



Education Gives Us Voting, Soul Power

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As we pour more and more money into a failing public school system, we start to realize taxation without proper representation affects one's "voting power." The polling machines of today are becoming much more complicated to people who were not given a proper public school education. Some ballots ask the voter to solve problems by making decisions on subjects only City Council should answer. Let's face it, citizens having issues reading do not need to make decisions for complex political questions, when trying to choose their candidate of choice. As taxpayers, that's what we compensate our elected officials to do.

There is an overwhelming amount of under-educated citizens roaming through an avalanche of a continual changing high-tech, fast-paced society. This flood of technology is changing things so fast, most people find it very difficult to find and keep their jobs. My question is what becomes of the under-educated person in America, who does not read, write, spell or count well enough to keep up? Unfortunately, the majority of these people are the "children of slaves," who have graduated from public schools in the urban cities of America.

Public schools all over this nation were some of the most prejudiced places in our country for the "children of slaves" to attempt to attend. For instance, in 1960, an elementary school girl, Ruby Bridges, was met by people in the segregated South who wanted to keep her out of an all-white public school. This was just one of the many thousands of public schools in this country that felt the same way and it was not just in the South. These divisive acts took on a different kind of discrimination in the North. *Brown v. the Board of Education* pressed this by showing the injustice of Blacks not being able to attend white schools. This form of bigotry strategically designed a way of forming separate, but equal ways of bias through education.

Inequality in schooling is not giving proper instruction to the majority of Blacks attending urban public schools in the North, by under-educating them. In the South, most whites left the public schools Black joined because they wanted to remain segregated. This decline in the enrollment of whites later created a majority of Black attendance in most public schools around this country. This form of prejudice still exists in 2014.

Your vote is your "right" and it gives you the ability to make a choice. You cannot choose accurately without a suitable education. I once read in our Constitution of the United States of America, all men were created equal. I thank God for that. God knows there is only "one race." It's called "human," with many cultures; and there is only "one color," called "Melanin," with many shades.

The illusion of the word "race," being a plural, has caused many disparities in our human society. Taking steps to help improve the damage done to the "children of slaves" living in America today, has to be addressed by all fellow Americans. This nation is ready for a makeover. So, let's realize and face the facts: There are millions affected by illiteracy, caused by an ignorant prejudice in our public schools, which has separated our "human family." Bigotry, segregation, hate, separation and educational discrimination all have to be challenged to reach fairness in our social academic institutions.

Now is the time for our nation to live up to those words and follow God's lead to make sure all inhabitants of our society have an impartial and proper education, that way every fellow American can truly exercise their full right to have "voting power." Remember, this is the "soul power" of every citizen living in America today.

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