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TO HELL WITH THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS!

By Charles Barron-Black Panther Party veteran, Former New York City Councilmember and New York State Assembly Member and Co-founder of Operation P.O.W.E.R.

Someone had asked me who I thought would win the 2024 presidential election between Harris and Trump. They asked me who would be empowered, Democrats or Republicans. I answered, "This is what will be empowered--imperialist wars, global genocide in Africa and the Middle East, globalization, colonialism, neocolonialism, exploitative domestic capitalism, that produces poverty, unemployment, the unhoused/homelessness, police brutality and the abuse of deadly force, mis-education, inadequate healthcare, crime and political corruption." The list is endless.

Both parties support this fatally-flawed colonial capitalist system and its warmongering imperialist foreign policy. Racism is its ideology that permeates every institution and pollutes the minds of millions of Americans. Colonial capitalism is the system and revolution is the solution.

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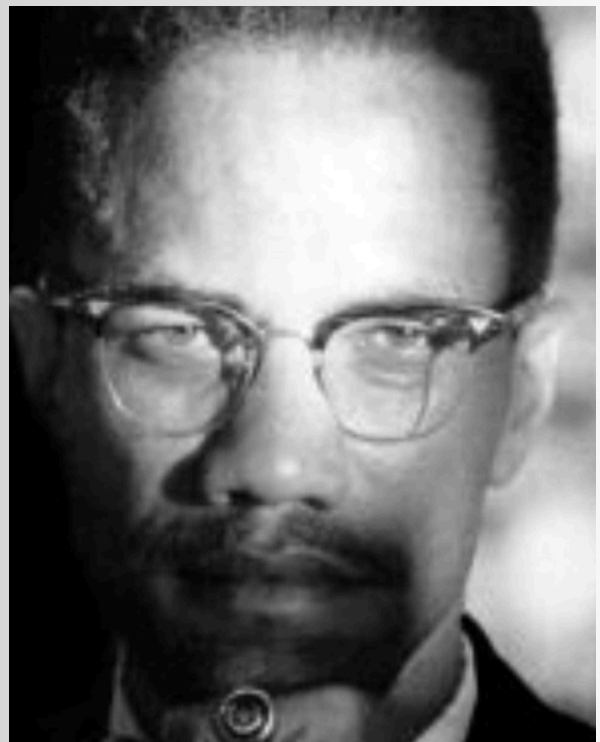
The November 5, 2024 election was a battle for which party would be the administrator of the colonial capitalist system. This time the Republicans won the trifecta--the White House, the Senate and the House! In 2008, the Democrats won the trifecta--the White House, The Senate, and The House with Barack Obama as the first Black president. No matter who becomes president, a Democrat or a Republican, the fundamental destructive oppressive system of colonial capitalism will be maintained. This, in reality, is a one-party system--"Republicrats." That's neo-conservatives and neo-liberals combined!

Over 150 million people voted on November 5, 2024. Only 538 people can vote directly for president--the electors of the Electoral College. They will vote in December for president and announce the results in January. Unless you are an elector, you never directly voted for president in your life. You voted for the electors of your state and most people don't even know who they are. As Malcolm X said, this is a hypocrisy, not a democracy!

Never one to major in the problem and minor in the solution, I offer this as one possible direction for us to take. "All politics is local." Revolution will happen from the bottom up, not the top down! Join us in building a National Black Radical Political Electoral Movement in order to get Black Radical/Revolutionaries elected to local political seats, i.e. city council and state legislature seats. Attend the Black Radical Electoral School sponsored by the Black is Back Coalition and attend the annual National Black Radical Political Conventions sponsored by the newly-formed National Black Radical Political Congress. We must confront, combat, and remove the Black neo-colonial sycophant, sellout puppets of the Democratic Party, the Black face of white colonial power!

**JOIN NOW!
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NBRPC!**

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TO HELL WITH THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS! CONTINUED

We in Operation P.O.W.E.R.(People Organizing and Working for Empowerment and Respect) achieved this by defeating the Democratic Party's "local machine" in my beloved East New York, Brooklyn by winning the local city council and state assembly seats for 21 years. The benefits and accomplishments included: successfully supported the freeing of three political prisoners (Herman Bell, Seth Hayes, and Jalil Muntaqim); sponsored and passed the New York State Reparations bill; built three new schools; approved development that created thousands of jobs; secured over \$100 million in park renovations; stopped gentrification by being the number one Councilmember in building "real affordable housing." The list is endless.

**NATIONAL BLACK RADICAL POLITICAL CONGRESS
(NBRPC)**

2025 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

All people of African descent (Black people) are encouraged to attend and participate in our annual online conference to prepare for the National Black Radical Political Convention (NBRPC), scheduled for October 25-26, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA.

The 2025 convention will introduce proposals, facilitate discussion and make resolutions that advance the movement for Black liberation. Our primary focus will continue to center on "those delegations, individuals and organizations that embrace and incorporate the core principles of the NBRPC while implementing their political strategies, particularly those related to electoral politics". Let us not be discouraged. Repression breeds resistance.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2025**

**11:00
AM (EST)**

JOIN US

<https://www.operationpowe.org/nbrpc-2025-annual-spring-meeting>

for more information click the link: [NBRPC](https://www.operationpowe.org/nbrpc-2025-annual-spring-meeting)

WE HAVE THE MODEL!
LET'S DUPLICATE THIS SUCCESSFUL PROCESS ACROSS THE NATION!
REVOLUTION IN OUR LIFETIME!
LIBERATION MUST COME ALIVE IN 2025!
THE STRUGGLE MAY BE LONG, BUT THE VICTORY IS CERTAIN!
FORWARD EVER!

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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 REPARATIONS RALLY

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HEADLINERS



Dr. Michael Eric
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**Saturday, May 17, 2025
11am - 5pm**

**Lansburgh Park
1098 Delaware Ave SW
Washington, DC**

VIRTUAL
REMARKS



Dr. Maulana
Karenga



Actress
Erika Alexander



Rev. Benjamin
Chavis



Nkechi
Taia



Salim
Adelo



Queen
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Invited: HR40/S40 Reparations Bill Sponsors Cong. Ayanna Pressley, Sen. Cory Booker, and DC
Reparations Bill Sponsor & At-Large DC Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie

Libation by Nana Malaya

Special Malcolm X Commemoration Remarks:

Zayid Muhammad,
Malcolm X Commemoration Committee



Ayo Handy-Kendi,
African American Holiday Association



Luci Murphy & the Black Workers Center Chorus
Malcolm X Dancers & Drummers
Randi Payton & the Pyramid Poets

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Inner Attainment by:

Ras Kas with Tricky Trev
Afri Soul
Ayanna Gregory
Free Benjamin
Laini Mataka

Plus, representatives from Legacy Reparations Organizations, 21st Century Black-Led Reparation Groups, State & Local Reparations Commissions, Task Forces, & Coalitions, Descendant Initiatives, Ally Organizations, Legal Groups, Civil/Human Rights Organizations, Faith-Based Initiatives, Philanthropic Supporters, and the DD Black Nationalist Community

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THE BLACK COMMUNITY MUST BREAK FROM BOTH U.S. CAPITALIST PARTIES

By Nnamdi Lumumba

The current crisis in the United States political system, marked by Donald Trump's aggressive power grabs and the unchecked influence of capitalist oligarchs like Elon Musk exposes the deep contradictions within American democracy. The Republican Party, increasingly aligned with fascist tendencies, is consolidating power to serve the interests of the ultra-rich, while the Democratic Party offers only symbolic resistance, incapable of truly defending Black working-class people. Both parties have abandoned the Black community, using our votes as political currency without delivering real material gains. This moment demands the creation of an independent Black political party—one that is anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist, anti-colonial, and anti-racist.

Donald Trump's rise was not an anomaly but a reflection of capitalism's ongoing decay. His presidency emboldened white nationalist forces, attacked labor rights, and further deregulated industries to the benefit of billionaires. Figures like Elon Musk, using their wealth to influence elections, censor opposition, and shape public discourse through corporate control of media and technology, represent a new breed of capitalist autocrats. The American ruling class, through both political parties, is restructuring the state to serve the interests of oligarchs, ensuring that working-class people—especially Black workers—remain politically powerless.

Under Trump and his ideological supporters, there is a clear effort to erode democratic institutions, suppress voting rights, and use state violence to crush dissent. Black people, historically at the forefront of democratic and labor struggles in the U.S., are once again a primary target of this reactionary agenda. Yet, the Democratic Party, which claims to be the opposition, offers nothing but empty rhetoric.

The Democratic Party positions itself as a defender of civil rights and democracy, yet it continuously betrays Black working class people. While Trump and the Republicans engage in overt attacks, Democrats try to pacify the Black community with symbolic gestures, hoping to secure votes without delivering structural change. Instead of speaking to the concrete demands our community have around police terror, education, housing and economic development, the Democratic Party uses its propaganda machine to get us to support their liberal and Black neo-colonial candidates without promising us any concessions.

Rather than challenging the oligarchy, Democrats seek only to maintain the status quo. Their primary goal in 2025 is not to defeat the forces of fascism and white nationalism but to secure congressional seats and White House control. They see Black voters as a passive electoral bloc rather than as an organized political force capable of demanding systemic change. This political manipulation must be rejected.

THE BLACK COMMUNITY MUST BREAK FROM BOTH U.S. CAPITALIST PARTIES CONTINUED

The Black community, especially Black working people, cannot afford to remain shackled to the two-party system. Both parties serve the capitalist ruling class, and neither will bring about the liberation of Black people. The only viable solution is the development of independent, radical Black political institutions and parties equipped with trained, radical candidates who refuse corporate donations and serve the interests of the people.

These independent political institutions must engage in grassroots organizing, electoral campaigns, and mass political education. They must expose how capitalism, imperialism, and neocolonialism sustain Black oppression and mobilize our communities to fight for true self-determination. Black liberation will not be won through Democratic posturing or Republican repression. It will be won by breaking from the influence of the capitalist parties and building our own institutions of power.



THE MESSAGE AND THE ASSIGNMENT

By Lisa Quinn

Kendrick Lamar. At the time of the Super Bowl, I did not know who he was. I mean, I heard his name in passing, perhaps. And like most, I didn't know what he was saying and didn't understand the whole presentation. And also like most, it had to be broken down and the deciphering steps began to unfold in my mind.

People are saying..."yes, he got the message." There has been a cascade of people saying something of the sort; and I am relieved to see that on national television that such a message was expressed. Freedom of speech was strongly supported with this performance!

So...it was great that he (Kendrick) got the message and it was shown to the world. I have seen on social media that our young brothers and sisters are repeating the message -- dancing in different parts of the Motherland. It is great to see that the message reached them; and it proves how small the world is; how communication has a very short highway to travel; and that we are supported here and around the globe among other oppressed people. I don't believe I have seen our people that happy and inspired since the first Black Panther movie.

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.

THE MESSAGE AND THE ASSIGNMENT CONTINUED

The message. By now, we all understand the assignment and know that he got the message; but what about the assignment and the message that is needed for the masses? Has the community been assigned? If so, by whom? The only assignment I have seen is for us to be consumers, and to vote for whomever is put in front of us and to vote for the duopoly that continues to exploit and oppress here in this country and in many parts around the world. And that type of "assignment" is absolute poison when the assignor continues to keep their foot on the community's neck.

What assignment is needed to obtain the motivation and mobilization of: self determination; freedom; reparations, release of our political prisoners, the abolition of white supremacy to end global imperialism? Just to name a few.

SAVE THE DATE

National Black Radical Political Convention

October 25th-26th 2025

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



PRINCIPLED BLACK UNITY IN TIMES OF REPRESSION

By Khalid Raheem

The current national and international climate during the Trump administration has indeed shaken and jolted many within the traditional halls of U.S. economic and political power. Most notably, the Democratic Party establishment and its vast alliance and coalition of corrupt union leaders, mis-guided celebrities, neo-colonial politicians and various opportunist entities within the non-profit industrial complex.

However, these forces continue to wield enormous power and influence throughout Black communities, often times providing cover and assistance in helping the democrats to remain in power even as they (Democrats) fail to fight for systemic and/or structural changes (e.g., Universal Health Care/Medicare for All, Reparations, Affordable and Safe Low-Income Housing, Livable and Sustainable Wages, etc.) that could have enormous material and substantial benefit to our people.

PRINCIPLED BLACK UNITY IN TIMES OF REPRESSION CONTINUED

This is certainly a historic moment that requires the utmost unity within the local and national Black/New Afrikan community in combating American style fascism. Contemporary U.S. style fascism is characterized by the suppression and criminalization of student protest opposing the Israeli governments' murder and genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza and the West Bank: the subsequent arrest, detention and deportation of certain protesters: the arrest and deportation of alleged illegal immigrants without any due process.

Additionally, it has included the dismantling or de-funding of federally funded programs, projects and initiatives (e.g., DEI) that elucidate, challenge, seriously critique and/or seek to remedy aspects of U.S. socio-economic inequities based on race, income and/or gender; the wholesale dismissal and firing of thousands of federal employees, along with significant funding cuts to countless colleges and universities throughout the United States: efforts to bully and intimidate Canada, Greenland and Panama for territorial control and expansion of the United States: and, finally intense and chaotic economic (tariffs) and military (bombing) saber-rattling targeting China and Iran.

Yes, indeed these are tough and challenging times that demand focused and targeted organizing and mobilization. However, our efforts at resisting fascism through calling for local and national Black unity cannot and should not avoid holding accountable those forces within our communities who have contributed to the current debacle by failing to address 'the donkey' in the room.

I'm calling out the continued and pervasive role of the Democratic Party in attacking and weakening the resolve of the Black community by co-opting and suppressing genuine progressive and radical movements for change. As mentioned earlier, the democratic party bureaucracy have employed and utilized an array of weak/corrupt Black politicians who take monies and directions from corporate developers/landlords and political action committees and lobbyist such as the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Also included are the various non-profits who are substantially and routinely funded via government contracts and liberal foundations while they serve as functional operatives of the Democratic Party's efforts to maintain control and power over the Black community.

PRINCIPLED BLACK UNITY IN TIMES OF REPRESSION CONTINUED

And finally, the countless and clueless celebrities, academics, labor leaders, media pundits and others who highlight the injustices of Trumps' previous and current administration, but fail to mention the complicity of the Biden, Harris, Obama administrations in fostering and maintaining Black oppression and exploitation in the form of chronic income and wealth disparities, unemployment/underemployment, homelessness, police misconduct, disproportionate arrest and incarceration, etc.

It is time for a principled Black unity, not just a unity based on skin-color, but a unity based on a serious commitment to combat the current strain of U.S. fascism, abandon the neo-colonial politics of both the republicans and democrats and chart a new course in advancing the politics of genuine Black liberation and Black self-determination.



FILM REVIEW: NO OTHER LAND

By Joyce Maxwell

While *Sinners* by Ryan Coogler is currently the hot topic at the box office, the 2024 documentary *No Other Land* is a compelling real-life narrative about the community Masafer Yatta, a collection of 19 Palestinian hamlets located in the southern region of the West Bank. The documentary portrays the Masafer Yatta community and the brutality they face at the hands of Israeli military occupiers. With cell phone in hand, Basel Adra, a Palestinian activist from Masafer Yatta, documents his community's fight against land theft by Israeli forces, and in doing so, he forms an alliance with Israeli journalist Yuval Abraham. Together Basel and Yuval daily record the atrocities of the Israeli forces as they systematically demolish Palestinian homes. Through heartfelt discussions, interviews, and raw footage the collective of Palestinian and Israeli film directors present the resilience of the Palestinian people in the face of loss and inhumane treatment. Masterfully shot with a simple cell phone camera, the film has received international accolades and awards including an Academy Award for Best Documentary in 2025. Yet this film has received little to no attention by American audiences due to limited distribution by U.S. film distributors, even though it has won an Oscar and received international recognition. The limited availability of the film is due to its graphic and accurate depiction of Israeli savagery and the fear of American distributors to show this work in the United States, a country which has historically proven to be pro-Israel. However, if you are in the New York area, *No Other Land* is a **must see**. It is not about fantastical vampires (although *Sinners* highlights historical evidence about the Jim Crow South), nor is it a big-budget Hollywood blockbuster. It focuses on a much more sinister and horrific truth: the struggles of the Palestinian people fighting for their lives, their land, and their dignity in real time, in the real world.