

Resolution #20

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force

WHEREAS:

Our world is about to change in alarming ways with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) but for the most part we are unprepared for the changes; and

WHEREAS:

Many positive changes will be welcomed but as we embrace them, we are totally unprepared when AI runs amuck; and

WHEREAS:

It is undetermined if stakeholders such as labor, educational institutions, religious organizations, and minority communities will actually have input to this system; and

WHEREAS:

We must ask whether stakeholders are sufficiently informed to represent the interests of their constituents or, how do they gain knowledge for meaningful input; and

WHEREAS:

African Americans are always the last hired and the first fired; and

WHEREAS:

African Americans represent 12% of the U.S. population, and their unemployment rate is understated at 18%; and

WHEREAS:

In professional and scientific jobs African Americans are historically underrepresented. We are 7% of mathematicians. We are 5% of the engineers and scientists; and

WHEREAS:

Also, as a consequence, the low impact of African Americans on a scientific level worsens as plans are being made by the federal government and Elon Musk to repopulate humans to other parts of our solar system; and

WHEREAS:

Many organizations are now meeting behind closed doors trying to decide how to grapple with these gigantic universal issues in ways that reflect the best outcomes for their constituents; and

WHEREAS:

CBTU, as a priority, must address the reality of AI or suffer the consequences.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, without hesitation, establish a Task Force for the purpose of:

- Familiarizing themselves with the overall economic issues of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with respect to:
 - types of jobs to be gained or lost.
 - Types of future jobs.
 - Ethical and racial impact on employment and unemployment issues in minority communities.
 - Lessening the negative impact on CBTU and their constituencies.
 - Working with other likeminded groups to pursue course(s) of action (political included) representing the best interest of its members and constituencies; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That beginning with the next scheduled meeting, the Task Force will provide progressive reports to the CBTU Executive Council and CBTU members will be kept informed of their findings.

Submitted by: CBTU Executive Council