

Black Power Cooperative Economics:

The urgent need for economic self-determination

Africans in America are a separate and distinct social group. We have a flag (the red, black and green) we have a national anthem, we have universities (HBCUs), we have our music (jazz, reggae, hip-hop, R&B), we have our fraternal, professional and religious organizations, we have our talk, we have our walk, we have our color (Black) and we have our culture (Black). Any argument to the contrary is a waste of time. “It is what it is”.

The primary problem here is that we (Africans in America and beyond) are not in control of the economics of our communities and nations. This has to change; this has to change now.

The solution is “Black Power Cooperative Economics” as advanced by Us Lifting Us Economic Development Cooperative, LLC.

In general, we must band together, pool our resources, invest in business enterprises in our local communities, own and profit together from these enterprises and expand our control to become the “big dog” in our communities. Anything we do short of this is “playing games”.

Entrepreneurship and Black Capitalism is not enough. Along with our current business base and current approaches, we “must” build multi-billion dollar enterprises that replace the “predators” who exploit our communities now. These new enterprises must be owned by us collectively, must be democratically run and must create thousands of new jobs. And profits must be returned to the people.

Our youth are dying in the streets, in the jails and prisons and on battlefields not of their choosing. The order of the day is to throw down on their behalf and on behalf of future generations. Their blood sacrifice demand that we do what we’ve always known was our job to do; take command of the economic, political and cultural life of our communities. No excuse short of our extermination is sufficient to remove this obligation.

The foundation to our rise is set. Join Us Lifting Us Economic Development Cooperative and help form a powerful economic movement; one that will please our ancestors and make our youth proud. The details are to be found at www.usliftingus.com. - Come with the spirit of Marcus, Malcolm and King. Come with the spirit of Harriet, Fannie Lou and Sojourner. To hell with failure: Victory is in our hands and it’s our time.