerves, limbs and eyes. Between 1930 and 1970, the United States had only 900 reported cases of leprosy. Since the 1970s, the cases of leprosy have increased to more than 7,000 and it continues to spread.

**Medical Alert** *continued*

slip these so-called leaders benefits, know that they have no authority to speak for the race.

Blacks may be on the bottom of every socio-political and health indicator, and our hospitals may be closing, but we are still taxpayers and voters. For that we must demand of elected officials the benefits and protection due us. While they may expectantly seek approval from other groups, elected officials have a responsibility to native-Blacks who elected them and we must demand respect and quid pro quo benefits for our group.

**HEALTH IMPACT****SARS:**

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is a potentially deadly virus that most often affects the lungs, but sometimes affects the digestive system. It is a disease that originated in Asia and within a few months, infected 18,000 people. The fear was that it would spread to the United States. Like TB, it is spread by close personal contact through airborne droplets from sneezing or coughing.

**Polio:**

Poliomyelitis (polio) is an infectious disease caused by a virus that lives in the throat and intestinal tract. It is spread through person-to-person contact with the stool of an infected person (for instance, by changing diapers). Most people infected with the polio virus have no symptoms but some infections cause paralysis and even death. The disease was eradicated in the United States in the mid-1950s thanks to Dr. Jonas Salk and his vaccine. While the number of cases is still low, it has re-appeared, especially in unvaccinated immigrants. India and a number of African countries have reported recent outbreaks.

**Malaria:**

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease caused by a parasite. People with malaria often experience fever, chills, and flu-like illness and may develop severe complications. Each year 350-500 million cases of malaria occur worldwide, and over one million people die, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa. Malaria was brought under control in America years ago, through prevention, antimalarial drugs and mosquito control. The disease has reappeared in immigrant populations in the United States.

**STDs and AIDS/HIV:**

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and HIV/AIDS are rampant in Central and South America, India, Asia, Africa and many other developing countries. Within the United States, Black Americans have the highest infection rate of HIV/AIDS. *The Washington Post* reported that for the year 2000, of the people with HIV or AIDS, Black People in sub-Saharan Africa harbored three times more infection than all the rest of the nations together.

**Chagas:**

Chagas is a new disease to the United States It is an infection caused by a parasite common in Latin America. More than 18 million people are infected and 50,000 die from this disease annually. Dr. Louis Kickoff, a leading expert on disease at the University of Iowa, estimates that "... 100,000 people, virtually all of them are immigrants, carry the disease." Chagas can be transmitted by direct contact with an infected person, blood transfusions and kissing. There is no effective treatment and the FDA recently recommended testing the blood supply to prevent transmission of chagas.

Hepatitis A, B, and C and outbreaks of E. Coli are infections that are not new to the United States, but their occurrence is increasing and are frequently traced to infected food handlers.



*Did You Know?*

## First Black Female Aviator

**B**essie Coleman was the first Black female aviator. Born in Texas in 1892, Coleman spent her youth working hard in cotton fields and taking in laundry. After graduating from high school, she moved to Chicago in hopes of finding a better way of earning a living. While attending a beauty school and working as a manicurist, she became interested in aviation. Her interest in flying motivated her to read everything she could about flying. She applied for admission to a local flying school, but was refused because of her race and gender. Rather than giving up, she instead saved her money, learned French then in 1920, applied for admission to the Ecole d'Aviation des Freres Caudron at Le Crotoy in the Somme, in France. On June 15, 1921, Bessie Colman was awarded a pilot license by the Federation of Aeronautique International in France. Coleman became not only the first African-American woman to be a licensed pilot, but also the first woman to earn an international aviation license.

Bessie Coleman returned to the United States determined to earn a living in aviation and use some of her money to start a school for Black Americans. No White corporation would hire her, so she embarked on independent tours of air shows across the country to raise enough money to start her own flying school. Tragedy struck while she was flight testing an airplane that she had just purchased for an air show in Jacksonville, Florida. The plane went into a tail spin while Bessie Coleman, with an unfastened seat belt, was leaning out of the window to check the field runway. Bessie Coleman plunged to her death, ending her dream of teaching Black Americans to fly. Officials and representatives of the Bessie Coleman Foundation(BCF) plan to visit the small French village where Bessie Coleman first learned to fly and to publicly thank the Caudron Brothers who were her instructors.

From *More Dirty Little Secrets about Black History, Its Heroes and Other Troublemakers* by Dr. Claud Anderson and Brant Anderson, page 57

## CENSUS

# Immigrants Changing Definition of ‘White’ Newcomers Stretch Traditional U.S. Racial Definitions on Census

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In an August 25, 2002 article in The Los Angeles Times, Solomon Moore and Robin Fields relate the story of Zarmina Khalili. Khalili immigrated from Afghanistan to the United States 15 years ago and never considered herself White until she moved to the United States.

In Afghanistan, the basic distinctions were tribal, such as the Tajiks and Pashtuns. For Khalili, race was not an issue. Her identity was clear. She was a Tajik.

However, when she came to America and had to fill out census forms, race was an issue.

The article says that, “She regarded White as synonymous with American, with belonging, with fitting in. In identifying herself that way, Khalili joined a growing number of newcomers who are stretching traditional U.S. racial definitions and — counterintuitive as it might seem — making White among the most diverse of demographic categories.” The phenomenon also ensures that Whites will remain America’s majority population. The 2000 Census forms Khalili, 42, a fair-skinned homemaker in Canoga Park, California, filled out, listed six racial categories and asked where she fit. She chose “White.”

According to demographers, ninety-nine percent of all Arabs and Hispanic foreign-born categorize themselves as White. Asians are on probation to be White. University of Southern California

demographer Dowell Myers commented on the changing meaning of White. He said, “What White traditionally meant — the WASP, the blond hair, the California drawl, the Hells Angels motorcycle riders — is being overlaid with new images of white Russians and Armenians, Iranians, North Africans and Latinos. White is the most polyglot category, and it’s morphing.”

The Moore, Fields article points out that the latest arrivals are upsetting conventional wisdom, which held that the percentage of White Americans would inevitably dwindle over time. It also points out that today, about 75% of the U.S. populace identifies itself as wholly or partly White. Many demographers expect the same will be true in 50 years, despite continued immigration from Latin America, Asia and elsewhere.

## **Racial flexibility**

Why do so many recent immigrants choose a White identity? Moore and Fields report that immigrants say they equate whiteness with opportunity and inclusion and that, “... a growing number, influenced heavily by Latino culture, say they see race as fluid and whiteness as an unbounded territory they can enter and exit at will.”

The article points out that mixed-race people are embracing a similar sort of racial flexibility, choosing White as their primary race. In the past, people of mixed race were almost uniformly counted as minorities, not as Whites.

## Immigrants Changing Definition of White

### *'White fits me best'*

In their article, Moore and Fields review the history of the racial categories the U.S. Census Bureau has used over the years. "In the first national head count, in 1790, government enumerators placed people in four slots: free white males, free white females, slaves, and "others," a category that included free American Indians. After the Black Civil Rights Movement ended, in the late 1960s, for the first time, Census created minority categories for individuals previously counted as White such as Hispanics, Eskimos, and Native Americans. Today, people fill out the survey themselves, choosing from six options for race: White; Black or African-American; American Indian or Native Alaskan; Asian; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; and "other." In 2000, for the first time, respondents could check more than one category.

The 2000 Census allowed Hispanics the most options to layer their self-definition. Since 1980, the survey has treated Hispanic ethnicity apart from race, asking about it in a separate question and indicating that Hispanics can be of any race. The Hispanic category is meant for people who trace their origins to a Spanish-speaking nation.

Moore and Fields point out that the choices Americans make about their racial identities have far-reaching consequences. More than 60 federal agencies use census data to distribute government funds. State legislatures use the numbers in redrawing congressional districts. Businesses use that data to make marketing decisions for fast food restaurants, grocery stores or soft drinks. The authors conclude that these uses of census data, "Give bedrock permanence to racial identities that may be ephemeral or subjective."

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*View the entire article at [www.latimes.com](http://www.latimes.com)*

### **The Harvest Perspective:**

The United States Census allows each person to self-identify race. Immigration is at an all time high. More than two-thirds of the foreign born identified themselves as White in the 2000 Census. They can choose whatever category they like. There is no evidence that there was a surge in the number of immigrants selecting Black. Privilege and value are associated with the category of White. Immigrants can come into the country, legally or illegally and choose to elevate themselves over Blacks. Most Blacks cannot choose to be, nor would they be accepted as, White. However, immigrants can choose to rank themselves above native-Blacks and still receive major Affirmative Action benefits. Native-Blacks can do neither. It is a flaw of Affirmative Action programs that immigrants are even considered eligible yet, they and White women receive 99% of Affirmative Action benefits. The convoluted logic of Affirmative Action for immigrants, especially for those who choose to be White, leads to the absurd situation of governments awarding wealth generating contracts to Arab and Asian immigrants instead of Blacks. It leads to a wealthy third generation White male with a Spanish surname who qualifies for and receives coveted contracts.

The issue of race may be increasingly muddled, but one thing is clear—Blacks are isolated at the bottom and are almost a permanent underclass. They are in a ditch from which escape is nearly impossible. Blacks *can* use PowerNomics principles and escape economically by Ethno-Aggregation (aggregating group resources). But, when the government itself develops policies that elevate every group that comes to America, whether legally or illegally, over native-Blacks, one cannot help but recall the prophetic words of Daniel

**APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR****BIG's Bold Stand**

Blacks in Government (BIG), one of the nation's largest and oldest public service employee organizations, passed a national resolution demanding that Aetna Insurance pay restitution for its participation in and benefit from slavery. BIG adopted the resolution in August 2006, at the organization's National Delegates Assembly in New York City.

According to BIG, Aetna, an insurance provider, admitted that the company participated and benefited from slavery by writing life insurance policies on the lives of enslaved Africans with slave owners as the beneficiaries. According to the BIG press release, Aetna had promised to pay restitution to Blacks but eventually reneged.

BIG therefore asked government employees to consider purchasing healthcare from providers other than Aetna. (blacknews.com, November 9, 2006)

The Harvest Perspective:

Kudos. This is an excellent example of a Black organization that is not afraid to take a stand in the self interest of the racial group to which its members belong. BIG also demonstrates its willingness to accept the leadership role bestowed on it.

## Immigrants Changing Definition of White

Goldhagen, in his book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*.

In this book, Goldhagen examines pre-World War II German society to identify the factors that set the stage for extermination of a despised group of people within a society. Goldhagen draws his conclusions from an examination of the German Jews and the Holocaust. Two of Goldhagen's factors in particular spell danger for native-Blacks. The first danger signal is that systemic assaults on the outgroup (Blacks) are deemed acceptable by society. The second signal is when Governments

ignore and fail to protect the outgroup. In this case it is clear that the outgroup is Blacks...not immigrants, not women, not handicapped, not gays.

Racial definitions may be used to allocate resources, but the perception of a race is still tied to the resources the group owns and controls. PowerNomics principles are designed to increase the assets owned by Blacks. Not until the group as a whole is recognized as having substantial economic power and control will as much value be attached to being Black as being White.

*The following edited letter was written by Bob Law, radio talk show host and café owner in New York and Jim Clingman, author and head of Blackonomics in Cincinnati. The letter called for Black leaders to Bring Back Black as a focus of Black leadership and to make Black group self interest the purpose of all activity. This letter accompanied an invitation to a select group to an organizational meeting for new Black leadership that was held in Cincinnati on December 9, 2006.*

An Open Letter To Black Americans

## **It Is Time To Bring Back Black** by Bob Law

*In recent years some nationally prominent Black leaders have complained that they resent being known as Black leaders. They say they want the world to know they are capable of leading anybody. Rather than demonstrate that leadership by leading their own people to the necessary levels of self-sufficiency and competitiveness, these leaders have abandoned the critical issues facing Black people and have begun to chase an ambiguous romanticized notion of alliances with other groups without any demonstration or even an explanation as to how these alliances will actually empower Black people.*

*For decades these leaders have stood on the shoulders of the Black community to challenge and threaten corporate America in what we were told was a struggle for economic justice, and while the Black community is still being exploited by corporate America. These nationally prominent Black leaders acknowledge that their operating budgets are now sustained by their corporate sponsors. It appears as though these leaders, a small cluster of their friends and, in some instances, members of their own families are the only ones to have received concessions from the nation's major corporations.*

*True leaders not only examine issues and point out inherent problems; they also craft solutions and lead by example. These nationally prominent Black leaders and organizations have actually abandoned the specific needs of Black people. A case in point for instance is that Black Americans have never received proportional benefits for the time, energy, and resources that they have devoted to voting. No major party or candidate has delivered benefits to Black people in return for their votes. Still these nationally prominent Black leaders tell Blacks simply to vote, while politicians hide behind mythical concepts and broad groupings, like people of color, minorities, poor people, multi-culture, and diversity in order to justify doing nothing specifically for Blacks in return for their votes.*

*Black people are offered a meaningless covenant with America that leaves all the power and resources firmly in the hands of White power brokers. These leaders have cooperated with major White developers in securing huge development contracts to build anything they please, from Stadiums in downtown Brooklyn to a \$1billion urban riverfront in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rather than secure the development project itself for a consortium of Black developers they, on behalf of the White developers, urge Black people to accept temporary dead end jobs as the Black benefits, jobs they would never allow their own children to accept. (Continued on next page.)*

## It Is Time To Bring Back Black

*Enough is enough, Black people are in need of leaders who without apology are committed to the very real needs of Black Americans....It is time to bring back Black.*

*These prominent leaders argue that unemployment is so high among Blacks that any job is of value. When you consider that unemployment among Asians is 0%, among Arabs 0%, Hispanics 4.6%, with Hispanics receiving 41% of all new jobs since 2004, and among Whites unemployment is 4.5%, it is clear that other groups have an economic plan working in and for their communities. With unemployment at 48% to 50% in Black urban centers throughout the country,... the real question becomes, how is it that under their watch unemployment among Blacks remains twice the national rate that it was for all Americans during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Black leaders, where is your economic strategy to empower Black America?*

*While ignoring the work being done to revitalize Black communities by lesser known Blacks in various cities, and in some instances even moving to block and discourage those efforts, these prominent Black leaders... make the agendas of other groups sound like an extension of the civil rights movement.*

*Allowing any and all groups to use broad terms like diversity, people of color, and minorities is a ploy to avoid addressing the specific needs of Blacks, and to equate the grievances of these groups to the historical suffering of Black people. It does Blacks and history a great disservice.*

*Blacks have the strongest legal and moral grounds for justice due than any other group, but have not enjoyed the full support of any of these other groups.*

*Enough is enough, Black people are in need of leaders who without apology are committed to the very real needs of Black Americans. We urge the leaders who feel trapped by their Blackness to go quickly to the task of providing leadership for all these other groups so that we can get away from their mis-leadership long enough to get out of our current political and economic ditch.*

*It Is Time To Bring Back Black, and hundreds of thousands of us are ready to do just that. What about you?*

*A Word of Explanation... You will notice that The Harvest Institute capitalizes the words Black and White when referring to people. This may feel unfamiliar but we do it out of respect for both the Black and White race. It is inappropriate to capitalize Asians, Hispanics, and other groups and not give Whites and Blacks respect to which both are entitled.*

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Many other organizations too numerous to mention by name, have also supported our work. We thank them all.

## Are Black People Invisible?

**T**he *Washington Post* reported that on November 5, 2006, a divided federal appeals court ruled that a private school for Native Hawaiians may favor applicants based on their race. The court cited the unique history and relationship between Hawaii and the United States.

The elite school grants admission to Native Hawaiians first. If openings still remain, the school will admit others.

In the 8 to 7 vote, the majority noted that Congress has singled out the plight of Native Hawaiians for improvement, just as lawmakers have done with Alaska Natives and other American Indians. The policy furthers the urgent need for better education of Native Hawaiians, which Congress has repeatedly identified as necessary, the court said.

THI Perspective:

In the above story, if one substituted the word Black for Native Hawaiian, people would be up in arms. Where are Ward Connerly, Clarence Thomas and Thomas Sowell, Shelby Steele and Armstrong Williams? Or does opposition to race based solutions apply only when the race is Black?

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## Institute for Black Charities Applies PowerNomics to Fundraising for Black Non-Profits

One of the foundation principles of PowerNomics is Ethno-Aggregation (Chapter 1 in *PowerNomics: the National Plan to Empower Black America*) by Dr. Claud Anderson. Ethno-Aggregation means pooling group resources and using them for the benefit of the group. Charlene Taylor puts this principle into practice for Blacks in a newly formed organization, the Institute for Black Charities (IBC). A strong PowerNomics supporter, Ms. Taylor brings her many years of experience in the charity field, to IBC and gives Black national non-profit organizations entree to a new stream of money from a very old source - the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Through the CFC, federal civilian employees, postal workers and military personnel make annual charity contributions, most through payroll deductions. In 2005, the CFC reached a record-setting \$268.5 million in pledges. Blacks are a major contributing group, yet few non-profit organizations committed to Black advancement participate.

Ms. Taylor hopes to change that. She is seeking qualified 501© 3 non-profit charitable organizations that provide services nationally and internationally, to become part of the Institute for Black Charities. Ms. Taylor and her staff will assist organizations to complete CFC applications.

The organizations in turn will receive contributions designated specifically to them, as well

a portion of the funds contributed to the IBC and the overall CFC.

Ms. Taylor says, “IBC seeks to change the fundraising landscape in a way that will bring significant dollars to Black organizations and institutions serving our communities, thereby offering more resolutions to the many problems plaguing our society.”

The primary goal of the national federation is to help organizations build a permanent base of funding for programs, administrative operations and infrastructure development. Organizations that join the federation will benefit from pooled resources through lower administrative fees and lower cost of fundraising expenses. The federation helps strengthen the ability of Black organizations to gain access to fundraising markets. It also provides Blacks, and others who support Black independence and self-sufficiency, a vehicle to achieve that end.

If your organization meets CFC requirements and you are interested in joining the IBC, contact Charlene Taylor, for more information and applications.

You may reach her at 301-563-6250 or email her at [administrator@blackcharities.net](mailto:administrator@blackcharities.net). Visit IBC on the web at [www.blackcharities.net](http://www.blackcharities.net)



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## Chism Puts Group Aggregation to Work

Dr. Nathaniel Chism is a Black man who has applied the PowerNomics principles of Vertical Integration and Ethno-aggregation (aggregating group resources) to all of his entrepreneurial endeavors, tangible and virtual. In Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Chism owns The African Holistic Healing Center and Omega Pure Water, both family businesses. Now he has applied PowerNomics principles to a project he has developed on the Internet to give Blacks another tool for communications, KemetWorld.com.

In building KemetWorld, Dr. Chism has aggregated Black-owned websites that offer a variety of virtual activities such as on-line events, entertainment, instant messaging, games, e-mail, chats and cultural forums. Users can build stock portfolios, and participate in e-commerce at [www.UjamaaMall.com](http://www.UjamaaMall.com) as retail vendors or product purchasers. KemetWorld also offers job searches and classifieds from around the world. Dr. Chism has designed the site so that it is a way Blacks can create, sell, and buy products and services from their own people.

All of the websites are Black Star certified which, Dr. Chism explains, means that they are Black-owned and managed. Visit [www.KemetWorld.com](http://www.KemetWorld.com) and contact Dr. Chism for more information at 330-747-9323 or [DocChism@KemetWorld.com](mailto:DocChism@KemetWorld.com).

## What is PowerNomics?

PowerNomics is pooling resources and power to produce, distribute, and consume in a way that creates goods and wealth that Black people control. The PowerNomics Vision is a Black America that is economically self-sufficient and competitive.

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## IA Des Moines, Iowa

The Iowa Division on the Status of Blacks, headed by Abraham L. Funchess, Jr. held its first annual summit on the weekend of October 28, 2006 in Des Moines. This was the first step toward developing a plan to create ownership and control for Blacks in the state. The conference was inspired by Dr. Anderson's book *PowerNomics*, and he was the keynote speaker. The purpose of the Division on the Status of Blacks and the conference was to take the first steps to improve the circumstances of Blacks in the state; to create more business ownership and control opportunities and to find ways to use education as a tool to empowerment.

The Governor of Iowa, Thomas J. Vilsack, recently announced Democratic candidate for President, attended the conference as well as all four current Black state representatives. Vilsack commented on the value of *PowerNomics* and expressed a desire to learn more. The Division will use *PowerNomics* as the foundation to the plan they are preparing for the State and will travel to nine other Iowa cities to seek their input. Funchess, the governor and the sponsor, Nationwide, were pleased by the conference. Funchess was especially pleased that so many community representatives from all over the state attended. Funchess and the Division will seek guidance from with Dr. Anderson during the year in ways to implement *PowerNomics* principles. The Division is already planning a follow-up conference in 2007 to assess the work completed during the year.

For more information, contact Abraham L. Funchess, Jr., Division Administrator Iowa Division on the Status of Blacks at 515-281-3855.

## PowerNomics Principle

The primary goal of practicing group economics, or *PowerNomics*, is to draw wealth, income and other resources into Black communities and to make them more economically self-sufficient and competitive.

*(PowerNomics: The National Plan, Anderson, p.125)*



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**DATE:** December 2006  
**FROM:** Dr. Claud Anderson, President  
**TO:** Supporters of The Harvest Institute

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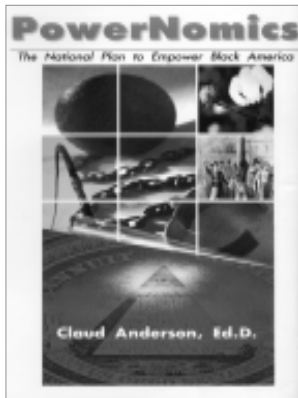
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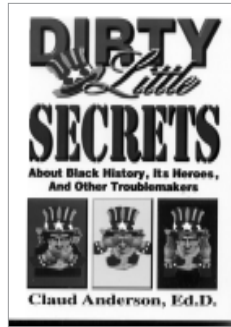
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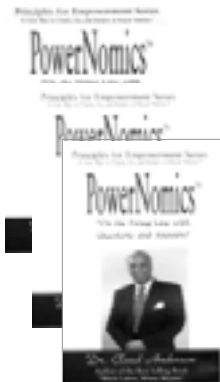
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