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African American Voice Names Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao Person of the Decade



Former African Union Ambassador to the United States Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao

By Dr. James Tucker, *Publisher*

For Dr. Quao's bold, courageous and fearless stand against modern-day colonization, the African American Voice is honored to name Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao Person of the Decade.

Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, former African Union Ambassador to the United States, has lit a fire globally in the hearts of those of African descent. She has awakened many African Americans, Africans in the Diaspora, and Africans on the Continent by boldly speaking truth to power.

The African Union appointed Ambassador Quao to the office in

December 2013.

During her short tenure, she worked to build a bridge of unity and reconciliation among those of African descent. She also realizes that as a people, we have been systematically taught not to trust one another. She is a voice for the voiceless, misinformed, uneducated, and exploited.

Dr. Quao not only promoted awareness but also took decisive action. Here are some examples of her initiatives:

• Activated the African Union office as Ambassador after it had been dormant for many years.

- Encouraged the Diaspora to invest in the Continent.
- Encouraged the African Diaspora to unite by bringing together their knowledge and skills to build businesses on the Continent.
- Called on the African Diaspora globally to return to the homeland.
- Promoted opening businesses on the Continent so Africans can control the destiny of Africa, and no longer be dependent on other nations.
- Created programs to bring men and youth in the Diaspora closer together to better understand issues affecting the Diaspora.
- Initiated a campaign to build a Wakanda Village to serve as a nerve center for development. Dr. Quao envisioned this project to be headquartered in both Zimbabwe and Zambia.
- Connected leaders of African descent with like-minded Brothers and Sisters to address African issues.
- Supported the African Union's addition of the Diaspora to their geographical map that included those of African descent worldwide. The constituency is referred to as the Sixth Region (See Map on page 2).
- On her last day in office, Ambassador Arikana Chihombori-Quao pledged to "rid Africa of French exploitation."

In 2019, Ambassador Quao delivered a hard-hitting speech exposing France's modern-day colonial tax designed to keep the 14 francophone nations in poverty forever.

She has shone a spotlight on an element of France's history, it prefers others to forget, namely, that the 14 former colonies had been required to sign the Pact for the Continuation of Colonization that legally

“ We are the original people and we have every reason to stand up in the tallest mountains to proclaim who we are. ”

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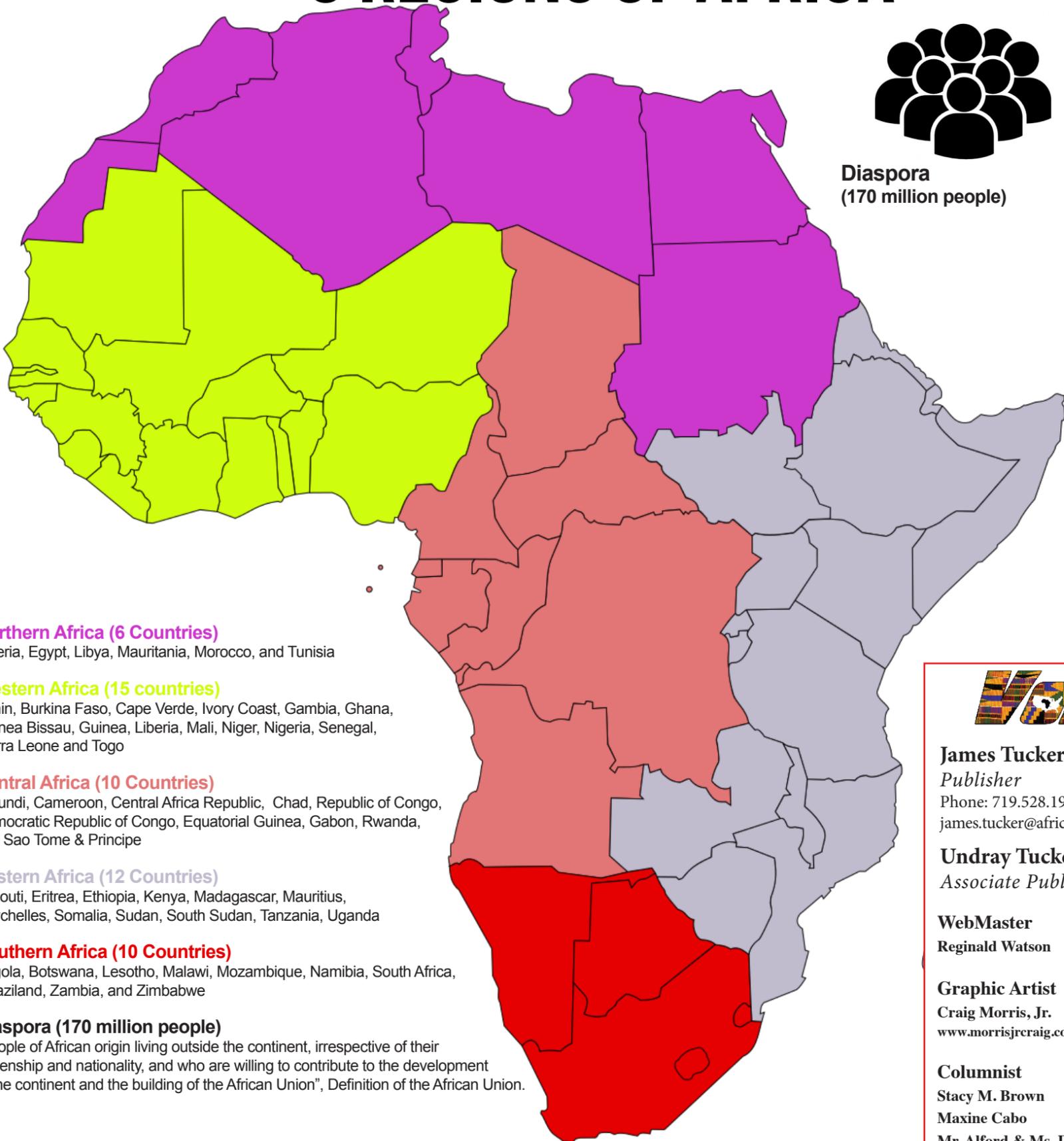
The hours before the House of Representatives impeachment vote were a study in contrasts. While Democrats approached the debate leading up the vote somberly, with all due consideration, and with historical references, Republicans seemed to think they were starring in a comedy show.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR. HAPPY NEW DECADE

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6 REGIONS OF AFRICA



Diaspora
(170 million people)

Northern Africa (6 Countries)

Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia

Western Africa (15 countries)

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo

Central Africa (10 Countries)

Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, and Sao Tome & Principe

Eastern Africa (12 Countries)

Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Southern Africa (10 Countries)

Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Diaspora (170 million people)

"People of African origin living outside the continent, irrespective of their citizenship and nationality, and who are willing to contribute to the development of the continent and the building of the African Union", Definition of the African Union.



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Black News Channel Network Launch Fulfills Lifelong Dream of JC Watts



The historic launch of the BNC will fulfill the business dream and vision of a nationally known entrepreneur and former Oklahoma Representative to the United States Congress, J.C. Watts, Jr.

By Stacy M. Brown

Washington, DC — On January 6, 2020, the Black News Channel (BNC) will become the nation's only 24-hour news and information television network focused primarily on African Americans. The historic launch of the BNC will fulfill the business dream and vision of J.C. Watts, Jr., a nationally known entrepreneur and former U.S. Congressman, Representing Oklahoma's Fourth District.

Programming will include special news features on topics that most affect the quality of life of communities of color — like Sickle Cell Disease and hypertension — that generally aren't given much attention to by other news outlets. The BNC has also established a news-content alliance with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, via 225 African American-owned newspapers and digital companies throughout the United States.

The Tallahassee, Florida-based BNC counts as the brainchild of J.C. Watts, Jr., who is described by Tommy Ross, the network's director of communications, as "a father, husband, grandfather, business owner, entrepreneur, author, elected official at the state and federal level, a pastor, and a rancher who grew up in a small town in Oklahoma."

In reality, Watts appears as much more, and those who know him, understand that he's a Republican conservative whose accomplishments crosses party lines. Watts is also a former All-Star quarterback who played college football in Oklahoma and pro ball in Canada.

His congressional accomplishments and living legacy are noteworthy, including:

- Helped Black farmers get some justice on a discrimination suit against the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Helped push through legislation for the African American Museum of History and Culture.
- Sponsored HBCU summits to establish relationships and better understanding between students and Republican policymakers.
- Sponsored anti-poverty legislation (community renewal/new markets tax credits).
- Led Congress in highlighting minority health care disparities.
- Led on the Republican side against sentencing disparities between crack/powder cocaine.
- Led in getting funding to fight malaria in West Africa.
- Sponsored Africa growth and opportunity legislation.

"We've done a lot as African Americans," Watts stated before referencing a recent statue unveiling that took place in Richmond, Virginia, earlier this month. "Rumors of War," a statue by artist Kehinde Wiley, was unveiled on December 10 during a ceremony at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The figure depicts an African American man dressed in contemporary clothing riding a horse, echoing the equestrian sculptures of Confederate soldiers.

"Rumors of War" was reportedly Wiley's response to the Confederate monuments

that pepper the U.S. and the South in particular. The new memorial arrived amid an ongoing debate across the country about what do with Confederate imagery. "This was history," Watts said of the statue. "Because, if we talk about the slave owner, how can we ignore the slave? African Americans contributed mightily to the United States, and you don't see enough statues of African Americans."

"Think about what Rosa Parks contributed, Harriet Tubman's sacrifice, Martin Luther King's sacrifice, and Frederick Douglass. Their contribution was to raise the conscious level of America to say that you know, we are all human and, and all created by the same God," Watts emphasized.

He said the BNC would highlight the contributions of African Americans. And, to successfully accomplish that mission, Watts said it was essential to partner with NNPA.

"NNPA already has people in the trenches that report on African American life, whether it's Chicago, Atlanta, Birmingham, Detroit or Oklahoma City, they report on African American life every day," Watts stated. "I don't know if I can put into words how important that partnership will be, and that's just in terms of content. When I was in politics, we used a strategy where you've got people knocking on doors and leaving literature, and that's your ground game," Watts continued.

"But you also need an air attack to augment that ground game, so with NNPA being on the ground and giving us information and data, and us being able to launch an air attack, it's critical," he stated.

Watts believes that a significant component of the BNC is providing knowledge to a community that's starved for information.

"Our viewers will be able to find out more about Sickle Cell and Black men and Black women's health," Watts stated. "They will also be reminded that Black history isn't just about Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, which was extremely important, but it isn't the only part of our history. We are going to take a deeper dive and have a deeper relationship

with our community."

Watts's background as a Republican and a conservative has often been a topic of both his supporters and detractors. However, Watts refuses to allow stereotypes and presumptions to define him.

"Conservative means many things to different people. To me, it means living the way my grandmama taught me," Watts stated. "She taught me to treat people the way that I want to be treated. In a Black home, you rarely saw people leaving their lights on at night because grandmama taught that it was a waste of electricity. If the lights were on, you knew that something pretty serious was happening."

Watts continued: "The bottom line about being a conservative is that you treat people with respect, and you don't believe in wasting things. That's important. And, another primary place that I get my conservative values is the Bible. I was thought that I shouldn't just be concerned about Oklahoma University, my alma mater, but I should also be concerned about Morehouse. That's why I sponsored anti-poverty legislation because sometimes you have to put extra resources into different communities to give them the infrastructure to attract industry and jobs."

"My biblical principles drove me much more than the Republican party. Look, the National Football League recognized that having successful teams in every market would benefit everyone, and that's why the team with the worst record gets the top pick in the draft. They know that if the Cincinnati Bengals perform better, everybody wins because you would have more advertising and a better television contract for everyone. So, I feel the same way about underserved communities. If we can help them to be stronger and create more opportunities within those communities, then that's good for all communities." Conservative values also sparked Watts's desire for criminal justice reform, he stated.

"When I talk about conservative principles, you know you don't waste money," Watts stated. "So, why should we spend \$28,000 a year to incarcerate someone for a low-level, nonviolent drug



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Food For Thought: Five Good Reasons To Eat Less Meat



(NAPSI)—The next time you’re planning a family meal, a party or just a little snack for yourself, consider this: Reducing your meat consumption can have a multitude of benefits.

Why To Avoid Meat

Here’s the explanation from Joe Loria, Meat Reduction Campaign Manager of World Animal Protection, a global nonprofit whose mission is to have a world where animals live free of suffering:

- 1) It helps your health:** From reducing cancer rates and heart disease to showing an increased overall lifespan, by consuming more plant-based foods you’ll be helping to improve your own health.
- 2) It helps fight climate change:** Factory farming is one of the leading causes of climate change and deforestation. Simply cutting back on the amount of meat you consume can combat climate change.
- 3) It helps farmed animals:** Of the more than 70 billion animals farmed annually, 50 billion of them spend their lives on factory farms. There, they’re treated more like machines than like living, breathing, feeling creatures. They endure short, miserable lives and are often confined together in cages, crates or pens, which prevent them from engaging in natural behavior. Reducing your meat consumption will make a huge difference to the lives of these animals and free-up resources.
- 4) It protects wildlife:** Grazing land and feed crops now use more than a third of Earth’s entire landmass. This rapid loss of habitat means critical species are disappearing at alarming rates. Many experts warn a mass extinction is on its way.
- 5) It helps fight hunger:** There are nearly a billion starving people on the planet, while it takes 16 pounds of grain to produce just one pound of beef. By reducing your meat consumption you can help alleviate the waste associated with factory farming.

Not eating meat can also help prevent slave labor and sexual abuse. Workers on factory farms are in many cases treated almost as cruelly as the animals. These workers are often subjected to workplace hazards, including life-threatening injuries, respiratory illnesses, PTSD, and exposure to dangerous antibiotic-resistant bacteria. You can help stand up for these exploited workers by reducing your meat consumption and withdrawing financial support from companies profiting from poor labor practices.

Change Starts With You

To protect your health, your planet, your fellow human beings and animals, it can be a good idea to dramatically reduce your consumption of meat. Fortunately, that need not be a hardship. There are plenty of tasty, nutritious plant-based alternatives and protein sources such as “clean meat.”

Learn More

For further facts, to pledge to eat less meat and to contribute to the cause, visit www.worldanimalprotection.us/meatreduction.

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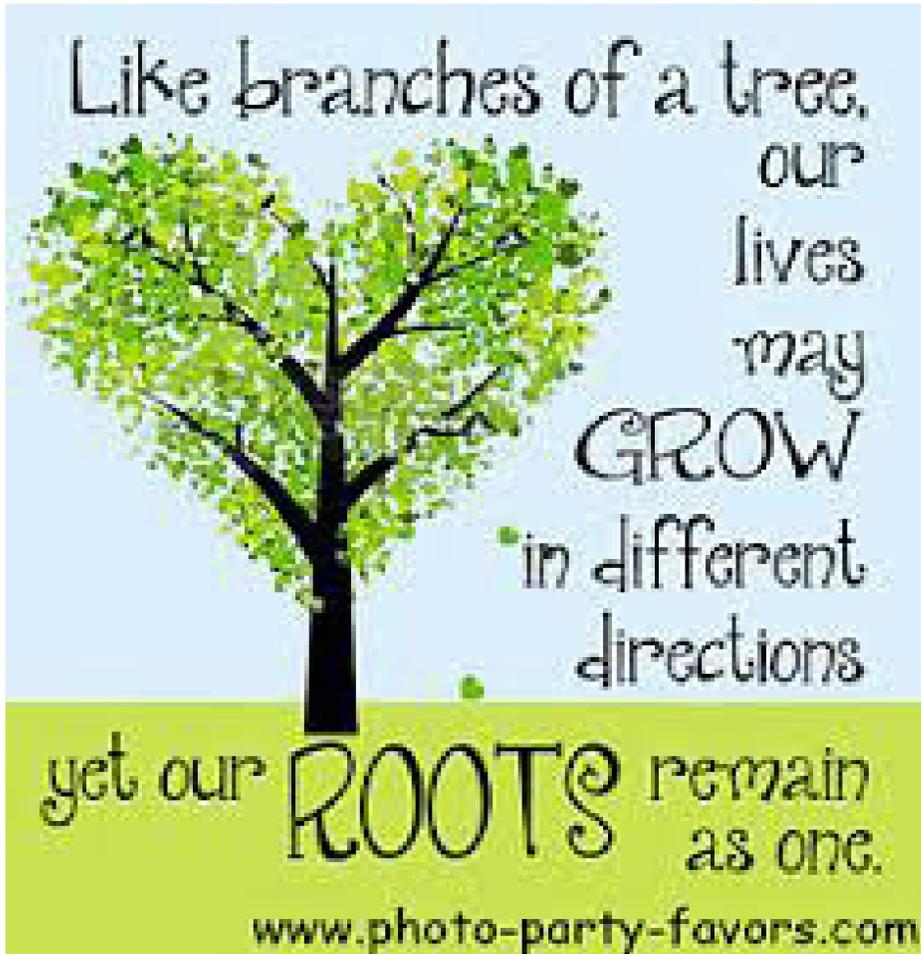
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“REMEMBER, YOUR ANCESTORS COUNT ON YOU TO REMEMBER THEM”

- African Proverb

My paternal roots are in Nigeria, Africa. We are from the Yoruba tribe located in southwestern Nigeria. There are more than 20 million Yoruba today.

As the oldest nephew of James C. “Jake” Tucker, it is an honor to share a part of his life with you. I was named after Uncle Jake. This amazing man influenced the lives of my brothers and me growing up in New Madrid, Missouri. Uncle Jake led by example.

He did not have a formal education, but he was a self-educated man.

By Dr. James “Red” Tucker



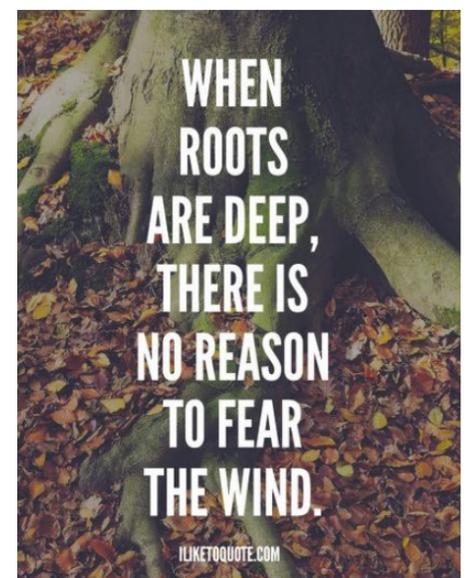
James “Jake” Tucker and Wyvona Tucker



James Tucker and daughter Sharon Tucker

Here are some important facts about Uncle Jake that I will always remember:

- Born on January 5, 1932 in Earle, Arkansas to Dovie and Gertrude Humphrey Tucker.
- Siblings - Pearlina Wright, Aline Day, Ernestine Tucker, and Robert Lee Johnson. Preceded in death by Willie Mae Allison, Adell Tucker, J. C. Tucker - Uncle Jake’s twin brother, William Lee Tucker Johnny Tucker and Rebecca Johnson.
- Married to Wyvona Townsend on February 16, 1963.
- Children - Daughters: Mary Alice Johnson (deceased), Sharon Tucker, and Linda Lowery. Sons: James J.R. Tucker, Johnny Tucker, and Michael Tucker
- Employed at Ralph Anderson Lumber Yard also known as New Madrid Sawmill for 50 years
- Master Gardener - Taught others how to raise beautiful thriving gardens and healthy chickens. He raised food and provided eggs and chickens for his family and friends. I inherited my love for gardening from Uncle Jake.
- Excellent Cook - Specialized in cooking soul food. He loved cooking delicious meals for my brothers and me when we were growing up.
- Hunter - Hunted to feed his family.
- Fisher - Enjoyed fishing and providing his family with fresh fish.
- Role model - He encouraged family members and kids in the neighborhood to attend school and be good students. He knew the importance of an excellent education although he did not have a formal education. He also modeled working hard and built a lovely home for his family from the ground up without formal training.
- Family - Uncle Jake was a family man and community elder. He spent his entire life in New Madrid. Uncle Jake impacted my life and our community in New Madrid with his God-given talents. His passion was sharing information and helping others.
- Uncle Jake was a great leader, positive role model and community elder who contributed to New Madrid.



Uncle James C. “Jake” Tucker made the transition on December 19, 2019. I will miss my Uncle Jake, but my memories of him will be with me for a lifetime.

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The Evolution of the National Black Chamber of Commerce - Final Part

By Mr. Alford & Ms. DeBow

It was the late 1980's, and life was great for the Alford/DeBow family. In such a short time Kay and I had developed quite a portfolio: Military Officer experience, Big 10 graduates living in Big 10 Country, Fortune 100 corporate experience, real estate brokerage training and entrepreneurship experience. We had closed the video stores and decided to never return to corporate or retail America. Real estate was up and down but was mostly up since we specialized in new properties for professional athletes, doctors, dentists, attorneys and other Black professional backgrounds. Indianapolis had a mushrooming Black middle class sprouting throughout central Indiana and we were bona fide parts of it.

For the Black population, Indiana was rather unique. The Democratic Party was influenced by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's and 1930's. I found it quite strange that the Republican had a good hold on the Black vote in central Indiana. Northern Indiana and Southern Indiana were hopelessly Democratic. However, the Governor Seat and the two senator offices had been in control of the Republican Party for over 20 years. There was a new movement catching on. Black professionals started looking at the Democratic Party in Indiana. Many of Kay's relatives and childhood friends were joining with the Democrat movement for the Governor seat. She jumped in and carried me with her.

We were running up and down the state telling everyone to vote for Evan Bayh for Governor in 1988. The hard work paid off. Evan Bayh had an amazing upset victory and the democrats began to take over the state employment network. Little did we know that when you won a major election, the victory was taking over the employment slots and filling them with

your political party network.

There were meetings to go to and available positions to fill. It was the Transition Period and it was like going to Disneyland for many of us. Kay would hold out and become the Director of Marketing for the Hoosier Lottery. There was another slot that many thought was interesting. It was: Deputy Administrator for Minority Business Development. It turned out to be a natural for someone with my background. At one of the meetings Kay pronounced, "That job description is describing my husband!" She felt so strong about it that she took my resume to our

next-door neighbor – who happened to be the new Secretary of Personnel.

The next thing I was in an interview before the Secretary of Personnel, Secretary of Administration and a couple of Governor Bayh's advisors. The author of the job position was State Senator Carolyn Mosby. She firmly stated: "I am the reason for this position. We are supposed to have 5% of all business contracts going to minority business owners. We have yet to achieve 1%. If you are selected for this position do you commit to making the 5% goal a reality within the next four years?"

My reply would be prophetic: "If the Governor and you are sincere about achieving the 5% goal, then it will be done. I have the training and leadership skills to

make that a reality and at lightning quick speed."

It was just so simple to me. If the "Commander in Chief" wants something done and was giving me the authority to make it happen, then it will be done. I guess that's why I ran through the 5% goal within 18 months and started marching "North" from that point on. It didn't take long for the "wake up call" to hit me. Black businesses prospering is not an expected event nor is it desirable. The white power structure will backlash like "I- 40 going west".

To Indiana Black business owners, I

as a National Black Chamber of Commerce. It was a true blessing when my search showed that the name had never been claimed by anyone.

With a couple of dozen of our close friends and Kay's kitchen table, we began the work: From Indianapolis to Washington, DC – look out world here comes the NATIONAL BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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“You can't make decisions based on fear and the possibility of what might happen.”

-Michelle Obama

became a hero. To the political power base (both Republican and Democrat) I became a "pimple" that needed popping. Years later, I would notice it more and more. The Ron Browns and Alphonso Jacksons would meet hatred and fierce resistance from the powers that be. To us they were heroes. To the other side they were like "Moses approaching the Pharaoh".

It was too late for the haters. I caught the vision and it was to achieve economic empowerment through "advocacy" that answers only to its own "constituency". I wrestled with it for a few years and after studying Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglas it became clear to me: "If not you than who; if not now then when". There was no organization known

Mission Statement

The National Black Chamber of Commerce® is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States and via interaction with the Black Diaspora.

Organization Profile

The National Black Chamber of Commerce® was incorporated in Washington, DC in March 1993.

The NBCC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of African American communities. 140 affiliated chapters are locally based throughout the nation as well as international affiliate chapters based in Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, France, Botswana, Cameroon and Jamaica and businesses as well as individuals who may have chosen to be direct members with the national office.

In essence, the NBCC is a 501(c)3 corporation that is on the leading edge of educating and training Black communities on the need to participate vigorously in this great capitalistic society known as America.

The NBCC reaches 100,000 Black owned businesses. There are 2.6 million Black owned businesses in the United States. Black businesses account for over \$138 billion in revenue each year according to the US Bureau of Census. The National Black Chamber of Commerce® is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States.



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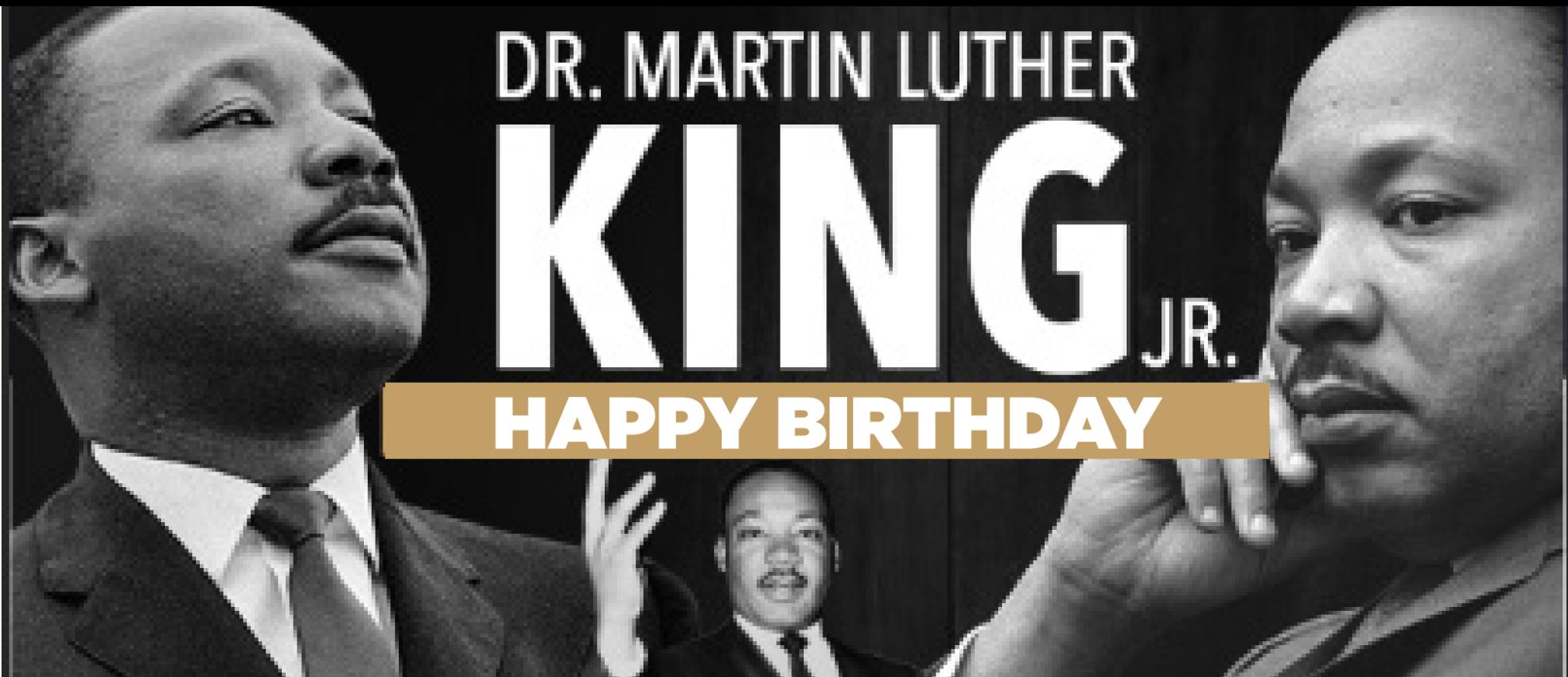
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.[1] and sometimes referred to as MLK Day) is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21.

King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

About

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (born January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs.

King became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president. With the SCLC, King led an unsuccessful 1962 struggle against segregation in Albany, Georgia, and helped organize the 1963 nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama. King also helped to organize the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

On October 14, 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In 1965, he helped to organize the Selma to Montgomery marches, and the following year he and SCLC took the movement north to Chicago to work on segregated housing. In the final years of his life, King expanded his focus to include opposition towards poverty and the Vietnam War, alienating many of his liberal allies with a 1967 speech titled "Beyond Vietnam".

In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be

called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. His death was followed by riots in many U.S. cities.

King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in numerous cities and states beginning in 1971, and as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986. Hundreds of streets in the U.S. have been renamed in his honor, and a county in Washington State was also renamed for him. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011.

“ Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

-Dr. King Jr.



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Martin Luther King Jr., “The Montgomery Bus Boycott”

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My FRIENDS, we are certainly very happy to see each of you out this evening. We are here this evening for serious business. We are here in a general sense because first and foremost we are American citizens and we are determined to apply our citizenship to the fullness of its meaning. We are here also because of our love for democracy, because of our deep-seated belief that democracy transformed from thin paper to thick action is the greatest form of government on earth.

But we are here in a specific sense, because of the bus situation in Montgomery. We are here because we are determined to get the situation corrected. This situation is not at all new. The problem has existed over endless years. For many years now Negroes in Montgomery and so many other areas have been inflicted with the paralysis of crippling fears on buses in our community. On so many occasions, Negroes have been intimidated and humiliated and impressed-oppressed—because of the sheer fact that they were Negroes. I don't have time this evening to go into the history of these numerous cases. Many of them now are lost in the thick fog of oblivion but at least one stands before us now with glaring dimensions.

Just the other day, just last Thursday to be exact, one of the finest citizens in Montgomery not one of the finest Negro citizens, but one of the finest citizens in Montgomery—was taken from a bus and carried to jail and because she refused to get up to give her seat to a white person. Now the press would have us believe that she refused to leave a reserved section for Negroes but I want you to know this evening that there is no reserved section. The law has never been clarified at that point. Now I think I speak with legal authority—not that I have any legal authority, but I think I speak with legal authority behind me—that the law, the ordinance, the city ordinance has never been totally clarified.

Mrs. Rosa Parks is a fine person. And, since it had to happen, I'm happy that it happened to a person like Mrs. Parks, for nobody can doubt the boundless outreach of her integrity. Nobody can doubt the height of her character nobody can doubt the depth of her Christian commitment and devotion to the teachings of Jesus. And I'm happy since it had to happen, it happened to a person that nobody can call a disturbing factor in the community. Mrs. Parks is a fine Christian person, unassuming, and yet there is integrity and character there. And just because she refused to get up, she was arrested.

And you know, my friends, there comes a time when people get tired of being trampled over by the iron feet of oppression. There comes a time, my friends, when people get tired of being plunged across the abyss of humiliation, where they experience the bleakness of nagging despair. There comes a time when people get tired of being pushed out of the glittering sunlight of life's July and left standing amid the piercing chill of an alpine November. There comes a time.

We are here, we are here this evening because we're tired now. And I want to say that we are not here advocating violence. We have never done that. I want it to be known throughout Montgomery and throughout this nation that we are Christian people. We believe in the Christian religion. We believe in the teachings of Jesus. The only weapon that we have in our hands this evening is the weapon of protest. That's all.

And certainly, this is the glory of America, with all of its faults. This is the glory of our democracy. If we were incarcerated behind the iron curtains of a Communistic nation we couldn't do this. If we were dropped in the dungeon of a totalitarian regime we couldn't do this. But the great glory of American democracy is the right to protest for right. My friends, don't let anybody make us feel that we are

to be compared in our actions with the Ku Klux Klan or with the White Citizens Council. There will be no crosses burned at any bus stops in Montgomery. There will be no white persons pulled out of their homes and taken out on some distant road and lynched for not cooperating. There will be nobody amid, among us who will stand up and defy the Constitution of this nation. We only assemble here because of our desire to see right exist. My friends, I want it to be known that we're going to work with grim and bold determination to gain justice on the buses in this city.

And we are not wrong, we are not wrong in what we are doing. If we are wrong, the Supreme Court of this nation is wrong. If we are wrong, the Constitution of the United States is wrong. If we are wrong, God Almighty is wrong. If we are wrong, Jesus of Nazareth was merely a Utopian dreamer that never came down to earth. If we are wrong, justice is a lie. Love has no meaning. And we are determined here in Montgomery to work and fight until justice runs down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I want to say that in all of our actions we must stick together. Unity is the great need of the hour, and if we are united we can get many of the things that we not only desire but which we justly deserve. And don't let anybody frighten you. We are not afraid of what we are doing because we are doing it within the law. There is never a time in our American democracy that we must ever think we're wrong when we protest. We reserve that right. When labor all over this nation came to see that it would be trampled over by capitalistic power, it was nothing wrong with labor getting together and organizing and protesting for its rights.

We, the disinherited of this land, we who have been oppressed so long, are tired of going through the long night of captivity. And now we are reaching out for the daybreak of freedom and justice and equality. May I say to you my friends, as I come to a close, and just giving some idea of why we are assembled here, that we must keep—and I want to stress this, in all of our doings, in all of our deliberations here this evening and all of the week and while—whatever we do, we must keep God in the forefront. Let us be Christian



in all of our actions. But I want to tell you this evening that it is not enough for us to talk about love is one of the pivotal points of the Christian face, faith. There is another side called justice. And justice is really love in calculation. Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love.

The Almighty God himself is not the only, not the, not the God just standing out saying through Hosea, “I love you, Israel.” He's also the God that stands up before the nations and said: “Be still and know that I'm God, that if you don't obey me I will break the backbone of your power and slap you out of the orbits of your international and national relationships.” Standing beside love is always justice, and we are only using the tools of justice. Not only are we using the tools of persuasion, but we've come to see that we've got to use the tools of coercion. Not only is this thing a process of education, but it is also a process of legislation.

As we stand and sit here this evening and as we prepare ourselves for what lies ahead, let us go out with a grim and bold determination that we are going to stick together. We are going to work together. Right here in Montgomery, when the history books are written in the future somebody will have to say, “There lived a race of people a black people, ‘fleecy locks and black complexion’, a people who had the moral courage to stand up for their rights. And thereby they injected a new meaning into the veins of history and of civilization.” And we're gonna do that. God grant that we will do it before it is too late. As we proceed with our program let us think of these things.

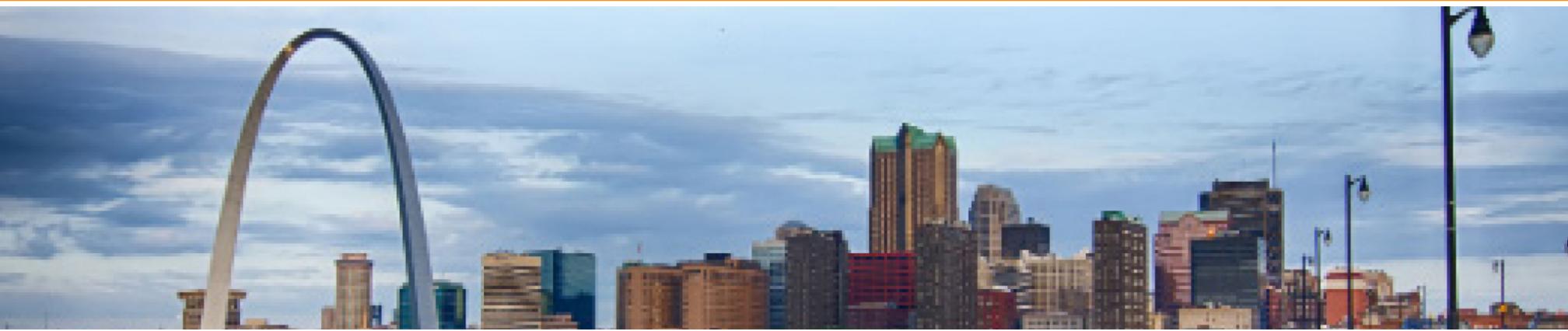
But just before leaving I want to say this. I want to urge you. You have voted [for this boycott], and you have done it with a great deal of enthusiasm, and I want to express my appreciation to you, on behalf of everybody here. Now let us go out to stick together and stay with this thing until the end. Now it means sacrificing, yes, it means sacrificing at points. But there are some things that we've got to learn to sacrifice for. And we've got to come to the point that we are determined not to accept a lot of things that we have been accepting in the past.

So I'm urging you now. We have the facilities for you to get to your jobs, and

we are putting, we have the cabs there at your service. Automobiles will be at your service, and don't be afraid to use up any of the gas. If you have it, if you are fortunate enough to have a little money, use it for a good cause. Now my automobile is gonna be in it has been in it, and I'm not concerned about how much gas I'm gonna use. I want to see this thing work. And we will not be content until oppression is wiped out of Montgomery, and really out of America. We won't be content until that is done. We are merely insisting on the dignity and worth of every human personality. And I don't stand here, I'm not arguing for any selfish person. I've never been on a bus in Montgomery. But I would be less than a Christian if I stood back and said, because I don't ride the bus, I don't have to ride a bus, that it doesn't concern me. I will not be content. I can hear a voice saying, “If you do it unto the least of these, my brother, you do it unto me.”

And I won't rest; I will face intimidation, and everything else, along with these other stalwart fighters for democracy and for citizenship. We don't mind it, so long as justice comes out of it. And I've come to see now that as we struggle for our rights, maybe some of them will have to die. But somebody said, if a man doesn't have something that he'll die for, he isn't fit to live. ”





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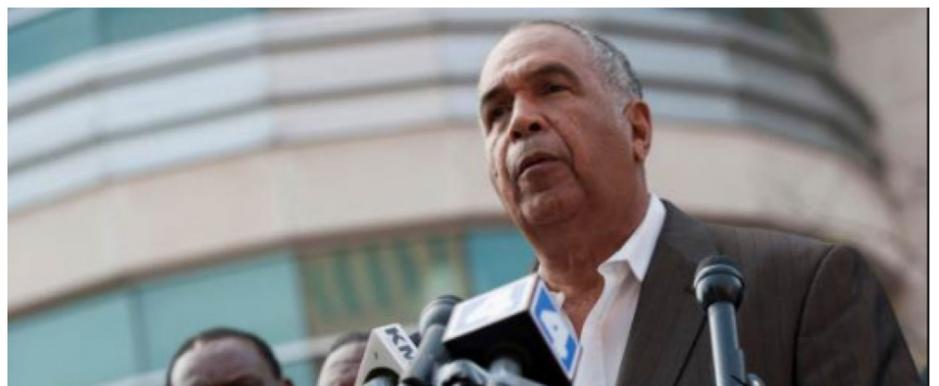
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DONALD THE FOOL IS NOT JESUS THE CHRIST



By Dr. Julianne Malveaux

The hours before the House of Representatives impeachment vote were a study in contrasts. While Democrats approached the debate leading up the vote somberly, with all due consideration, and with historical references, Republicans seemed to think they were starring in a comedy show. And the now-impeached President added to the comedy with an unhinged and delusional letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that clearly illustrated the break he has taken from reality. So he compared himself to the people who were executed (yes, executed!) during the Salem witch trials in 1692-1693. Yes the fool had to go back more than 300 years to find a parallel for his “poor” treatment.

More egregiously, Mr. Trump was compared to Jesus the Christ, an abomination especially during this holiday season. We who are Christian celebrate the birth of the Christ child each year. It renews our faith. It provides us with hope. It should not be marred or besmirched by a paranoid charlatan who has the temerity to think he is anything like Jesus the Christ.

Who was Christ, anyway? The Jesus that the Bible celebrates was full of love for the least and the left out. In the Holy Bible, Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, “whatever you do for the least of these you do for me”. Yet our 45th President has had nothing but contempt for the least of these, cutting food programs, caging innocent children, sputtering hate and nonsense at every opportunity. There was no Christ in the way that 45 attacked deceased Congressman John Dingell (D-Michigan), deliberately mocking his widow, now-Congresswoman Debbie Dingell. Mrs. Dingell was painfully transparent in her reaction to Mr. Trump’s ignorance. She lost her husband less than a year ago, and our “Commander in Chief” is spinelessly attacking her and her husband. Where is

the compassion of Christ in that?

Beyond utter hubris, the Christ comparison is pure delusional arrogance, but this is what we have come to expect from this putrid and paranoid President and his pitiful minions. And while partisan discord is the name of the game, too many Republican who know better have decided that their oath of allegiance is not to the Constitution but to a morally flawed, constitutionally indifferent President. The fact that Republicans, many who know better, many who acknowledge it “off the record” march in lockstep behind someone who has abused his power, is disturbing. Even more disturbing in the fact that too many Republicans think it’s okay.

Meanwhile, a mix tape of Christmas songs runs through my mind as I think of the temerity of Donald the Fool comparing himself to Jesus the Christ. “Oh Come Let Us Adore Him”. That’s what Donald the Fool wants – adoration. There is no sane Christian who will adore him because he is not the Christ, but a terribly flawed man who lies (15,000 y’all) and steals with impunity. Or the refrain from “Silent Night”. Sleep in heavenly peace. But this Divider-in Chief has brought us absolutely no peace, no quiet, no calm. As many of us spend these days around Christmas caroling and worshipping, it is repugnant that this charlatan compares himself to the virtuous Christ. Where are his virtues?

This comparison is also indicative of how conservative Christians (words that should not be used in the same sentence) have fractured faith by describing 45 as “the chosen one.” Chosen by whom and to what end? It is the height of hubris that one would pick such a venal man as chosen, God did not choose this lying, genital grabbing crook for anything but to force us to organize, mobilize, and tap into the power we all have within.

It would take days to unpack the several lies that Republicans used in their “defense” of their President. They said Democrats were out to get him from day one. It is true that a few were but the fact is that Speaker Nancy Pelosi was always measured in her approach to impeachment. She resisted it for the longest time, only capitulating when the Ukraine matter was too egregious to be ignored. The spoke of Democrats “hating” Trump, but disdain is

not hate. The mangled the Constitution to their own end. But in this Christmas season, the worst thing that any of them did was to compare Donald the Fool with Jesus the Christ. My mix tapes of hymns exalting the virtues of our Savior is in sharp contrast to the reality of Trump. To compare that horrid, venal man to anything resembling Christ is to slap every Christian in the face. Love is patient, love is kind, Trump is none of the above.

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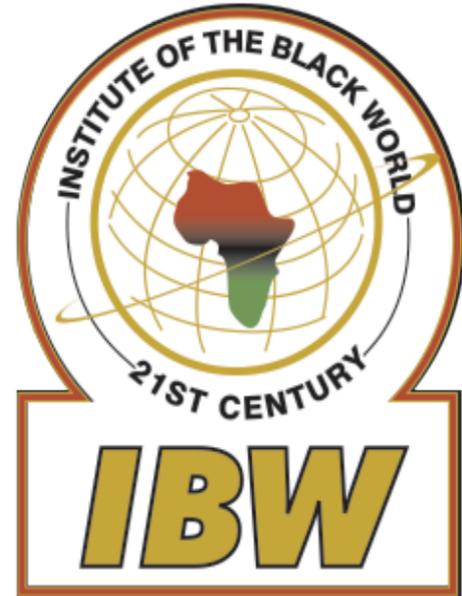
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Should Northwestern University's student newspaper apologize for practicing journalism?



By Maxine Cabo

In their nine-paragraph letter, in mid-November, the editorial staff at The Daily Northwestern student newspaper published a highly controversial apology. There was immediate backlash from veteran journalists. On behalf of journalism students and entry-level journalists, I want to offer an opinion.

The initial story was about student reporters at the school's daily paper who covered a protest. They photographed and printed comments from protesters at a College Republicans event where former Attorney General Jeff Sessions was due to give a speech.

Sessions' has a colorful history of establishing racist policies and making hateful comments about people of color and those from marginalized communities. He was instrumental in formulating Border-control rules to detain Mexican immigrants and also remove babies and children from their mothers. Reporters from The Daily attended the rally and published their article, along with photos and comments from those in attendance.

Afterward, the editors were criticized for violation of journalistic principles which included complaints about their lack of empathy. What? The students were criticized for exercising the five core



principles of journalism- Truth/accuracy, Independence, Fairness/Impartiality, Humanity, and Accountability?

Critics also complained about the pictures posted on social media and the fact that reporters contacted them for further information. Again, what? Student journalists were wrong because they

followed the Society of Professional Journalists' (SPJ) code of ethics "that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy?"

These protesters were upset that their opinions were publicly outed by the reporters and argued that the actions of the newspaper were "retraumatizing and invasive."

In response to these complaints, an apology letter was written and signed by editor-in-chief Troy Closson and eight other editors. In over 135 years of the student-run newspaper, Closson, is only the third black (editor-in-chief). In follow-up tweets, he offered an additional explanation.

"Being in this role and balancing coverage...on-campus with my racial identity – and knowing how our paper has historically failed students of color, and particularly black students has been incredibly challenging to navigate."

This fact, that Closson is a young person of color on a predominately white campus may have played a major factor. Although he apparently followed all the rules of journalistic standards to ensure an unbiased story against a known, admitted racist this still led to an outcry from the community

in Illinois. It is convenient and interesting that the outpour of criticism came during his tenure as editor.

Aside from the issue of racial prejudice against the editor, I believe that it's extremely ignorant and hypocritical to think that these student journalists violated protestor's personal space by reporting on a public event that was designed to reap attention. Why should students and entry-level journalists who are pragmatically applying what they have theoretically learned [about investigatory journalism] be forced to apologize?

Students are bound to make mistakes and step on some toes occasionally. That's all part of the learning process. The mistake seemed to be the fact that the story made some people uncomfortable, but that does not equal untruth or inaccuracy. To make the editors issue an apology is ridiculous.

The letter expressed contrition for the photos and follow-up contact through the university's directory. This criticism is confusing because the reporters apparently were practicing good journalistic techniques and tried to be as accurate as possible.

First, please keep in mind these student journalists were at a public event when these photos were taken, and this tactic is legal. Nothing is invasive about that.

Secondly, said protesters should not have attended the event if they knew the topics or people in attendance could bring back ill memories and emotions. The journalists at The Daily did not contribute to their traumatization; they were simply doing their job(s), just like any other professional.

Northwestern has one of the top journalism programs in the US and it's discouraging to see that they pressured their student newspaper to apologize for covering a news event and contacting sources.

A tweet by David Boardman, dean of the Temple University media school stated, "As a journalist, a journalism educator and a First Amendment advocate, this editorial [apology] stuns me." This clearly shows the university's basic misunderstanding of how the world of journalism works, especially in today's social climate.



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With the launch of the BNC just only weeks away, Watts hopes that viewers will get a similar feeling to what he experienced after recently taking his daughter to dinner to celebrate her birthday.

“My daughter recommended the restaurant, I’d never been there before,” Watts stated, “After dinner, she asked me what did I think of the restaurant? I said, ‘I’d come back to tomorrow. And I think that’s our mission with the BNC, not just to grab the imagination and the attention of the nation, but especially our demographic

and to have them come back. I think it’ll be a mission accomplished.”

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr, a progressive Democrat and President and CEO of the NNPA without any reservations asserted, “The launch of the Black News Channel (BNC) is very timely at the beginning of 2020. This is good news for all in Black America. The BNC transcends the current partisan divide in the United States. The interests of African Americans, as well as all other people of color and all of humanity who cry out for freedom, justice and equality will be more effectively addressed as direct result of the daily 24/7 diverse and news-packed broadcasts of BNC in the U.S. and throughout the world.”

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The administration of Northwestern should have done more to support the students. By failing to condemn the public outcry and support their students, they suppressed the continuous flow of information. Disrupting the publication of news and pressuring journalists to apologize for doing their jobs sends a negative message to other journalists. These actions by the Northwestern administration may ultimately lead our generation into information chaos.

Journalists should not be punished for displaying reality at its rawest form or contacting those who participated in a major protest for interviews. Such actions are disturbing, at the very least.

If Northwestern continues on this path, then what is in store for the journalism majors at their university? According to Glenn Kessler, editor and chief writer of The Fact Checker “This is a travesty and an embarrassment.”

I firmly believe that those journalism students who were involved with this apology will look back years from now and regret what they did. They will understand once they get into their real careers, that journalists don’t apologize for doing their jobs.

When you’re a good journalist you will always have to walk the thin line between truth-telling and empathy.

On behalf of students and entry-level journalists in the USVI and everywhere, note: APOLOGY NOT ACCEPTED.

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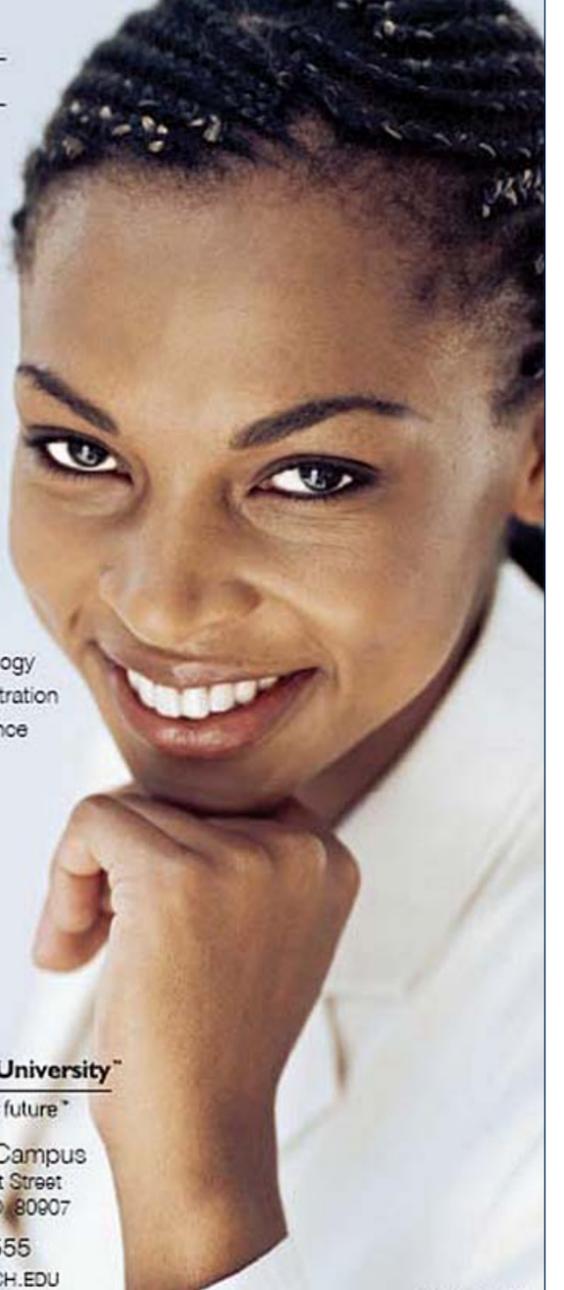
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permitted France to exploit these countries perpetually. The document requires these countries to deposit 85% of their bank reserves with the French Central Bank under the control of the French Ministry of Finance.

The French are then free to utilize this money in any way they choose, without consulting the countries from which it came. Ambassador Quao states in her speech, "Today as we speak, French legislators are investing \$40 billion of Africa's money in the stock market. From francophone African countries, France is receiving an estimated \$500 billion. Of which, all of the profits are kept by France. None of it goes back to the francophone countries. The vast returns line the pockets of France."

Therefore, over the years, France has stolen trillions of dollars from Africa. France robbed Africa's poor people of a massive amount of wealth.

Other important issues raised by the Ambassador is that the former colonizers do not allow these African countries to print their currency, and demand to have a military presence in these countries that can invoke martial law whenever the colonizers believe it is necessary. Because of the Pact for the Continuation of Colonization or "Pacte Coloniale," France continues to dominate these francophone countries. Leaders that have attempted to change this dynamic have generally been assassinated or removed in coup d' etats.

Coincidentally, after Ambassador Quao spoke out about France's continued pillaging of Africa, she was fired by African

Union Commission Chairman Moussa Faki Mahamat, who was the former foreign minister of Chad, one of the francophone nations controlled by France. According to the AU, her contract expired and not renewed.

Although she is no longer the Ambassador, she plans to follow through on her initiatives. She had a positive influence as the African Union Ambassador to the United States. Even though she is no longer the AU's Ambassador, Dr. Quao continues to promote awareness about Africa, the Continent's vast wealth, and the need for African Americans and Africans in the Diaspora to return. She also continues to emphasize the importance of those of African descent working together in unity to build a better Africa.

Since Dr. Quao's sudden rise as a global leader and her ongoing commitment to uplifting African Americans, Africans in the Diaspora, and Africans on the Continent, her enemies have been trying to discredit her.

Publisher's note:

Historically, productive leaders of African descent are removed from critical positions when they effectively organize and unite Black people. These leaders experience character assassination, false accusations, and many are assassinated.

As a testament to the high regard for former Ambassador Quao by those of African descent, there are nearly 100,000 people who signed a petition requesting that the African Union reinstate her.

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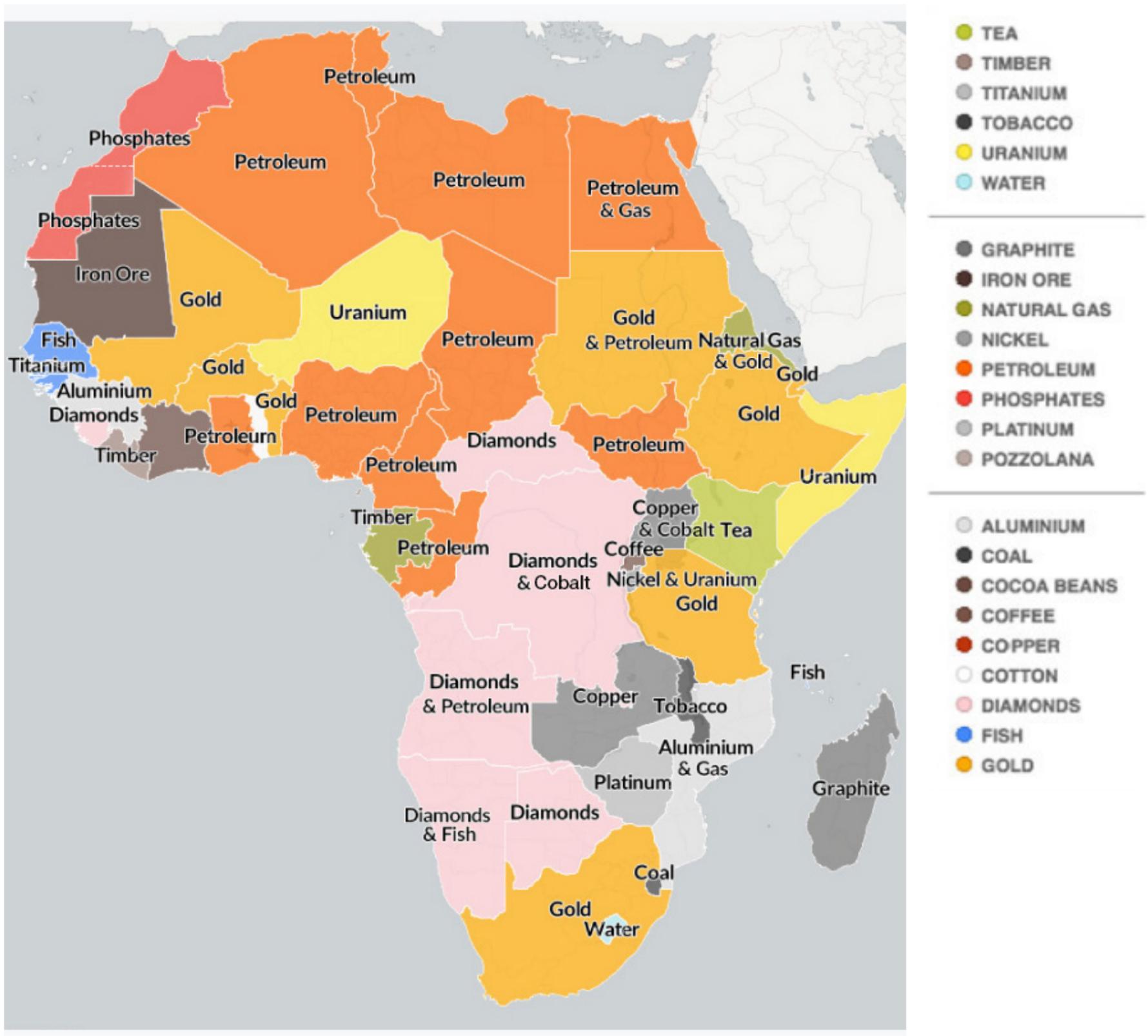
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