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## Dear Black People

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# Dear Black People

After all these years and all we have done to you, we think it is appropriate for us to say thank you for all you have done for us. We have chastised, criticized, framed, punished, and killed you, but we have never publicly thanked you for your never-ending allegiance and support to our cause. This is our open letter of thanks to a people, steadfast, unique and loyal: Black People! We will always be in debt to you for your labor. You built this country and are responsible for the great wealth we still enjoy today.

Upon your backs, laden with the stripes we had to apply, you carried our nation. We thank you. Even when we refused to allow you to walk in our shadows, you followed close behind. It has been said that dogs are a man's best friend, yet you are more loyal. You have attacked your family on our command. Your loyalty to us cannot be comprehended.

You raised our children, while neglecting your own. You attended to our sick and prepared our meals while we plotted your demise. Even when we found pleasure in your women, and enjoyment in seeing your men lynched, maimed, and burned, you continued to watch over us and our belongings. It is remarkable that you accepted your second-class status.

Your bravery on the battlefield, despite being classified as three-fifths of a man, was outstanding and beyond the call of duty. We often watched in awe as you went about your chores and assignments laboring in the hot sun for

12 hours, singing your songs. You worked, and we realized good fortune and wealth. Thank you!

Now, we control 90 percent of all the resources and wealth of the World. We have Black People to thank. You protected us from those Blacks who have the audacity to speak out against our transgressions. You warned us about Nat Turner, framed Marcus Garvey; and killed Malcolm X for us. Thank you!

As we look upon our enormous wealth, and we assess our tremendous control of resources, finance and production, we understand your sacrifices made it all possible. You have served us for hundreds of years, that's amazing. Thank you for continuing to bring 95 percent of what you earn to our businesses. Thanks for buying Hilfiger, Audi, Nike and all the brands you promote for us. Your purchases of our products really makes us feel that you love us no matter what we do to you.

In the past, we burned our brand into your skin, today you happily wear them. Your loyalty continues! Your super-rich athletes, entertainers, intellectuals and business people bring their money to us. They spend all of it on our homes, jewelry and bogus investments. Even your poor spend all they have at our neighborhood stores. Sure, they complain about us, but they never do anything to hurt us. You are stupid, I mean special people.

Thank you for willfully spending time in our prisons. And for not doing business with your own people. You

were successful at business after slavery, and you almost became self-sufficient under Garvey...that was a close one. But, you know what happens when you built your own communities and do business with one another: We burn you out time and time again. So why bother! In today's business environment, your own people will not support you anyway. Keep doing business with us. It's safer that way.

You continue entertaining us: keep dancing and fight each other; get high, go to prison, kill your friends and family; create envy, distrust and hatred among your people. We enjoy seeing it.

You have resisted the messages of trouble-makers like Washington, Delaney, Bethune, Tubman and Truth. Thank you for not following Toussaint. You even allowed us to go to Africa and takeover. What would you do with your own country anyway? You have died for us to have this country, allowed us to take it from your Native and Mexican brothers. We need you to continue to fight them, so that we remain in power. That is our political agenda. See, I shared my secret with you, I know you will be loyal.

Your dependence on us to do the right thing is beyond our imagination, irrespective of what we do to you. The many promises we have broken. This time we will make it right, trust us. Tell you what. You don't need to own homes, you can rent ours. You can shop at our supermarkets. You can even come through the front door. You can sit anywhere you like at our restaurants.

Don't be crazy enough to even think about owning a bank. We have plenty. And, don't waste your energy trying to manufacture products. You've worked hard enough in our fields. Relax, we will make all the decisions for you.

The best part, you turned your children over to us for their education. Wow, we have taught them to obey us.

In 1712, when Mr. Lynch said, 'he would make you loyal slaves for over 300 years,' we had no idea his prediction would come true, but it has. With generations of your children being trained and incarcerated by us (our new Willie Lynch tactics), we can look forward to another 400 years of loyal servitude. Thank you!

When you feel you cannot take this treatment anymore, just march for a few days. We will give your leaders (our pawns) a few dollars and promise to do better. Even when we kill some of you, just be patient. We will address your issues in the next 400 years. Continue to focus on killing your brothers, snitching on your mothers and outdoing your neighbor. You have worked harder to destroy your people than we have. Be sure you let us know of those who try to stop you. We thank you, without you we could not exist!

Sincerely,  
Your White Masters

Genre: Satirical Letter

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