

Soul Sisters

Islam,

My name is Jamel Byrd et, I'm currently incarcerated at Sampson Correctional Institution in North Carolina. I've just read your Right 2 Vote Report and appreciated the information being conveyed. I wanted to express a sentiment on the idea of voting as it relates to the Constitution regarding the mistreatment of Black people. I understand our need to fight and challenge our own people to vote; however, under the status as still being property in the eyes of the law, is it a right?

When the Institution of slavery with emphasis on Institution was abolished, the Supreme Court created the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, not Articles as it is originally written in the Constitution. These amendments were created because the system did not know what status to place us under due to the fact we lost our identity. Even though the Institution of slavery was abolished, the titles given to us were not; therefore, we were still property and 2nd class citizens as established by the fourteenth amendment, which only entitled us to mere privileges.

Being that we are not the posterity of the European forefathers of this country, as property, we are considered artificial persons under color of law, which means that we function under the semblance of a right until they take it from us. Every 20 years the Supreme Court holds session to determine if we can keep our privilege to vote. The last session was in 2006, so the next session will be in 2026, which is only five years away. Now, if we

had the right to vote, why would the court need to decide whether we could vote or not? No other people here in the United States has to face adjudication for the right to vote.

Another title that we have allowed to attach to our psyche is the word Minority. In law, Minority is the state or condition of being under legal age. State: The political system of a body of people who are politically organized; the system of rules by which jurisdiction and authority are exercised over such a body of people. Condition: A state of being, an essential quality or status. (Blacks Law). If you are under legal age as reference to minorities, then you are not competent to handle your affairs. Property has no age, black, colored, Negro are not statuses; therefore, you can not organize a political party. What organized political party do we have. If you are an employee of the federal government, you can declare being a Republican or Democrat which were created by them and the KKK. So, without a political body or status you are considered Minority and since you are under legal age, you need your hand held and given privileges if you're good until you gain your nationality which inherits status and allows one to organize a political body in order to reach the status of majority where you can handle your lawful affairs as a body of people. Law is about reason and logic, it deals with facts, not emotions. When you bring emotion into a system of logic, they know you're still mentally a baby and they will treat you as such.

Our people really need to study in order to rise out of the condition we're in. It was the law that imprisoned us and

is the law that continues to imprison us. As law governs all events, then it is the law that will set us free. Webster dictionary and the Law's dictionary are two different systems, both must be studied in order to understand the language the Europeans are deceptively using.

May the Creator continue to bless you in your fight for inequality and may that divine energy bless the heart of your organization that its light open the minds of the Unconscious.
Peace and Blessings!

In spirit
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