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## POLITICAL TURMOIL WITHIN THE U. S. RULING-CLASS

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Let us be clear: both mainstream political parties represent the interest of the wealthy and elite of this country. Neither republicans nor democrats are working-class political parties committed or devoted to serving the interest of the average person residing here within the United States.

Both parties cater to corporate elites in the fields of weapons production, technology, manufacturing, retail, energy, agriculture, entertainment, etc. Both parties support candidates and campaigns that are funded via lobbyist such as the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Both parties continue to fund the settler-colonial state of Israel even as it continues to routinely murder and starve the Palestinian people throughout Gaza and the West Bank. The republicans and democrats are functionaries of the American empire. As such their conflict is not as to whether or not the empire should be dismantled, but rather as to who is better suited/qualified (Democrat or Republican) to manage it during this period of its history and existence.

## HIGHLIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**NATIONAL BLACK**  
**RADICAL**  
**POLITICAL**  
**CONVENTION**

**HOW TO STOP**  
**GENTRIFICATION!**  
**PART I**

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**PENNSYLVANIA**

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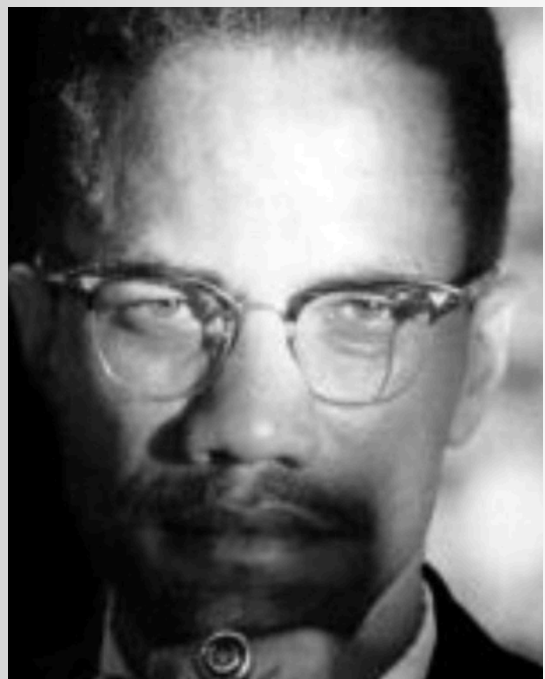
## POLITICAL TURMOIL WITHIN THE U.S. RULING CLASS CONT.

Both parties support the continue exploitation and oppression of Black people within the United States and throughout the African Diaspora, particularly in places like Haiti and the mineral rich nations on the African continent. While they may differ from time to time on various U.S. domestic policy initiatives, their international and foreign policy agendas are often the same; white-supremacy, global militarization, dominance, imperialism, economic hegemony.

Just as there are ideological and strategic conflicts between the two mainstream capitalist political parties, there are also internal conflicts as well.

Several months later, the Democratic Party establishment continues to engage in post-election analysis and the 'blame-game' in attempting to understand the dynamics of the Kamala Harris loss to Donald Trump in the November 2024 presidential campaign. Was the loss due to sexism, racism, lack of Black male participation, lateness of campaign, no primary process, messaging or perhaps a combination of all of the above?

The moderate wing of the party continues to face ongoing criticism from the more progressive members of the party for not being bold and audacious in advocating for its working class and people-of-color base. Meanwhile, the moderate wing continues to castigate the liberal and progressive wing for promoting so-called 'woke messaging' and themes that may have alienated segments of its mostly white working class, middle-class and culturally conservative base. More recently, the Democratic Party establishment appears to be both alarmed and threatened by the appeal and primary victory of democratic socialist New York mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani. Democratic Party bureaucrats and funders are scrambling around in a desperate attempt at damage control and contingency planning.



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The republican party establishment is doing no better with factions within the Trump MAGA-Movement at odds with the presidents' persistent defense and funding of the genocidal Israeli government, the bombing of Iran and the possibilities of yet another costly and deadly overt U.S. military venture in the middle east and western Asia. What has also emerged recently is the fallout (via mega donor and former white house appointee Élan Musk) regarding the Trump tax bill which some, like Musk, believe will significantly increase the federal deficit. Let's not forget that the Trump campaign promised its supporters that he, Donald Trump, would end the U.S. involvement in endless wars and reduce the federal deficit.

And, last, but certainly not least: the ongoing revelations concerning the Jeffrey Epstein files and rumors of Trump and other ruling class elites being named among those who solicited and engaged in the sex-trafficking and prostitution of children.

That being said: now more than ever, we need to be organized so as to more effectively combat the vile political machinations and moral bankruptcy of both political parties when it comes to advancing Black liberation and self-determination. It's imperative that we position ourselves to one day (soon) directly govern ourselves.

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Image of the first National Black Political Convention, aka the Gary Convention, held in Gary, Indiana on March 10-12, 1972



NATIONAL BLACK RADICAL POLITICAL  
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# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK RADICAL POLITICAL CONVENTION**

**Theme: Building Political Unity &  
Fighting Fascism**

**LOCATION: TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

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# **PART I: HOW TO STOP GENTRIFICATION! (COLONIAL CAPITALISM'S EXPLOITATIVE HOUSING DISPLACEMENT POLICY)**

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Member and Co-founder of Operation P.O.W.E.R.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Gentrification is happening in many Black communities throughout the nation and Black politicians, in far too many instances, are responsible for the growing gentrification in our beloved Black communities. Check this out! As a member of the New York Council for 14 years, I sat next to Black members whose districts were overwhelmingly Black majority in population. When housing development proposals that were 75% to 80% market rate came before the New York City Council for final approval, I warned them that if they supported these housing proposals they would be aiding and abetting in the gentrification of their districts. That means that they would be supporting the increase in the white population and a decrease in the Black population of their districts. I further warned them that this change in the racial/ethnic demographics would give the new increased white population control and power in determining the political representation in their districts. But they didn't listen! Now they are crying about "gentrifiers" taking over their districts. Well, your vote to approve these housing proposals brought the "gentrifiers" in your districts! This is a classic case of the political "chickens coming home to roost."

In 1966 the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. extended his movement beyond the south as he marched north in Chicago for open housing to end overcrowding and segregation. In a March 14, 1967 article in "The Christian Science Monitor" titled, "Drive to end slums" he writes;  
"We viewed slums and slumism as more than a problem of dilapidated inadequate housing. We understood them as the end product of domestic colonialism..."

He further writes, "On yet another housing front we are trying to break the local and national pattern of using "urban renewal" as a tool for "negro removal"

My my my how the name may change but the game remains the same. So, they changed the name from "urban renewal" to "gentrification." Same game! Same results! We say here in the 21st century, the year 2024 that gentrification, as Martin Luther King Jr. so accurately stated, is the end product of "domestic colonialism" perpetuated under an exploitative American colonial capitalist system.



Let me take a moment here to explain what we mean by “domestic colonialism.”

Generally, colonialism occurs when a foreign state forcibly takes control and occupies a sovereign state and extracts natural resources from the land and exploits human labor for the benefit of the foreign state, at the detriment of the sovereign state, as was the case of European states colonizing African states. However, colonialism in America was different. The early European colonist in America stole and occupied this land from the indigenous people, then stole and transported African people from Africa to America to engage in “slave labor” that extracted resources from the land which provided the economic foundation of this country’s colonial capitalist system. This is what is known as “domestic colonial capitalism.” In our beloved black communities; we don’t control the land; we don’t control the means of production; we don’t control the social and cultural institutions and we definitely do not control the police. Our communities are controlled by interlopers who do not live with us. We are in fact “domestic colonies” of a “colonial capitalist” system.

In the following pages we will share our successful strategies for stopping gentrification in our beloved East New York, Brooklyn Black community (domestic colony). Decent affordable housing is a basic human right!

## **HOW TO STOP GENTRIFICATION!**

First and foremost you must do a power analysis. You must determine who has the power to make the final decision on what housing proposals are coming into your community. And you must make the distinction and understand the difference between power and influence. Power is realized when we possess the ability and authority to make decisions that impact and determine the social, cultural, economic, and political destiny of our beloved Black communities. Power is when we control what's being built in our communities and what's being taken out of our communities.

I think the Black Panther Party said it best in point one of our 10 point program, "1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black and oppressed communities. We believe that Black and oppressed communities will not be free until we're able to determine our destiny in our own communities ourselves by fully controlling all of the institutions which exist in our communities."

Omali Yeshitela chairman of The African People's Socialist Party in his book, *Uneasy Equilibrium: The African Revolution Versus Parasitic Capitalism*, states that: "Our struggle has always been for power, to the extent that we win power, the racism of others becomes irrelevant. Power is the great equalizer."

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a 1967 speech titled, "The Three Evils of Society: War Racism, and Poverty" said, "We must also recognize that the problems of racial injustice and economic injustice cannot be solved without a radical redistribution of political and economic power. We must further realize the ghetto is a domestic colony. Black people must develop programs that will aid in the transfer of power and wealth into the residence of the ghetto so that Black people can become the masters of their own destiny. This is the meaning of new politics."

On the other hand, influence is when we have to demonstrate, organize, protest, and stop business from going on as usual in order to persuade people who have the power to make decisions in our best interest and concede to our just demands. When we succeed in getting the powers that be to concede to our demands it feels like power, but in actuality it's influence. While influence feels powerful, it cannot take the place of having actual power.

## **THE POWER OF THE NYC COUNCIL**

We utilized the power we had as members of the New York City Council to stop gentrification from coming into our district. The New York City Council has authority and power in four major areas of responsibility. (1) The city council passes the multi-billion dollar city budget. Not the mayor! The mayor proposes the budget and spends the money after the budget is passed by the city council. (2) The city council passes legislation that determines municipal laws. If the mayor signs the legislation, it becomes law. If the mayor vetoes the legislation, it comes back to the city council to act on again. The city council needs 2/3 majority vote to override a mayoral veto in order for the legislation to become law. If the mayor wants to enact any legislation, the mayor must get a councilmember to sponsor and introduce it. (3) The city council has the power to convene oversight hearings on issues and policies regarding all city agencies. The city council also has subpoena power to force any and all city agency commissioners to testify at city council hearings. (4) Last but definitely not least, the city council has the power to make the final decision regarding housing, commercial, and zoning decisions on city owned land and private development projects that are seeking to develop property beyond their "as of right" privileges.

**Part II of "How to Stop Gentrification"  
by Charles Barron In the next issue of  
*THE ALTERNATIVE***

## **ON OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025: ALL ROADS LEAD TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA!!!**

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The spirit, legacy and politics of the Black Radical Tradition moves forward in the convening of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the National Black Radical Political Congress. Our themes for this year's convention reflect the most recent and current issues impacting the political and socio-economic conditions for continued Black survival and future development. Many within the national Black community, especially our younger generations, are in uncharted territory: witnessing the almost daily systemic dismantling and weakening of civil rights, due process, voting rights, affirmative action programs and various government, corporate and university diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. Our co-workers, neighbors, family members and friends are routinely profiled and detained at gunpoint by masked, warrantless federal agents and (sometimes) local police on authority of the president, (DHS) Department of Homeland Security and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

In spite of massive protest and legal challenges, the majority of these violations continue to proceed, often unabated. And, let's be clear: many of those being arrested, detained and/or deported are not just our co-workers, neighbors and friends from south of the U.S. border. They are also people from the African continent and throughout the African Diaspora, including workers, students and children.

Even as people are being arrested and detained, the federal government, in collusion with certain state officials has instituted construction of massive makeshift detention centers (e.g., Florida's 'Alligator Alcatraz') to warehouse detainees and those considered as internal threats to national security. In some situations, detainees may actually find themselves deported to another country.

Additionally, we have witnessed the passage of a federal taxation bill that awards even more tax-generated wealth to the wealthy while simultaneously further impoverishing the neediest members of the society. Trumps 'big beautiful bill' will ultimately result in tax-breaks for the rich and wealthy and cut-backs (e.g., SNAP benefits, housing subsidies, Medicaid) for the poor and needy.

Meanwhile, the federal government continues to fund and bankroll Israel's genocidal project in Palestine (Gaza, West Bank) which has resulted in over 60,000 deaths, with many of those killed being women and children. Student protest has resulted in massive repression from local police and federal authorities (detention) with some school officials cooperating with the government by expelling and/or suspending student protesters. Other school officials have supported the students (and faculty's) right to protest.



## ALL ROADS LEAD TO PHILADELPHIA (CONT.)

Within the Black community there also appears to be an uptick in both the frequency and number of police involved beatings (e.g., Jacksonville, Florida) and shootings of both Black motorists and pedestrians. For certain, both political parties have demonstrated tremendous contempt for the Black community: Republicans with their popular support for draconian policies emanating from a neo-fascist white-house and Democrats for their pathetic masquerading as some sort of 'workers party' while all the time representing the same corporate interest and Zionist interest (the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee/AIPAC) as their republican counterparts.

Hence, in an atmosphere of intense political repression, growing financial hardship, genocidal Zionism abroad and nascent fascism at home, it is imperative that we: the people and Organizations of the national Black community attend, participate and support this upcoming convention as we tackle both the challenges of building political unity and combating fascism. Let ALL ROADS LEAD TO PHILLY!



## WHO ARE THE NBRPC?

We are a collective representation of Black workers, students, revolutionaries, activists, socialists, radicals, revolutionary nationalists, communists, and anti-capitalists firmly committed to building and developing the Black communities' capacity for independent Black political participation.

We proceed in the spirit and political traditions of those forces who attended the 1972 National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana with hopes and dreams of unifying Black America around an agenda of radical and revolutionary politics in pursuing Black liberation.



The National Black Radical Political Congress (NBRPC) is a vehicle for Third party and independent candidates to utilize in training, organizing, funding and conducting their respective campaigns in pursuit of genuine and liberating Black Power.

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## Word List

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SANKARA  
ZULU  
UHURU  
KEMET  
FREEDOM  
AFRICA  
ETHIOPIA  
COLONIZER  
ASANTE

## Word List

BIKO  
PANAFRICAN  
UBUNTU  
RESISTANCE  
UMOJA  
KWAME  
SOLIDARITY  
LIBERATION  
REVOLUTION  
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