

Most people chuckle and say “There ain’t no way we gone have a black president in the next century. “Most of the great minds at Wright’s Barber Shop in Denver, where I get my hair cut, don’t think it will happen either. So far I haven’t talked to a soul who thinks that will happen. But I am sure there are many blacks and whites who think that next century will give us our first black president. I wonder what Oprah and Bill think about that.

Please allow me to share my strong beliefs with you as to why I know there will be a black president next century.

The greatest fact is, many of the parents of, let’s say the freshman class of the year 2010, will be college graduates or have attended college or a trade school or at least graduated from high school, and know and appreciate the importance of a college education.

Unlike the beginning of the twentieth century in 1900, black slavery and white supremacy was the major issue and thought of most whites in America. In the beginning of the twentieth century, blacks were not allowed to express their thoughts or exercise their constitutional rights or partake in the freedom granted them by the mandate issued to free them from slavery. That freedom mandate in the last century only freed blacks from their chains and shackles. The Jim Crow Laws wouldn’t allow them to dream the American dream.

A quote from Fredrick Douglass: “If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and not agitation are men (people) who want crops without plowing up the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters.”

I believe like Frederick Douglass, that as a group of people mainly black people, we must continue to struggle to succeed in life. Let us help and support our young black students with their doubts and struggles. Let us as black adults take charge and become the role models for our youth.

Let us give them the good and wholesome instructions they will need to become the first black person to occupy the house located at

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In the beginning of the twentieth century in 1900, we did not have black people being turned away from land grant colleges for colored people. The language and the command of the language by black people since 1900 has changed tremendously from “yas sur” and “nah Sur” and “We’s jus moseying along, Mr. Chawley.” There are many super intelligent black people in America who have studied and continuously read books and seek more knowledge and information. We have blacks today who are multi-lingual. They can speak the languages necessary to communicate and associate with people from all around the world. I know those super intelligent people exist, because I have seen some sharp black people on the television game show” Jeopardy” in the championship rounds, and the championship rounds were not in the kiddy” Jeopardy category either.

In the year 2000, we began talking a whole new ballgame, know what I'm saying. Black folks in the next century will not be talking just to be talking. Black folks will be talking loud and clear, and they will be heard and reckoned with. Seriously, like soul singer James Brown said in a song, "Open up the door I'll get it myself."

Those colored land grant colleges ya'll gave the Negros, so they wouldn't have to come to the white universities, those old schools for colored kids are still standing, still standing strong after more than one hundred years.

Some of those campuses have medical schools now. Some have science centers that equal or surpass the science centers at Harvard and other major Universities in America. Black schools have many professors from all over the world.

It's not just about getting a teaching degree, a mortuary science degree, or a cosmetology degree at them old colored schools anymore. The curriculum includes international studies, which is necessary to meet the demands for global association and communication. There have been hundreds and thousands of colored, Negro, black, and African-American sister's and brother's who have graduated from those institutions of higher learning and have been doing that in growing numbers since the 1800's. I don't think the white lawmaker's last century had an inkling of how successful those land grant schools for the colored would turn out to be. All of that knowledge from the traditional black college will be fully realized and appreciated much more in the next century because now black people are free to think and express, their minds, bodies, and souls without the retribution like blacks in the 1900s faced. Many black people are just now realizing the power of education, knowledge, and the power and the importance of the ballot box and their one united vote.

Jesse Jackson garnered more than a million votes in his attempt to become America's first black president. Those more than one million votes came in less than twenty years after blacks in the South gained full voting rights. I predict that we will have our first black president by the year 2099. It could be sooner if we would rally our support behind Rev. Jesse Jackson. OK, quit your grumbling. He would be a great President. Jesse Jackson would be a great President because he fully understands the history of the black race and their struggle to gain independence and civil rights in this country. He was there with MLK and the other great minds of the civil rights movers and shakers. He knows how to effectively communicate and deal with the heads of states and the leaders of America and the political system of the entire world. He did not learn the things he knows about civil rights, justice, and injustice from a book or a video tape. Reverend Jesse Jackson lived the life he talks about and walked about with MLK and others in the name of civil rights in America then and now. He knew firsthand what the direction

was and is for black people in America. But black people have shown an incredible lack of unity and support for super excellent causes, like supporting a serious black presidential candidate and sticking with him and supporting him from beginning to end. That's the main key, and the main word: Support.

Bill Clinton was a nice man who did a good job as a two-term president of the United States.

Jesse Jackson, in my opinion, would do an even better job as president than Clinton or any other white person I see on the horizon to become president of the United States. The tiny country of Vietnam beat us at the war game, not because they were bigger and smarter than us, but like Jesse Jackson, they knew the layout of the land they lived in and the inhabitants of that land.

Many of our young black kids are beating the odds. They are graduating from high school and going to college in record numbers. And a greater percentage of blacks are graduating and earning higher degrees.

To not believe that there will be a black president in the next century would be saying to Mrs. Rosa Parks, "You deciding to sit in your seat on that Montgomery, Alabama bus was a stand for justice that will never be forgotten, but that was way back then. "People of the world, Mrs. Rosa Park's defiant act in 1955 started the modern-day civil rights movement and battle in America, a battle that is being fought even to this day. Rosa Parks believed that her defiant act that day in 1955 made it possible for me and all of you to think about a black president for the good old USA. Thanks to Mrs. Parks and the strength, sacrifice, and courage of countless other blacks in this country to end racism, many of the signs, road blocks, and obstacles to the White House have been moved and continue to be moved every day. The way to the White House is possible for a black person, but the red carpet ain't been rolled out yet.

Unless the idea of cloning is curtailed or not permitted to happen, blacks will outnumber whites by ten to one early into the next century when you look at the size of the white families at the end of this century compared to the size of the black family. Unlike the Mormons out in Utah, white people have one or two kids, and the man gets a "clip job" or the woman gets the baby-making mechanism removed.

We fuss and point fingers and act as though we are ashamed of our young black women who have four or five babies before they reach age twenty one. Now's the time to reach and teach those babies from babies about civics and the importance of the ballot as it relates to the freedom that Doctor King talked about, walked about, and died for. So what if many of the youth of this day come from the womb of a young girl? That child represents a vote. That vote is part of the success of black America next century. Someone must teach these kids the importance of, and how to use that one united vote.

In 1997 there was a strong push from white conservatives, mainly, and there are a hand full of blacks in that number. Those people are strong lobbyists against affirmative action and minority hiring quotas, gun control, and damn near everything that was given to blacks in the sixties. Those same people want to stop court ordered-busing that was established to achieve integrated schools in the sixties, including welfare and Medicaid. It's OK to think about reducing the number of recipients from the welfare rolls. But believe it or not, white conservatives and "house nigger black conservatives," there are many Americans of all colors who are the recipients of welfare. Please don't be so hasty to end welfare without looking at the big picture. I mean, what about those who really appreciate and respect what welfare is all about? My point here is, don't penalize everybody because you want to somehow penalize black people who are not the majority recipients of the handouts. Just think and try to show some compassion for the truly needy people in America who truly need the welfare hand-out to live and exist from day to day. There are many who need to clip the string of welfare dependency and seek new ways for honest and legitimate survival.

Well white Americans and you so called black conservative folks with money who have friends in high places within the conservative circles, I stand to say to you all, go ahead on take back the affirmative action if you want to, that's OK. Now we have our foot in the door, and now we do have blacks in upper management who left a non-removable crack in the door to opportunity, so that it can never be fully closed to the new generation of blacks who wish to enter the door that leads to opportunity and success. Go on, keep it. Young blacks by their actions are saying, "It's in the book and we will play the game according to the rules and information in the book. "In other words, just treat us fair and respect us and we will make you love us and appreciate us. know what I'm saying dog.

Believe me, the youth of America are a lot sharper and much wiser than blacks were at the beginning of this century. Young black Americans at the beginning of the twenty-first century now have the secret for equal rights and fairness. That formula has been passed on from century to century since the 1600s. It's gon' catch own and fly next century.

The youth of today will not tolerate the white folk's efforts to try to make them second-class citizens. So keep your affirmative action and whatever else it is that you are grumbling about.

In exchange for the things you ask for, we ask and demand that you respect us and treat us fairly.

If that happens, then in the words of Rodney King, a poor black man who was brutally assaulted by police officers in California, "why can't we all just get along?"