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## Introduction

Just because you are reading this doesn't mean I will survive the start of a nuclear attack. I am not writing it for my survival. I am writing it for your survival. Said differently, I will probably go down with the ship that is America.

Let me be specific, the western world and all the people within it will not survive a nuclear war - with presumably Russia<sup>1</sup> China.<sup>234</sup> No city, no town, no community, no hamlet will likely survive a nuclear war and the resulting winter.

Why if I know all of this won't I take my own advice and save myself? It should actually give confidence to read what I am going to say next because I am not selling tickets to a safe haven, land, houses, hotel rooms to where I believe it will be relatively safe to be when a nuclear war breaks out.

Writer and activist Alice Walker once scared whites saying she hoped a nuclear war would balance the equation.<sup>5</sup> I am not like Walker and the rest of the civil rights establishment that are trying to seek collaboration with people of color because a lot has changed about the world since Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and James Baldwin walked the world.<sup>6</sup> It is not enough to be a pacifist in a world of increasing proliferation and war. Peace is not to be prayed for but war is to be prepared for. The threat to humanity is real and we cannot wait for God to deliver us from wars he clearly warns are coming.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Brown, Lee. "Russia Slams 'Blatant Provocation' as Germany Promises to Send Tanks to Ukraine." *New York Post*, New York Post, 25 Jan. 2023, <https://nypost.com/2023/01/25/russia-sending-tanks-to-ukraine-is-blatant-provocation/>.

<sup>2</sup> "Air Force General Predicts War with China in 2025, Tells Officers to Get Ready." *NBCNews.com*, NBCUniversal News Group, 27 Jan. 2023, <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/us-air-force-general-predicts-war-china-2025-memo-rcna67967>.

<sup>3</sup> "What a Russian Nuclear Escalation Would Mean for China and India." *United States Institute of Peace*, 14 Nov. 2022, <https://www.usip.org/publications/2022/11/what-russian-nuclear-escalation-would-mean-china-and-india>.

<sup>4</sup> Chappell, Bill. "UFOs? Airborne objects? What we know about 4 recent shootdowns" *NPR.org*, 13 Feb. 2023, <https://www.npr.org/2023/02/13/1156498101/ufos-unidentified-objects-what-we-know-4-shootdowns>

<sup>5</sup> William, Paul. *Race, Ethnicity and Nuclear War: Representations of Nuclear Weapons and ...* <https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt5vjdcf>.

<sup>6</sup> Intondi, Vincent. *Vincent J. Intondi, African Americans against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24887072>.

<sup>7</sup> "Bible Gateway Passage: Matthew 24:1-6 - New King James Version." *Bible Gateway*, <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24%3A1-6&version=NKJV>.

I will now say what Walker said without taking it back: I hope for a more balanced equation as it relates to anti-blackness, should there be a nuclear war. The color lines will not be so clear in a new nuclear age where it is not just white nations against ones of color. We cannot be like the old civil rights leaders who said that they are anti-nuclear war when two bombs were dropped on Japan. They were able to unify with people of color against the racist west, which never went atomic against Europe and Germany.

Traditionally, many whites have always feared that blacks will benefit with the fall of the west and stratification of people of color that have served to colonize and subjugate much of the global south. The Boston Review writes: “For those in power, the prospect of nuclear carnage was as terrifying as the collapse of the racist hierarchies it had the potential to cause.”<sup>8</sup>

Further, whites from America, Russia, to Europe have known that flattening their countries with nuclear weapons would not be the smartest thing to do, if they want to maintain global supremacy. The biggest change is the fact that Indo-Asian nations now have joined the nuclear race and it is no longer about keeping a system of white supremacy in place.

Now if what I am about to say sounds harsh and comes off hard, recall I am no Alice Walker. I believe in violence.<sup>9</sup> Violence solves problems. The only thing that the Western world understands is violence and with nuclear warheads it is the threat of it that has kept peace across most hemispheres. I believe that black people are the soul of humanity<sup>10</sup> and as long as we survive that humanity will rise again and maybe even better if we learn from our past mistakes. And if I am wrong and black people, all black people do die, then I believe that the soul of humanity will perish right along with us.

*Africa: How it can save the World* will tell you where to move now and why the cornerstone-continent is unlikely to perish in the nuclear hell that awaits the world. *Africa* gives three reasons as to why the cornerstone-continent is the best place given the levels of conflicts of

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<sup>8</sup> Eisen, E. (2022, November 14). *Blackness and the bomb*. Boston Review. Retrieved January 27, 2023, from <https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/blackness-and-the-bomb/>

<sup>9</sup> Redding, Rob. *Not a Nonviolent Negro: How I Survived Obama* - Amazon.com. <https://www.amazon.com/Not-Nonviolent-Negro-Survived-Obama-ebook/dp/B00BOZ8WSW> .

<sup>10</sup> Redding, R. (n.d.). *Why black lives matter: Borigination explains how to get police and ...* Retrieved January 28, 2023, from <https://www.amazon.com/Why-Black-Lives-Matter-Borigination-ebook/dp/B010VXXGT2>

interests, being a no nuke zone and anti-black avoidance. The cornerstone-continent may very well be a place to watch the implosion of white supremacy. The cornerstone-continent may very well be the perfect place to watch the sunset in the old world and the sun rise in the new one. Of course, it will be tough, and life will be forever changed but at least you and your family may have the best chance to survive.

## **Prologue**

Sirens sound across the silent night. It is too late to do anything but run for the basement. You yell for your mom and dad to run. You grab your sister out of her sleep. As you grab her and her favorite toy you hear the ground grumble beneath you. What started out as a siren followed by a bright flash that woke you from your sleep is now a rumble beneath your vibrating feet. You began to scream and feel the hair stand up on the back of your neck and your arms. It sends a chill up your arms and legs and your heart begins to race.

You begin to sprint to the basement as the entire house begins to fill with a whipping wind. You have reached the door as your sister cries out for your parents. She is crying and scared now. You don't know where they are but know what you must do, what your father told you and that is to take care of your sister and bolt the door and don't look back.

The entire family was supposed to fly out to safety in just one week now the worst has happened. You have prepared for this if you didn't make it out and you didn't. Now you slammed the door behind you and bolted you and your sister in as an unbelievable roar overtook the house. It's louder than any scream that you have ever heard before.

As you rub your hand up and down the wall for the light you are suddenly thrown down the steps into darkness. All you can feel are your arms now. And you hear your sister crying in the darkness and you try to get up but cannot feel your legs. You reach out for her but all you can feel is the cold wet ground.

And suddenly everything stops!

## **Why Africa?**

Their family had been set to go like a lot of families. Not all of them are black like this one. They were pretty run of the mill. Dad was an underemployed black man married to a schoolteacher in a small white southern town. He had an older son and a younger daughter. They were pretty normal black children raised with an eclectic group of friends and relatives.

He always thought they were the kind of kids who didn't listen when he spoke. He would tell his son that he was responsible for his

sister and mother should anything happen to him. He always feared that his son was not listening to his messages.

But one day they cut up the television at the plant where he was working, and the newscaster started to talk about how there was a threat of a nuclear war. They had been talking about this on the news for weeks. That was the first time that they had stopped working to listen to the television. The boss even came in and said that everyone needed to go home and be with their families. They were getting the day off. As a matter of fact, they would not be allowed to return to work for the rest of the week.

In the days that followed out of many conversations with his wife she convinced him that Africa was the best place to move. She had been researching it. She had been scouring the web asking all the AI to run every possible place in the world that it may be possible to survive should there be a nuclear attack and the only place that availed itself was Africa.

She knew her husband would be reluctant to trust a computer, but she knew she had a way of persuading him with her lemon pound cake. He loved that cake and let's just say the rest was history.

She knew the kids wouldn't be hard to persuade. She knew that all she needed to do was support his decision when announced. She knew the kids loved her but feared their father and that it would come better from him since he is the disciplinarian.

The only flight out that they were able to get was at the end of the week. In the meantime, they did what every family did, prepared their basement, stocked up on food, practiced when the sirens rang and instructed the children on what to do should they need to move into the basement without them.

The kids voiced their opposition to this. The youngest said she wouldn't leave them behind. The oldest was made to swear he would. After the talk, his father pulled him aside and told him that he would need to grab his sister's stuffed animal to coax her into coming. He was given strict orders to grab his sister and the toy in his arms if he had to and to run for the basement should he hear a siren.

And that same night he feared that his son wouldn't listen to him. He would learn that he did when he and his wife were a few steps behind the children as the house came to a roar and the nuclear wind enveloped them. They heard the door slam, and they didn't even try to knock even though they had the chance. They knew it was too late. Their eyes began

to swell with tears as they hugged each other and kissed, their skin began to melt away and they were reclaimed by the darkness from which they came. They tried to do their job to save their children now their children are on their own and must rely on each other to make it out of the nuclear hell their lives have been surrounded with.



### Three reasons for Africa

There are three reasons why Africa was selected to be the place that will be the new frontier for the preservation of and the dawn of humanity. Africa is selected as a safe haven because the current geopolitical condition of the world protects her and her countries.

Before we get to the reasons why families should look to Africa, they should know that I have never been to the cornerstone-continent. I have done shows about Africa but have never been there. I have carried stories on every country on my website for years and have not had the opportunity to visit any of those countries.

I want to make it clear that I have no interest in urging you to move there should you feel unsafe. I cannot tell you about the best restaurants in which to eat. I can't tell you the best places to visit. I can't tell you the best place to stay. I can't even tell you with great certainty the best parts of Africa to be in to survive the fallout and nuclear winter.

The bottom line is, I don't want this book to seem like a tourist advertisement when it is a survival guide. I make no representations or warrants on the advice I give.

Further, this is also not a work of fiction, as I believe that all hypothetical and dystopian situations lend themselves to a voice that relies on fiction to enable us to weigh a hypothetical in the rational sense. Is there anything less than fictional to have to contemplate that people would be so stupid as to engage in a nuclear war, which is by all accounts a zero-sum game? Further, is there anything rational in believing that you can survive a nuclear war in any part of the West or Eastern hemisphere given the level of nuclear proliferation? Finally, is there anything rational in believing that Russia or China are joking when they threaten war based on their respective claims to power?<sup>11</sup>

I must stop here and say that there is no rational reason that I am writing this book. This is actually a book that I have tried not to write. I have put the book off for half a year. But we live in a time that is perhaps biblical. The Bible says there will be wars and rumors of wars. Matthew reads: "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Mark Toth and Jonathan Sweet, Opinion Contributors. "The Trouble with Harry and Meghan." *The Hill*, The Hill, 22 Dec. 2022, <https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/3784176-the-trouble-with-harry-and-meghan/>.

<sup>12</sup>"Bible Gateway Passage: Matthew 24:1-6 - New King James Version." *Bible Gateway*, <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24%3A1-6&version=NKJV>.

There have been a few of my 13 books that I have written because I spiritually felt compelled to do so. *Why Black Lives Matter: Borigination explains how to get police and whites to treat blacks like people* and parts of *Dark Soul*. What makes this book unique is I listen to the creator when he speaks to me. I recall hearing a voice when my ex committed suicide in front of me. The voices sounded like my deceased mother clearly telling me that I would come with her if I tried to stop what was about to happen. This same type of voice will not leave me alone. It is not my mother's; it is much clearer, and I believe it to be the answer to where humanity must go for survival.

I know that it is controversial to say that I hear voices and God's grace leads me to write this book so let's put it another way for all the nonbelievers. I have always had visions or premonitions about things before they happened. Maybe it is because I am more in tune with the news and events of the world. Maybe it is because I am a vegan and am starving myself to death and need some meat. Either way, I hope I am wrong, and the hypothetical never comes true and better yet there was never a need to write fiction to paint a scenario in our heads of how to survive something as impossible as a nuclear war and the nuclear winter that would result from it.

In the final analysis, it won't matter if you call me crazy for writing the book if I am right and you survive, is it?

## The case for Africa I - Conflicts of interest

First, Africa is the cradle of civilization and every nation we will discuss has colonies and/or investments there. Nuking Africa would be a formal declaration of war against the West and East. In other words, if Western civilizations go to war with each other, they would be nuking their own land, and the land of their allies. If the East goes to war with the West in Africa, they would be nuking their own land as well.

Specifically, the nine nations who have roughly 14,000 nukes are the United States, Russia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Russia, France, India, Pakistan and North Korea.<sup>13</sup> (Germany has 20 warheads but does not actively pursue its program).<sup>14</sup> It is also possible that Israel has around 80 nukes.<sup>15</sup>

Further, just about every one of these nations needs Africa to join in the fight against other nations. This is due to the continent's strategic position on nuclear war, resources and fear of anti-blackness. All of the aforementioned will be covered in detail in subsequent chapters.

What's more, these geopolitical and financial links are also consistent from Africa being the genesis of humanity as hypothesized in the "Out of Africa Theory." Building on that theory, I write that all souls are tied to Africa in my book *Why Black Lives Matter: Borigination explains how to get police and whites to treat blacks like people*.<sup>16</sup> In that book, I state that Borigination is the belief that souls out of Africa are central to all life and it is the death of the center of the soul of all life that dooms all souls. The argument was framed in the context of police killings of black people in the United States. A portion of the theory is covered in my subsequent book *Target*:

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<sup>13</sup> "Nuclear Weapons: Which Countries Have Them and How Many Are There?" *BBC News*, BBC, 14 Jan. 2020, <https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-51091897>.

<sup>14</sup> Stelzenmüller, Constanze. "Nuclear Weapons Debate in Germany Touches a Raw NATO Nerve." *Brookings*, Brookings, 9 Mar. 2022, <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2021/11/19/nuclear-weapons-debate-in-germany-touches-a-raw-nato-nerve/>.

<sup>15</sup> Gambrell, Jon. "Secretive Israeli Nuclear Facility Undergoes Major Project." *AP NEWS*, Associated Press, 25 Feb. 2021, <https://apnews.com/article/secret-israel-nuclear-construction-ecd8b6f3ffb329aa1fc566b9f9336038#:~:text=With%20plutonium%20from%20Dimona%2C%20Israel%20is%20widely%20believed,Israel%20has%20material%20for%20at%20least%2080%20bombs.>

<sup>16</sup> Redding, R. (n.d.). *Why black lives matter: Borigination explains how to get police and ...* Retrieved January 28, 2023, from <https://www.amazon.com/Why-Black-Lives-Matter-Borigination-ebook/dp/B010VXXGT2>

## **Borigination**

In my book, *Why Black Lives Matter*, I discussed the theory of Borigination -black people are the soul of all societies. Despite black people being the soul, it can be argued that American society, for example, hates its own soul. This can historically be identified by reviewing slavery, Jim Crow, and most recently with the rise in profile of blacks being murdered/killed by police officers. Every single black or brown man or woman who is gunned down in the streets by police officers and vigilantes in America horrifically weakens our society by negatively impacting America's lack of significant opportunities to ensure that all people have equal access (e.g., employment, healthcare, education, real estate, etc.).<sup>17</sup>

Dr. Lewis Gordon, who has a deep background in religious and other philosophical disciplines, wrote in the introductory paragraph of *Why Black Lives Matter* these words.

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What can one do when it is illegal for one to appear? Such a neurotic situation emerges, Robert Redding contends, from a society whose deeply rooted attack on itself, an effort to purge the dark center from which its soul is animated. To see and address this problem, he offers a philosophical critique, which he calls “Borigination.”

Borigination is a philosophy of and about soul. Redding offers specific explanations of the conjoined set of terms he uses to formulate this concept in his first chapter. For our purposes, the crucial point is that “soul” has aesthetic, metaphysical, psychological, social, spiritual, and theological meanings. At the level of popular culture, it is no accident, Redding's argument suggests, that the expression is tapped onto the understanding of black people. In a world bifurcated into those who have and those who lack, the implications of this observation is tremendous: lacking soul, white people are left with two responses—seeking or destroying it.

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<sup>17</sup> Redding, Robert. *Amazon.com: Target: Unwrapping Racism Ebook : Redding Jr., Robert "Rob ...*  
<https://www.amazon.com/Target-Robert-Rob-Redding-Jr-ebook/dp/B09F4QS3LC>.

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The search for soul requires, following the thread of Redding’s argument, developing a better relationship with black people. Why do such? To regain one’s soul. In theological language, this is nothing short of salvation.

Fighting against soul, however, spirals into ruin and destruction. The effort to destroy black lives is, in other words, soul destruction. A world without soul is the death of humanity. Biological entities called “human” may continue to walk the earth, but they would, in effect, be the living dead.

Redding, host of [Reddingnewsreview.com](http://Reddingnewsreview.com) offers his reflections from the trenches, as it were. He has spent more than a decade developing an independent voice in the market-driven world of talk radio, where, unfortunately, nothing is feared more than the proverbial truth. It is a world saturated by bad faith—that is, the effort to evade displeasing truth by investing in pleasing falsehoods—with occasional moments of clarity guided by the discomforting fore of evidence.

Sifting through a barrage of evidence is part of Redding’s mission as a journalist. It is also his work as an intellectual and public figure. Evidence is not only what must be argued for, however, but also what must be *seen* and, as he does on his radio show, *heard*. Perhaps, too, through his reaching to our understanding, to our soul, it is also what can be *felt*.

A powerful feature of Redding’s *Why Black Lives Matter* is reaching forth, with humane passion, to the evidence proverbially available for all to see. This is difficult, heart-wrenching stuff.

Some years ago I wrote “The Irreplaceability of Continued Struggle,” an essay kindly included in George Yancy’s [Pursuing Trayvon Martin: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Manifestations of Racial Dynamics](#). I also discuss the concept of irreplaceability in my book *Freedom, Justice, and Decolonization* (Routledge, 2020). The message is something overlooked by casual portraits of death. A world that sees only the death of ‘a black’ under the state-sanctioned violence of racist police officers elides the reality of what their loved ones and indeed all of humanity has lost: someone who could never be replaced.

The failure to engage the irreplaceability of each black person killed by these practices of ongoing lynching is a dehumanizing defense mechanism of a sick society. To bring the humanity of these victims to the fore, Redding offers a powerful chapter in which many of them appear in their tragic variety—father, brother, son; mother, sister, daughter; on and on. So many killed when in fact posing no real threat to the lives of others.

Why do I say so? The training of police officers enable them often to apprehend white suspects—even those waving weapons at them, those fighting them, those in some cases, as in the racist mass murderer [Dylann Roof of South Carolina](#) or the biker gangs arrested in [Waco, Texas](#), are on record of having killed many people and thus pose a greater threat to society—without harming them.

How one is treated in the world depends on whether one is seen as a human being or otherwise. There is something perverse, however, about soullessness becoming a criterion for human recognition, and I’m certain most white people will object and claim the opposite, as did racist theologians of past ages: that it is in fact black people who lack souls and can thus be harmed without remorse.

Redding’s critique is, however, peculiarly ironic and also psychoanalytical. Sigmund Freud, for instance, had offered an unusual critique of anti-Semitism in [Moses and Monotheism](#), which, ironically, would place him in agreement with Redding. Freud argued that Christians persecuted Jews ultimately because they hated Christianity. It was a religion forced on many of the people who became Christian, and it demanded public acts of devotion through resources of guilt. Thus, to hide the guilt of actually hating their religion, many Christians demonstrated an

overflow of public love for it in a form that also included killing the Father religion from which it was born—namely, Judaism.

The foundation of all humanity is dark-skin people from Africa, primordial people easily recognized today as black people. Redding's critique suggests a provocative consideration: perhaps supremacist institutions and their agents unleash so much violence on black people—on *soul*—precisely because, as soulless, they hate themselves.

Psychologists of abuse are familiar with this phenomenon. Violent abusers ultimately hate themselves. The Martinican psychiatrist and philosopher Frantz Fanon puts it this way in [Black Skin, White Masks](#): white people's sense of inadequacy leads to a form of narcissistic rage against black people—especially black men—as much of this is ultimately about white male inadequacy and white female desire to be desired. Both represent a form of lack that leads to an exaggerated sense of importance and, by extension, a constant presumption of victimization and threats.

That no group of Americans *display* public affection for their country more than white Americans (though there are small numbers of conservative people of color in the mix) with exaggerated assertions of its not only being the greatest country on earth but also the greatest in all history, the case mounts. It is as if the national, hegemonic consciousness seeks redemption for so much evil, for some way of saying the carnage and genocidal activity on which the country is built is somehow worth it all in those who reap its supposed benefits today.

Is such inheritance really a benefit?

Such is the question posed by Redding. There is an existential paradox worth considering: sometimes winner loses and losers win. The loss of soul as the price of “victory” is the folly of abusers; soul integrity is a triumph even in the face of lost battles. Who wants to be celebrated for, ultimately, murdering humanity's soul?

Redding's theory of Borigination is a demand to take heed of the irreplaceability and gravity of such in our times, for which we have the onus of considering in a world where time itself is, proverbially, running out.

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Further, It should be stated that in my book *Dark Soul* I argue that not only are the first souls out of Africa by the souls itself is black and that many people who deny this are probably suffering from Soul Dysmorphia and Soul Dysphoria largely fueled by Hollywood's fixation with the Normative Gaze.<sup>19</sup> (Normative Gaze is simply that whiteness and the depiction of it as a political statement is preferred).

Still, whether we are talking about the soul or the body, many will not recognize that all life is linked back to Africa. The core of humanity is linked back to Africa. And going back to Africa may be required for the survival of humanity. If this is the case, then I don't think any of the countries who have colonized and exploited Africa were thinking things through completely when they raped and pillage the land and its people.

## **The West**

Here are the countries of whom I speak which have or had colonies in Africa.

- Britain.
- France.
- Portugal.
- Germany.
- Belgium.
- Italy.
- Spain.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> Gordon, Lewis. "Rob Redding's 'Why Black Lives Matter: Borigination Explains How to Get Police and Whites to Treat Blacks like People.'" *Blog of the APA*, 10 Dec. 2019, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2019/12/10/rob-reddings-why-black-lives-matter-borigination-explains-how-to-get-police-and-whites-to-treat-blacks-like-people/>.

<sup>19</sup> Redding, Robert. *Dark Soul - Kindle Edition by Redding Jr., Robert "Rob". Politics ...* <https://www.amazon.com/Dark-Soul-Robert-Rob-Redding-ebook/dp/B08FZK1P8W>.

<sup>20</sup> "Imperialism and Socialism in the Context of Africa." *South African History Online*, <https://www.sahistory.org.za/article/imperialism-and-socialism-context-africa>.



As a matter of fact, two nations that held the most colonies in Africa were France and Britain.”<sup>21</sup> The United States has occupied parts of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Panama. It should also be noted that Liberia is technically a former colony.<sup>22</sup> And some forget that the Russians also made a major play for Africa.

Russians have utilized communism to fight for influence in African Countries including: pro-communist governments in [Tanzania](#) (1961–64); [Zambia](#) (1964); explicitly in Marxist–Leninist governments in Angola (1975); Mozambique (1975); and eventually [Rhodesia](#) itself (in 1980).<sup>2324</sup>

## Asia

Beyond the Russians, there have been more recent links to Asian governments who have invested heavily in African countries in need of rescue from loans from the International Monetary Fund.

Asian governments, however, have significantly invested in Africa in a series of secretive treaties that promise if loans are defaulted on the ownership reverts to countries like China. Now no one in their right mind blows up their investment.

The Foreign Policy Research Institutes says China loaned \$126 billion to African countries "between 2001 and 2018, *China* invested \$41 billion."<sup>25</sup> And now some are reporting that the overall investment is approaching \$1 trillion.

The National Bureau of Asian Research agrees "Chinese firms are now leading builders, bankers, owners, and operators of ports in Africa. They have quickly achieved significant scale and scope across the

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<sup>21</sup> *The Difference between French and British Colonialism in Africa.*  
<https://www.thehistoryville.com/colonialism-in-africa/>.

<sup>22</sup> "Take Online Courses. Earn College Credit. Research Schools, Degrees & Careers." *Study.com*,  
<https://homework.study.com/explanation/what-countries-did-the-united-states-colonize.html>.

<sup>23</sup> Pichon, Eric, and Martin Russell. "Russia in Africa: A new arena for geopolitical competition." (2019).

<sup>24</sup> Smith, Ian. "Bitter Harvest." *OCLC WorldCat.org*, <https://worldcat.org/title/bitter-harvest/oclc/21207747>.

<sup>25</sup> Guillermo. "Chinese Economic Engagement in Africa: Implications for U.S. Policy." *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, 3 Feb. 2022, <https://www.fpri.org/article/2022/01/chinese-economic-engagement-in-africa/>.

continent, using modern, deepwater ports to drive Chinese trade and promote investment in other economic projects past the pier."<sup>26</sup>

What's more, Japan has even tried to follow China's lead and establish a "legacy."<sup>27</sup> Japan's prime minister "announced a \$30 billion investment in Africa, saying his country will contribute vigorously to African development."<sup>28</sup>

And Korea also has channel \$600 million for energy investments alongside the African Development Bank.<sup>29</sup> Still, Korea is clearly less of a player when compared with others.

## Conflict

Again, all these aforementioned countries would be declaring war against themselves and their allies if they strike Africa. And if they impacted the wrong country or commonwealth then there is definitely a real possibility of there being an even larger war. And never forget that all these countries need the support of Africa. Nowhere is this more clearly stated in a piece that appeared in the Hill Newspaper about Harry and Megan falling out with the crown. This is the column as it appeared in The Hill Newspaper:

Beijing and Moscow, gleefully, are on "Team Harry and Meghan," and decidedly for self-serving and nefarious reasons. Intentionally or not, the two sidelined British royals, while luxuriously decamping in southern California, are recklessly undermining the national security of the United Kingdom and, by extension, imperiling that of the United States and its allies. In selling out

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<sup>26</sup> "China's Ports in Africa." *The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)*, 6 Sept. 2022, <https://www.nbr.org/publication/chinas-ports-in-africa/>.

<sup>27</sup> Tjunius. "Japan's Opportunity to Build a New Legacy in Africa." *Atlantic Council*, 18 Jan. 2023, <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/africasource/japans-opportunity-to-build-a-new-legacy-in-africa/>.

<sup>28</sup> "Japan Pledges \$30B Investment in Africa." *Anadolu Ajansı*, <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/japan-pledges-30b-investment-in-africa/2671688>.

<sup>29</sup> Group, African Development Bank. "Korea to Channel \$600 Million into Energy Investments alongside the African Development Bank." *African Development Bank - Building Today, a Better Africa Tomorrow*, African Development Bank Group, 29 June 2021, <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/korea-channel-600-million-energy-investments-alongside-african-development-bank-44412>.

“King and Country” in exchange for Hollywood-style celebrity on Netflix, apparently nothing about British national security is sacred to the two — not even the late Queen [Elizabeth II’s](#) greatest legacy: the 56-member [Commonwealth of Nations](#).

Derisively referred to as “Empire 2.0” by Afua Hirsch, a British journalist born in Norway, during her commentary in the Duke and Duchess of Sussex’s Netflix series, “[Harry & Meghan](#),” the Queen’s Commonwealth legacy in the documentary was held out to be an evil archetypical manifestation of racism and repression. The unspoken inference is that the British royal family is its chief propagator.

What rot. If only the [Commonwealth Charter](#) agreed. It doesn’t. The governing charter itself establishes all member-states as equals and emphasizes that it “is a voluntary association of independent and sovereign states.” Moreover, its founding precepts recognize its “special strength” lies within its “combination of our diversity and our shared inheritance in language, culture and the rule of law.”

In many respects, the saga of Prince Harry and Meghan mirrors Alfred Hitchcock’s classic whodunit comedy, “[The Trouble with Harry](#).” In the British filmmaker’s movie, the character of Harry Worp, played by Philip Truex, is found dead. Three characters played by Edmund Gwenn (who played Kris Kringle in ‘The Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street’), Shirley MacLaine and Mildred Natwick, are all convinced they accidentally murdered poor Harry.

The modern dystopian twist, however, is that Prince Harry wants the British and American publics to believe that the royal family, the Palace as an institution (or ‘The Firm’ as it is known), and the British media have all conspired to destroy him and his family. Both he and [Meghan Markle](#) offer only vague reasons as to why and how. They all hinge around allegations of racism against her, yet none involves specific accusations naming members of the royal family.

In the Duke and Duchess of Sussex’s version of Hitchcock’s dark comedy, each of the three prime suspects they disingenuously contend is responsible for their royal fallout and demise should accept they are racist in every regard — proven or not — and admit fault without the benefit of facts, evidence, trial or a jury.

It would be comical if the real-world implications of Harry and Meghan's tantrums were not as serious and far-reaching as they are in reality — especially in a world where the West and its notions and ideals of neoliberalism are under assault by Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) in Ukraine and by Chinese President Xi Jinping, among others.

As is, the Commonwealth is under existential attack by Moscow and Beijing — and East, Central and Southern Africa are most at risk. Both dictatorships offer worldviews fundamentally and diametrically opposed to the West. China believes in [totalitarian democracy](#) wherein citizens are the “masters” of the country, but the Chinese Communist Party is the [master of the people](#). Putin espouses an autocratic [multipolar world](#) forged by military invasions and sham referenda.

One prong of attack, especially by China, has been to buy up the Commonwealth — a [high-stakes hostile takeover](#), if you will. Since 2005, Xi has pumped [£685 billion of Chinese investment](#) into Commonwealth nations. Beijing's largesse, however, comes at a steep cost. Xi has coerced numerous Commonwealth states into supporting Beijing over London when it comes to critical votes on resolutions at the United Nations.

Ten Commonwealth members sided with Beijing over London in 2020, during a human rights committee vote on China's [Hong Kong National Security Law](#). Putin also has benefited from his strategy of heavily involving the [Wagner Group in Africa](#) as a mercenary force for hire. Early on in March, [51 percent of African countries](#) — barely a majority — voted to condemn Putin's “special military operation” in Ukraine. [Five Commonwealth members abstained](#), including Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania.

If Harry and Meghan failed to understand this growing threat to the Commonwealth at the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, then by October, neither had any excuse to be presently in denial about the extent of Beijing's and Moscow's growing influence on its member-nations. In October, after Russia “annexed” Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia, alarmingly, [10 Commonwealth countries abstained](#).

Most egregiously, however, is Prince Harry's evident failure to understand the largely symbolic yet very real role his father, King

Charles III, plays as the head of the United Kingdom's military forces given that the threat to the Commonwealth is not merely political or economic, but an ever-growing military one as well. In addition to Russia's Wagner Group conducting mercenary operations throughout Africa, China is steadfastly militarily encircling much of the Commonwealth in Africa and in the Pacific.

Beijing is accomplishing this encirclement vis-à-vis its Belt and Road Initiative, such as building a [deep-water port in Lamu, Kenya](#), and developing the [Lamu Port South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport corridor](#). China is also reportedly building a [military base in Tanzania](#), expanding its military base and [naval capacity in Djibouti](#) in East Africa, and planning more military installations.

Given Moscow's and Beijing's designs on the Commonwealth, and Africa in particular, Harry and Meghan's ratings "Empire 2.0" publicity stunt for their Netflix documentary could not come at a worse time. Yes, 'Team Harry and Meghan' undoubtedly will argue — as [some already have](#) — the two could have served as much-needed ambassadors to Africa. But that's revisionist theory. It appears they were never keenly interested in the role.

Further, by Harry and Meghan amassing personal wealth in America — by some estimates, more than [\\$150 million](#) for the Netflix series alone — and doing so by attacking the Commonwealth as "Empire 2.0," they are crassly jeopardizing a global economic alliance that accounts for nearly [10 percent](#) of the United Kingdom's total foreign trade. Somewhere along the way, Harry and Meghan replaced "King and Country" with 'Bling and Sundry.'

Poignantly, at Queen Elizabeth's funeral, a hymn was played, entitled, "[Who among us shall separate us](#)?" Moscow and Beijing are betting on that answer, in part, being Harry and Meghan, especially in terms of fomenting racial divide in Africa. It undermines not only the United Kingdom but also the strength of its military and economic partnership with Washington — and as a result, U.S. national security.

In "The Trouble With Harry" (spoiler alert!), it turns out that Harry died of natural causes. No one murdered him, just as no one in the royal family, the Palace, or media is to blame for Harry and Meghan's self-inflicted wounds. Ironically, one of the young supporting actors in Hitchcock's comedy was Jerry Mathers, later

of “Leave it to Beaver” fame. In that vein, ‘Leave it to Harry’ to have messed this up badly, no doubt with Meghan leading him every step of the way. Please, really, “[Spare](#)” us and U.S. national security from any more of their tirades.”

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What is most interesting about the article in The Hill is the fact that they are so clear that the British and the rest of the Western world need black people in the former colonies now called the commonwealth for against the Russians and China. They are right they do need black people and that is why they will be unlikely to nuke their respective territories there. Neither side can afford to lose Africa. Both sides have too much invested.

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<sup>30</sup> Mark Toth and Jonathan Sweet, Opinion Contributors. “The Trouble with Harry and Meghan.” *The Hill*, The Hill, 22 Dec. 2022, <https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/3784176-the-trouble-with-harry-and-meghan/>.

## **The case for Africa II - No Nuke Zone**

Second, the cornerstone-continent of Africa has gotten rid of nuclear weapons with Libya and South Africa - in addition to Argentina, South Korea, Brazil, Taiwan Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine - disposing of them when the nuclear nonproliferation treaty went into place and for other reasons.<sup>31</sup> When I first heard about this, I really felt it was such a stupid thing for African nations to get rid of weapons. It should be noted that when South Africa last white leader Frederik Willem de Klerk said:

...the weapons were a deterrent never intended for actual use. The white rulers feared the Soviet Union was plotting with local black and communist groups to gain control of South Africa, with an eye on the country's vast gold and mineral wealth.<sup>32</sup>

Still, the fact is I think it will help save Africa by the mere fact that they can't participate or retaliate in a time of nuclear war. And why should they, people from the diaspora built all of the Western world that whites and a few others seem hell bent on destroying.

### **Resources**

African countries also know their strength. There is a big problem with nuking Africa and that's the very atomic material used to manufacture the first atomic bomb was sourced from the continent. Can the world really take a chance in putting a crater in the middle of a chemically rich and untapped the cornerstone-continent like Africa? The answer is: No!

The last time bombs were dropped on Japan, materials from Africa were used.

While African Americans immediately condemned the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, not all of the activists protested for the same reason. For some, race was the issue. Many

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<sup>31</sup> *Fact sheets & briefs*. Nuclear Weapons: Who Has What at a Glance | Arms Control Association. (n.d.). Retrieved January 28, 2023, from <https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/Nuclearweaponswhohaswhat>

<sup>32</sup> "Giving up Nuclear Weapons: It's Rare, but It's Happened." *Colorado Public Radio*, Colorado Public Radio, 9 May 2017, <https://www.cpr.org/2017/05/08/giving-up-nuclear-weapons-its-rare-but-its-happened/>.

in the black community agreed with Langston Hughes's assertion that racism was at the heart of Truman's decision to use nuclear weapons in Japan. Why did the United States not drop atomic bombs on Italy or Germany, Hughes asked.<sup>6</sup> Black activists' fear that race played a role in the decision to use atomic bombs only increased when the United States threatened to use nuclear weapons in Korea in the 1950s and in Vietnam a decade later. For others, mostly black leftists ensconced in Popular Front groups, the nuclear issue was connected to colonialism. From the United States' obtaining uranium from the Belgian-controlled Congo to France's testing a nuclear weapon in the Sahara, activists saw a direct link between those who possessed nuclear weapons and those who colonized the nonwhite world. However, for many ordinary black citizens, fighting for nuclear disarmament simply translated into a more peaceful world. The bomb, then, became the link that connected all of these issues and brought together musicians, artists, peace activists, leftists, clergy, journalists, and ordinary citizens inside the black community.<sup>33</sup>

## Biodiversity

Further, why in the world would you destroy the very place where you need material to blow up the rest of the world? That's not an intelligent decision. Africa is one of the most biodiverse places in the world. We only have a small idea what is there, which would make bombing it a very bad idea.

Africa is extraordinarily biodiverse, with an estimated 50,000–73,000 plants, 1,100 mammals, including 194 species of primate and 91 species of antelope, 2,500 birds, 3,000–5,500 freshwater fish, 950 amphibians, and 1,600–2,100 reptile species ([Cormier-Salem et al., 2018](#); [O'Connell et al., 2019](#)). This is approximately one-quarter of the world's mammal and bird species. These animals occur in a great diversity of habitats, from deserts to rainforests, from the glaciers on tops of mountains to Lake Assal, 156 m below sea level. Africa hosts eight of the world's 36 recognized biodiversity hotspots ([Archer et al., 2018](#)), 373 Ramsar sites and >1,250 Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas ([Mittermeier et al., 2011](#); [Ajagbe, 2013](#)). It is home to some of the

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<sup>33</sup> Intondi, Vincent. *Vincent J. Intondi, African Americans against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24887072>.



world's most iconic species that often serve as flagship species for conservation, including gorillas (*Gorilla* spp.), chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) and the “Big Five” (lion—*Panthera leo*, leopard—*Panthera pardus*, rhino—*Diceros bicornis* and *Ceratotherium simum*, elephant—*Loxodonta africana* and *L. cyclotis*, African buffalo—*Syncerus caffer*).

Most of these species have populations within the 7,800 terrestrial protected areas that cover 5.3 million km<sup>2</sup>, approximately 17% of the continent's land area ([UNEP-WCMC, 2019](#); [Lindsey et al., 2020](#)). In some countries, particularly in East and Southern Africa, the proportion of land protected far exceeds the global average. However, only 13% of Africa's landmass is covered by rainforest (20% of the total global tropical rainforest area). These rainforests support the largest proportion of the continent's biodiversity, 90% of its stored carbon as defined by above-ground biomass ([Mayaux et al., 2013](#)), and are estimated to directly or indirectly support 100 million people by providing food, medicines, wood, and non-timber forest products ([Mayaux et al., 2013](#)).<sup>34</sup>

## Food

Finally, beyond not being an unlikely strike zone, the whole point of going to Africa is to go to a place that you suspect won't get hit and that you can ride out a 30-year nuclear winter. Africa is probably one of the few continents that should not get too cold after a 30-degree temperature drop. (For example: West Africa's nation of Mali has an average temperature of 83.8 degrees). And people should probably go to a place with enough genetic diversity to be able to find something to eat, which may also be possible in other parts of the continent.

Still, wherever you go finding enough food will be tough. There is some evidence that it will be tough in a bio-diverse place like Africa too:

A [study](#) published last month in the journal *Nature Food* projected that in a nuclear war between the United States and Russia, 5 million people would starve. African countries would be among those most affected - perpetuating the toxic cycle in which wealthy nations act irresponsibly and Africa suffers the consequences.

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<sup>34</sup> Chapman, Colin A., et al. “The Future of Sub-Saharan Africa's Biodiversity in the Face of Climate and Societal Change.” *Frontiers*, Frontiers, 14 July 2022, <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fevo.2022.790552/full>.

African states recognised this obligation with one the first decisions of the Organization for African Unity - now the African Union - in 1964. The continental organization supported the denuclearization of Africa and later conceived the Pelindaba Treaty, also known as the Africa Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. It opened for signatures on April 11, 1996 and entered into force on July 15, 2009. Furthermore, the only two African countries which had nuclear weapons were South Africa and Libya, which had begun proliferation. Both gave them up, in 1989 and 2003, respectively.<sup>35</sup>

Again, Africa is the place where life began. And many who live there know that it is ground zero for life. Just as it is the home of the beginning of life, I argue that it is too important to be attacked. I argue that it should be the beginning of new life as well once more.

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<sup>35</sup> Hanson, Venessa. "African States Can Lead Nuclear Powers Away from Catastrophe." *AllAfrica.com*, 17 Sept. 2022, <https://allafrica.com/stories/202209170253.html>.

## The case for Africa III - Anti-black avoidance

Third, beyond having no nukes, the last place Western and Asian nations would nuke is Africa because that would just come across as blatantly anti-black. This is actually a big hurdle because the entire white world is obsessed with trying to prove they aren't anti-black - at least many whites are.

### White

The most important operating term in this chapter is the definition of "white." Being white denotes that those who identify as white are better and promotes anti-blackness.<sup>36</sup> Anti-black racism is America's chief cultural "export", which has been adopted as a political term adopted across Europe, Russia, Asia and so many other countries.<sup>3738394041</sup>

### *United States of America*

There was once a time where black people's lives were not important when looking at the end of the world in America. Atomic tests conducted in the Nevada desert concluded no black mannequins and the mock town that was destroyed resembled suburbia.

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<sup>36</sup> Lipsitz, George. "The Possessive Investment in Whiteness : How White People Profit from Identity Politics." *In SearchWorks Catalog*, <https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/7139684>.

<sup>37</sup> Leroy, Justin. "Black History in Occupied Territory: On the Entanglements of Slavery and Settler Colonialism." *Theory & Event*, 16 Oct. 2016, [https://www.academia.edu/en/29196118/Black\\_History\\_in\\_Occupied\\_Territory\\_On\\_the\\_Entanglements\\_of\\_Slavery\\_and\\_Settler\\_Colonialism](https://www.academia.edu/en/29196118/Black_History_in_Occupied_Territory_On_the_Entanglements_of_Slavery_and_Settler_Colonialism).

<sup>38</sup> Chen, Victoria. "How America Became an Exporter of Racism." *Concord Monitor*, Concord Monitor, 31 Dec. 2020, <https://www.concordmonitor.com/Anti-Blackness-in-China-37944862>.

<sup>39</sup> Cressida, Heyes. *All Cosmetic Surgery Is "Ethnic:" Asian Eyelids, Feminist Indignation ...* [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/260400615\\_All\\_Cosmetic\\_Surgery\\_is\\_Ethnic\\_Asian\\_Eyelids\\_Feminist\\_Indignation\\_and\\_the\\_Politics\\_of\\_Whiteness](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/260400615_All_Cosmetic_Surgery_is_Ethnic_Asian_Eyelids_Feminist_Indignation_and_the_Politics_of_Whiteness).

<sup>40</sup> Farhi, Paul, and Rosenfeld Megan. *The Washington Post*, WP Company, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/inatl/longterm/mia/part1.htm>.

<sup>41</sup> Zakharov, N. "Race and Racism in Russia." *Google Books*, Springer, 23 Mar. 2015, [https://books.google.com/books/about/Race\\_and\\_Racism\\_in\\_Russia.html?id=w9m\\_BwAAQBAJ](https://books.google.com/books/about/Race_and_Racism_in_Russia.html?id=w9m_BwAAQBAJ).

“Many things are deeply strange about Operation Doorstep, but two elements call out for closer scrutiny today. The first is that the mannequins who inhabited the ersatz town were all white, having been donated by a Las Vegas Sears. The second is that the houses targeted by the bombing—“typical American frame dwellings,” in the words of one propaganda film produced in the test’s aftermath—were the kinds of spacious two-story structures one would expect to find in segregated suburban communities like the several Levittowns scattered across the country. The residents of such commodious homes would have the space and the money to install a well-appointed outdoor bomb shelter of the type recommended by the organizers of Operation Doorstep; failing that, they might clear some space in their roomy basement for a lean-to or box-type shelter. Yet a strategic attack was far more likely to hit a dense urban center than it was a sprawl of tract housing—and its victims were far more likely to be low-income people of color with neither the space nor the resources to abide by the rosy recommendations of the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA).”<sup>42</sup>

Further, the land that was used for the detonation was land belonging to natives - who are non-white - and has had a disastrous impact on the people living there.

“This disregard for urban minorities, particularly Black people, when it came to civil defense was paralleled in the racism that was foundational to the United States’s nuclear arms program. As Elaine Scarry has observed elsewhere in these pages, white supremacy undergirded everything from the decision to bomb Japan to the forced relocation of Pacific Islander communities to make way for test sites. Decades after their closure, uranium mines continue to leak pollution onto the Navajo Nation, whose residents had once worked below-minimum-wage jobs with no safety equipment in order to supply U.S. weapons with the material they needed to function. And the land that would become the Nevada Proving Ground—which would see almost a thousand weapons tests conducted above and beneath its soil—was seized from the Western Shoshone and Southern Paiute nations, a direct violation of the U.S. government’s treaty obligations that led to the

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<sup>42</sup> “Blackness and the Bomb.” *Boston Review*, 14 Nov. 2022, <https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/blackness-and-the-bomb/>.

desecration and destruction of sacred sites. Generations of so-called “downwinders”—those living within range of nuclear test fallout—have suffered severe health problems as a result of their exposure. A study by Clark University found that Native children in Duckwater, Nevada registered thyroid radiation levels several thousand times higher than average, while oral histories taken by the photojournalist Carole Gallagher record cancer, sterility, miscarriages, premature deaths.”<sup>43</sup>

There were also many black civil rights leaders who came to the aid of Japan when atomic bombs were dropped there. They said that it was racist and that the West would never do that against Germany at the height of the war.

As a result, Martin Luther King and others were called communist because of their insistence that atomic bombs are not used in places like Vietnam, it made a cohesive unity with nations of color that would be targeted.

Twenty-three years later, on February 6, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., also stepped up to the pulpit to warn against the use of nuclear weapons. Addressing the second mobilization of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, King urged an end to the war, and warned that if the United States used nuclear weapons in Vietnam the earth would be transformed into an inferno that “even the mind of Dante could not envision.”<sup>2</sup> Then, as he had done so many times before, King made clear the connection between the black freedom struggle in America and the need for nuclear disarmament:

These two issues are tied together in many, many ways. It is a wonderful thing to work to integrate lunch counters, public accommodations, and schools. But it would be rather absurd to work to get schools and lunch counters integrated and not be concerned with the survival of a world in which to integrate. And I am convinced that these two issues are tied inextricably together and I feel that the people who are working for civil rights are

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<sup>43</sup> Eisen, E. (2022, November 14). *Blackness and the bomb*. Boston Review. Retrieved January 27, 2023, from <https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/blackness-and-the-bomb/>

working for peace; I feel that the people working for peace are working for civil rights and justice.<sup>44</sup>

Although it cannot be ignored that there was a great amount of fear that nukes would be used against nations of color. It was also not clear that the whites wouldn't drop an atomic bomb over the battle to desegregate schools in Alabama. Some black people in the state were so worried in 1957 that they were fearful that a bomb would be dropped on their heads.

“Donald Robinson's article ‘If H-Bombs Fall...’ in the *Saturday Evening Post* (25 May 1957) records how the African-American community of Mobile, Alabama was fearful such weapons would be used to prevent the desegregation of schools:

During a scheduled civil-defense exercise a downtown section of the city was to be evacuated. But before the exercise began, a rumor started in the Negro districts that an atomic bomb was really going to be dropped. ‘They're going to kill all us Negroes so they don't have to go through with school desegregation,’ the rumor had it. A large number of Negroes accepted this as truth. They took to the roads, carrying their most precious belongings with them.<sup>34</sup>”

Robinson's report testifies to a lived sense of anxiety that atomic weapons could be directed against African Americans and the demand for equal access to state facilities. Writing to the Atomic Energy Commission, Clarence Mitchell Jr, the labour secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), stated that many ‘colored people have regarded the Atom Bomb as a new device for maintaining white supremacy’.<sup>35</sup> In *Dr. Strangelove's America: Society and Culture in the Atomic Age* (1997), Margot A. Henrikson observes that in this context the atomic bomb could represent both ‘a genocidal threat against blacks in the cold war years’ and a ‘powerful metaphor’ for the explosive

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<sup>44</sup> Intondi, Vincent J. *African Americans against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism, and the Black Freedom Movement*. Stanford University Press, 2015.

repercussions of racial oppression.<sup>36</sup> Henrikson points to the poem 'Harlem', from the collection *Montage of a Dream Deferred* (1951), in which Langston Hughes uses an explosion to symbolize the destructive diversion of African-American energies denied full access to the upward mobility promised by the American Dream. Its oft-quoted opening line, 'What happens to a dream deferred', asks a question answered by the italicized final line, '*does it explode?*'<sup>37</sup> In Hughes' poem 'Lunch in a Jim Crow Car' (1959), the context of the atomic era has become apparent:

Get out the lunch-box of your dreams.  
Bite into the sandwich of your heart,  
And ride the Jim Crow car until it screams  
Then – like an atom bomb – it bursts anart.<sup>45</sup>

Malcolm X agreed with that assessment of those living in Alabama at the time and maybe even in Africa. Malcolm X expressed the same sentiment: "Can the white man be so naïve as to think the clear import of [the atomic bombings] *ever will* be lost upon the non-white two-thirds of the earth's population?"<sup>46</sup>

Conversely, Alice Walker actually hoped white people would actually destroy themselves - but then backpedaled.

At an 'Anti-Nuke Rally' at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1982, writer Alice Walker stressed 'the enormity of the white man's crimes against humanity'; she cursed the acquisitive, destructive tendencies of white men. For Walker, they must not be allowed to 'dominate, exploit and despoil [...] the rest of the universe, which is their clear and oft-stated intention; leaving their arrogance and litter not just on the moon, but on everything else they can reach'...

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<sup>45</sup> William, Paul. *Race, Ethnicity and Nuclear War: Representations of Nuclear Weapons and ...*  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt5vjdcf>.

<sup>46</sup> Intondi, Vincent J. *African Americans against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism, and the Black Freedom Movement*. Stanford University Press, 2015.

At the aforementioned 1982 'Anti-Nuke Rally', Alice Walker offered a personal dilemma she faced in relation to her involvement with antinuclear activism. Walker began her address by articulating her *reluctance* to endorse antinuclear politics. Walker's 'problem' with supporting nuclear disarmament is the 'hope for revenge' that she believed to be 'at the heart of People of Color's resistance to any anti-nuclear movement'. She suggests that the idea of nuclear apocalypse as a just consequence of white racial chauvinism might seduce the peoples of the African diaspora into renouncing opposition to nuclear weapons. Considering 'the enormity of the white man's crimes against humanity', including contemporary racist discourse arguing 'Blacks are genetically inferior and should be sterilized', Walker wonders whether extinction alone will stop the white man's destructive course: '*Let the bombs cover the ground like rain. For nothing short of total destruction will ever teach them anything.*' Would extinction now not be preferable to a future of exponential white domination? '[It] would be good, perhaps, to put an end to the species in any case, rather than let white men continue to subjugate it'. The white men's rapacious course has designs on the universe and Walker believes 'Fatally irradiating ourselves [...] to save others from what Earth has already become' requires our 'serious thought'.<sup>91</sup>

This opening rhetoric is clearly intended to shock her audience in order to impress upon them how deeply felt Walker's indignation at white supremacism is. Her speech concludes with renewed support for the antinuclear cause. Walker seeks to retain the anger at racial injustice that fueled her entertainment of the desirability of nuclear extinction, allying that emotion to hope for change in the future. As her home, Walker pledges to protect the Earth, and she affirms the desirability of life. Linking nuclear genocide with racial oppression, the Earth will only be spared and humankind saved on the precondition of justice for 'every living thing'.<sup>92</sup> Extinction can only be averted if humankind manages to think outside of modernity's division of peoples into hierarchies of race.<sup>47</sup>

Walker may be so hostile on the issue of nuclear war because again anyone who knows about state violence in America knows that it is all too common against black people. Black people can't walk down over-

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<sup>47</sup> Intondi, Vincent J. *African Americans against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism, and the Black Freedom Movement*. Stanford University Press, 2015.



policed streets without being harassed, beaten and murdered by police officers who treat them as second-class citizens.

This subjugation has been the case for more than 400 years since we were brought from Africa on slave ships for the new world. Some of us have been trying to get back to Africa ever since. The nation of Liberia in Africa is an example.

Over the course of the 19th century, roughly 16,000 Black Americans immigrated from the United States to Liberia with the support of the American Colonization Society, joining thousands of resettled Africans rescued and freed from the slave trade by the U.S. Navy.<sup>48</sup>

Still, America is clearly concerned about its reputation on an international level. One clear example of that was the election of President Barack Obama's post racial dream.<sup>495051</sup>

The fight against anti-blackness in the United States is also linked with the United Kingdom, since we fought a war to be free from the crown.

### *United Kingdom*

There are many examples of UK racism, as they were key participants in the slave trade with all those colonies across Africa and other black nations.<sup>525354</sup> Still, we will build on the previously cited

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<sup>48</sup> "Bicentennial of the Arrival of the First Free Black Americans to Providence Island, Liberia - United States Department of State." *U.S. Department of State*, U.S. Department of State, 8 Jan. 2022, <https://www.state.gov/bicentennial-of-the-arrival-of-the-first-free-black-americans-to-providence-island-liberia/>.

<sup>49</sup> Tesler, Michael. "Obama's Race: The 2008 Election and the Dream of a Post-Racial America." *Google Books*, University of Chicago Press, 15 Nov. 2010, [https://books.google.com/books/about/Obama\\_s\\_Race.html?id=geQxhys4rf8C](https://books.google.com/books/about/Obama_s_Race.html?id=geQxhys4rf8C).

<sup>50</sup> Donald R. Kinder and Allison Dale-Riddle. *the End of Race? Obama, Press ...* <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24545806>.

<sup>51</sup> Hughey, M. "Show Me Your Papers! Obama's Birth and the Whiteness of Belonging: Semantic Scholar." *Qualitative Sociology*, 1 Jan. 1970, <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Show-Me-Your-Papers!-Obama%E2%80%99s-Birth-and-the-of-Hughey/6e165bfda4414ec02e7fe361c809c70588127a65>.

<sup>52</sup> Person, et al. "The Business of Abolishing the British Slave Trade, 1783-1807: Judith." *Taylor & Francis*, Taylor & Francis, 2 Dec. 2013, <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/mono/10.4324/9781315810218/business-abolishing-british-slave-trade-1783-1807-judith-jennings>.

imbroglio over Harry, Megan as a great example of how the crown is concerned about anti-black perceptions:

With the passing of Queen Elizabeth in 2022 calls have grown louder in former colonies in Africa to separate from what is now called the commonwealth.

The value of the Commonwealth has been debated before, with critics questioning if countries and people once colonized — and even oppressed — should remain in such an association with a former colonizer. Its stated aim is to improve international relations, but Britain's relationship with the members has been clouded by diplomatic missteps and the legacy of empire. In a speech to mark Commonwealth Day on Monday, the queen spoke of “the spirit of unity.”

Charismatic royals like Harry and Meghan have been deployed in the past to Commonwealth-related events with young people, businesses and volunteer groups.

But their interview this week “opens our eyes further” on the merits of the Commonwealth, wrote Nicholas Sengoba, a newspaper columnist in the former colony of Uganda.

He cited “unresolved issues” in his country relating to the abuses of colonialism and questioned whether the heads of Commonwealth countries should still be “proud to eat dinner” with members of the British royal family, considering the accusations.

Meghan, who is biracial, had [said in the interview](#) that an unidentified member of the royal family had raised “concerns” about the color of her baby with Harry when she was pregnant with her son, Archie, and that the palace failed to help her when she had suicidal thoughts. [Buckingham Palace said Tuesday the allegations of racism by Harry and Meghan were “concerning”](#) and would be addressed privately by the royal family.

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<sup>53</sup> Wallace, Elizabeth. “The British Slave Trade and Public Memory.” *De Gruyter*, Columbia University Press, 11 Jan. 2006, <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.7312/kowa13714/html>.

<sup>54</sup> Sheridan, Richard. *The Commercial and Financial Organization*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2592319>.

[Reaction to the interview](#) was especially fierce in Africa. It was encapsulated by one Twitter user in South Africa who wrote: “It’s Britain and the royal family. What did you expect? They oppressed us for years.”

Meghan and Harry traveled to South Africa in 2019, where their impending split with the royal family became clearer and they even spoke of possibly living in Cape Town.

Mohammed Groenewald, who showed them around at a mosque in Cape Town, was still digesting the interview, which was only shown in South Africa on Monday. But he said that, more than anything, it sparked memories of “British colonial racism.”

“It comes out very clearly,” he said.

In Kenya, a former colony where a young Princess Elizabeth was visiting in 1952 when she learned about the death of her father and thus that she would become queen, news of the interview also has begun appearing in the country’s newspapers.

“We feel very angry seeing our fellow African sister being harassed because she is black,” said Nairobi resident Sylvia Wangari, referring to Meghan. She added that Kenyans in 1952 did not show Elizabeth “any racism, and she stayed here without us showing her any discrimination.”

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau declined to comment on the interview. He said many institutions in Canada are built around colonialism and systematic racism, including Parliament, and he said the answer is to listen to Canadians who face discrimination so that institutions can be fixed.

“The answer is not to suddenly toss out all the institutions and start over,” Trudeau said.

“I wish all the members of the royal family all the best, but my focus is getting through this pandemic. If people want to later talk about constitutional change and shifting our system of government that’s fine, and they can have those conversations, but right now I’m not having those conversations.”

Jagmeet Singh, leader of the opposition New Democratic Party, said the monarchy 'is in no way beneficial to Canadians in terms of their everyday life.'

"And with the systematic racism that we've seen, it seems to be in that institution as well," he said.

The interview was not shown on TV in India, the Commonwealth's most populous member country with 1.3 billion people, but it still was covered by the media and drew negative reactions from the public toward the royals.

"Behind that whole elegant facade are thoughts that are not so elegant." said fashion writer Meenakshi Singh.

Lawyer Sunaina Phul said the Commonwealth "is relevant to the royal family, of course, because it shows that they ruled so many places. I don't know why we are still a part of it."

Meghan and Harry's complaints of racism show that it is time for her country to end its relationship with the royal family, said a retired professor in Kingston, Jamaica.

"What it should mean for us is that we should jump up and get rid of the queen as the head of state," Carolyn Cooper said. "It's a disreputable institution. It's responsible for the enslavement of millions of us who came here to work on plantations. It's part of the whole legacy of colonialism and we need to get rid of it."<sup>55</sup>

Let me stop and say that it should be noted that Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau likely declined to comment in his interview because he was in his own race row after being in blackface for a 2001 'Arabian Nights' Party.<sup>56</sup> I point this out because it only feeds the argument of how sensitive these Western nations are over anti-blackness.

Still, in the United States, former Daily Show host Trevor Noah, who performed his most recent Netflix special in Toronto Canada,

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<sup>55</sup> Imray, Gerald. "Royals' Comments Raise Race Issue in Commonwealth Nations." *AP NEWS*, Associated Press, 10 Mar. 2021, <https://apnews.com/article/buckingham-palace-comments-commonwealth-meghan-harry-17bb61007686b4e22d819df2fc4a955b>.

<sup>56</sup> Public Broadcasting Service. (2019, September 19). *Watch: Trudeau apologizes after new video shows he wore blackface*. PBS. Retrieved January 28, 2023, from <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/canadian-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-apologizes-for-2001-brownface-photo>

encapsulates the mood against the royals by many blacks by calling the Queen a “bitch” on his show.<sup>57</sup>

### *Russia*

Russians have also had their share of anti-blackness in recent years. The latest most prominent reports of anti-blackness were against WNBA basketball star Brittney Griner. A report in the Moscow Times talks about the abuse: “In addition to the work, these prisons are known among Russians as being home to extremely violent racism and homophobia.”<sup>58</sup>

This is consistent with numerous reports of anti-blackness inside Russia for years. Many of the tens of thousands of blacks who live there are under fire daily.

#### **Roy Ibonga, economics student, 21**

Recently a video of a taxi driver refusing to take a black man in his cab made waves on the internet in Russia.

The person left standing on the kerb was 21-year-old Roy Ibonga, a Congolese man studying economics at Bryansk State University.

In his video, published on social media, the driver can be heard saying "If I don't like a person, I give them a ride. It's my car". When Roy asks him bluntly "Are you a racist?" the driver replies, "Yes, of course."

Later the Yandex taxi company, the Russian equivalent of Uber, apologised to Roy.

"Thank you for finding a way to tell us about this intolerable behaviour. I'm very sorry that it happened to you," wrote a customer service rep.

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<sup>57</sup> Squires, Bethy. “How Late-Night Hosts Reacted to the Queen's Death.” *Vulture*, 9 Sept. 2022, <https://www.vulture.com/2022/09/how-late-night-reacted-to-queens-elizabeths-death.html>.

<sup>58</sup> Fenner, J. (2022, November 28). *WNBA star Brittney Griner is 'facing homophobia, racism and 16-hour working days' at penal colony*. Daily Mail Online. Retrieved January 27, 2023, from <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/sportsnews/article-11477809/WNBA-star-Brittney-Griner-facing-homophobia-racism-16-HOUR-working-days-penal-colony.html>

According to news reports, the driver was dismissed the same day. The company said "rude or racist drivers have no place at Yandex Taxi".

Roy wrote about the incident on Instagram. Some people expressed support, but others wrote racist insults. Later Roy closed his account. Some social media users criticised Yandex for firing the taxi driver and even called for a boycott.

### **Isabel Kastilio, marketing manager, 27**

"I live in Moscow, but went to university in St Petersburg and I was born in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk [in the Russian Far East]."

Isabel says she was treated meanly by other kids at school and reminded every single day that her skin colour was different. "It was very hard to put up with every day, even though I went to one of the best schools in town, specialising in maths and physics. I couldn't stand up for myself there. I didn't tell my parents about it. My big brother protected me at school. Sometimes he had to get into fights for me."

Isabel dreamt about moving from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk to a place where she would be able to walk down the street without people looking at her. Both she and her Dominican dad were routinely stared at.

"When I moved to St Petersburg everything was so much better, I began to forget that I look different. But later, when I started work and needed to rent a flat, I felt the racism again."

'Slavs only'

It was particularly bad in Moscow, says Isabel. All the letting ads said "Slavs only".

"When landlords heard my name on the phone, even though I had a permit to live in Moscow, they didn't believe I could pay the rent. I had to arrange to meet them in person, so they could see I was a normal person with a normal job and wouldn't turn their apartment into a drug den.

"Whenever I meet new people, as soon as they relax the jokes start. I either ignore them or join in the banter, if I can see that it's just

teasing. If you get angry every time it'll make you a nervous wreck."<sup>59</sup>

Illinois Urbana-Champaign [history](#) professor [Eugene Avrutin](#) says that it is true that Russia has become the most racist country under President Vladimir Putin.

“Under Putin, 'an important shift took place in how ethnic Russians viewed themselves and the world around them: not only in terms of national-historical symbols, myths, and legends, but also through the prism of race and whiteness,” Avrutin wrote. “A society that was largely color-blind had become increasingly conscious of the role that whiteness played in determining social status.”

In recent years, ideas operating on the fringe of society have moved to acceptable discourse. “The elevation of whiteness took place against the backdrop of a conservative turn in Russian politics and society: the normalization of sexism and homophobia in popular consciousness, the strengthening of “traditional family values,” and the regulation of family and reproductive behavior,” Avrutin wrote.

“There is little doubt that Putin’s authoritarian politics made it possible for white militarism to flourish. Putin’s administration not only supported the European far right – by most famously underwriting the activities of the Front National in France – but provided a model for white nationalist rule all around the world,” Avrutin said.

Contemporary Russia has seen an upsurge in racial violence and xenophobic attitudes. Several factors, including the uneven economic recovery and anxieties over an influx of migrants from Russia’s southern border, have contributed to racial strife, Avrutin said.

Between 1992 and 2006, more than 11 million people migrated to the Russian Federation from post-Soviet states, with the share of ethnic Russians steadily declining. By 2000, an estimated 4.5 million undocumented migrants, mostly from Central Asia and the Caucasus, resided in Russia.

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<sup>59</sup> Zafari, Amalia. “Racism in Russia: Stories of Prejudice.” *BBC News*, BBC, 17 June 2020, <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53055857>.

Discriminatory attitudes on the ground of race became a fact of life for anyone who did not look typically ethnic Russian. “By the time Putin began the third term as president, most ethnic Russians had no problems drawing distinct lines between themselves and populations commonly referred to as “blacks,” Avrutin said.<sup>60</sup>

Still, Putin has been politically deriding the United States during the George Floyd protest calling it a “deep-rooted crisis in America.”<sup>61</sup> He is clearly trying to use anti-blackness in America to start a “race war.”<sup>62</sup> Said differently, it is clear that he understands how a country can be perceived internationally versus what he does internally in his own country. Further, this only proves that he understands the perception of how a country being anti-black can be destructive on the world stage.

## **Asia**

Ironically, the time will also come when Africa will also want its freedom from other nations including its new alliances with Asia. These nations have also had their difficulty not being racist against their newfound partners.

## *China*

In mainland China there have been reports of racism against Africans.

The [Chinese](#) government should end the discriminatory treatment of Africans related to the [Covid-19](#) pandemic, Human Rights Watch said today. Authorities should also protect Africans and people of African descent throughout China from discrimination in employment, housing, and other realms.

In early April 2020, Chinese authorities in the southern city of Guangzhou, Guangdong province, which has China’s largest African community, began a [campaign](#) to forcibly test Africans for the coronavirus, and ordered them to self-isolate or to quarantine in

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<sup>60</sup> Heckel, Jodi. “History Professor's Book Examines Racism in Russia.” *ILLINOIS*, 10 May 2022, <https://news.illinois.edu/view/6367/294642973>.

<sup>61</sup> “Putin Says Riots Following George Floyd Killing Symptom of Deep-Rooted Crisis in America.” *TASS*, <https://tass.com/politics/1167441>.

<sup>62</sup> Aceves, William. “Virtual Hatred: How Russia Tried to Start a Race War in the United States.” *SSRN*, 4 Jan. 2019, [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3304223](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3304223).



designated hotels. Landlords then evicted African residents, forcing many to sleep on the street, and hotels, shops, and restaurants refused African customers. Other foreign groups have generally not been subjected to similar treatment.

“Chinese authorities claim ‘zero tolerance’ for discrimination, but what they are doing to Africans in Guangzhou is a textbook case of just that,” said [Yaqiu Wang](#), China researcher at Human Rights Watch. “Beijing should immediately investigate and hold accountable all officials and others responsible for discriminatory treatment.”

On April 12, Guangdong authorities [announced](#) that all foreigners in the province must accept “Covid-19 prevention and containment measures” including “testing, sampling and quarantine.” In practice, the authorities just targeted Africans for forced testing and quarantine. They visited homes of African residents, testing them on the spot or instructing them to take a test at a hospital. Some were ordered to self-isolate at home with surveillance cameras or alarms installed outside of their apartments.

There was no evident scientific basis for the policy. Most imported cases of Covid-19 to the province were Chinese nationals returning from abroad. Many Africans had already tested negative for coronavirus, had no recent travel history, or had not been in contact with known Covid-19 patients.

Elsewhere in China, some Africans reported police and local officials had harassed them, and hospitals and restaurants [turned them away](#).

The Chinese government [denied](#) discriminating against Africans in Guangzhou, [saying](#) that it ‘reject[s] differential treatment’ and has ‘zero tolerance for discrimination.’ Chinese state media also ran stories seeking to refute criticism that Chinese authorities had mistreated African nationals and [blamed](#) ‘Western media’ for ‘provok[ing] the problems between China and African countries.

Official figures show that about [14,000 African nationals](#) live in Guangzhou, but researchers estimate thousands more are there [without documentation](#). Because of virus-related mistreatment, many Africans in China have urged their governments to call on the Chinese government to cease all forms of discrimination against Africans, and some want their governments to evacuate

them from China. The Kenyan government [announced](#) it would fly out Kenyans stranded in China on May 1.

Reports of discrimination against Africans in China sparked outrage among African communities around the world, Human Rights Watch said. Several [African](#) governments, including Nigeria, Uganda, and Ghana, summoned Chinese ambassadors in their countries to protest. Ambassadors from several African countries in China wrote to the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [calling for](#) the Chinese government to cease ‘forceful testing, quarantine and other inhuman treatment meted out to Africans.’

More than 300 human rights groups and nearly 1,800 activists in Africa sent an [open letter](#) to the African Union calling for “immediate remedial action” over the “xenophobic, racist and inhumane treatment of Africans in China.”

In the past two decades, China has become Africa’s most important economic partner. China’s investment in Africa through the Belt and Road Initiative, the country’s trillion-dollar investment in infrastructure stretching across some 70 countries, has boosted Africa’s economy, but also lent the Chinese government considerable influence on the continent. African governments have rarely criticized Chinese authorities for mistreatment of Africans in China, or for human rights violations against people across China.

Africans in China have long experienced racial discrimination. Police frequently target Africans, often linked on Chinese social media with violent crimes and overstaying their visas, for [immigration enforcement](#). Some [job advertisements](#) specifically exclude “*heiren*,” or blacks, or set a lower salary for African applicants. Some Africans report being [paid less](#) than their white colleagues for the same job. Many also said they have experienced of being turned away by taxis, restaurants, or shops. In 2018, a sketch aired during the annual Lunar New Year Gala on state TV featured a [Chinese actress in blackface](#) saying things such as “China has done so much for Africa,” and “I love Chinese people! I love China!” A Chinese laundry detergent brand [advertisement](#) showed a black man being pushed into a washing machine, getting “cleaned,” and emerging as a lighter skinned Asian.

“African governments together should unequivocally call on the Chinese government to cease all discrimination against Africans in China, and carry out prompt and transparent investigations to hold

to account all those responsible for discriminatory practices,” said [Carine Kaneza Nantulya](#), Africa advocacy director at Human Rights Watch. “African governments should also press China to enforce measures to prevent discrimination in the future.”<sup>63</sup>

## *Korea*

Koreans, who also are still a nuclear power to the North, also have many issues with race.

"In 1965, the Cuban ambassador to the DPRK, a black man, was squiring his wife and some Cuban doctors" around Pyongyang, the scholar of North Korea B.R. Myers wrote in his 2010 book, *The Cleanest Race*. "Locals surrounded their car, pounding it and shouting racial epithets. Police called to the scene had to beat the mob back with truncheons."

I thought of this anecdote after reading about an anti-Obama rant published on May 2 by the Korean Central News Agency, which [contained](#) such quotes as "it would be perfect for Obama to live with a group of monkeys in the world's largest African natural zoo and lick the bread crumbs thrown by spectators." While news agencies run by the North Korean government regularly insult foreign officials, they usually don't use [language redolent](#) of Nazi pulp novels. I don't read Korean, but the translated excerpts are the angriest pieces of writing I've seen in a long time.

Myers argued in his book that North Korea is best understood not as a Communist society, but one where race-based nationalism is the state ideology. The country's forced cult of personality has fashioned the Kims into "motherly leaders," who are guardians of the Koreans purity and innocence, and protect them from the danger and contamination of the outside world. This helps explain the regime's longevity — 64 years and counting. Indeed, racial purity is the only thing that North Korea — whose population includes so few foreigners that it can plausibly claim to be 100 percent Korean — does better than everywhere else.

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<sup>63</sup> "China: Covid-19 Discrimination against Africans." *Human Rights Watch*, 28 Oct. 2020, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/05/china-covid-19-discrimination-against-africans>.

Like in many places around the world, North Korea reserves special vitriol for blacks. After Dennis Rodman and members of the Harlem Globetrotters [visited](#) Pyongyang in January, a journalist from the online newspaper Daily NK [claimed](#) that a North Korean source told him people were "asking each other, 'where did they find that group of goblins?'"

In a paper on North Korean relations, the researcher Benjamin R. Young [cites](#) several examples of the official media's degradation of blacks, including the 1985 anti-American film *The Tale of 15 Children*. In the movie, Americans capture 15 North Korean children and debate selling them into slavery. The children meet a cartoonishly incompetent African-American slave — played by a Korean in blackface — who is too dumb to speak. "The North Koreans understood that African-Americans were second-class citizens in the U.S. but they were also represented as less intelligent (if not subhuman) in North Korean propaganda," Young writes. (North Korea has decent ties with many African nations, but state ideology often doesn't interfere with foreign policy.)

In their 2009 book *The Hidden People of North Korea: Everyday Life in the Hermit Kingdom*, Ralph Hassig and Kongdan Oh [relayed](#) the story of a May 2006 meeting between North and South Korean military officers. The southerner offhandedly mentions that rural farmers in South Korea sometimes take foreign brides — incensing the North Korean officer. "Our nation has always considered its pure lineage to be of great importance," he snapped. "Not even one drop of ink must be allowed to fall into the Han River."

The Han River is a major river flowing between the two Koreas — and it's hard to think of a more visceral symbol of North Korean racism than its fears of black ink polluting a clear river. <sup>64</sup>

## *Japan*

Japan, which is not a nuclear power but a regional influence and has stakes in Africa, also has problems with blacks.

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<sup>64</sup> Fish, Isaac Stone. "Obama, Don't Take It Personally, North Korea Just Hates Black People." *Foreign Policy*, Foreign Policy, 8 May 2014, <https://foreignpolicy.com/2014/05/08/obama-dont-take-it-personally-north-korea-just-hates-black-people/>.

To many Japanese, racism towards black people has long been considered something that happens in the US or Europe, not at home.

But when the death of George Floyd in the US sparked a wave of protests demanding that Black Lives Matter, people in Japan joined in too.

The protests and marches in major cities pushed a debate about racism in the country, and whether enough was being done to confront and change things.

'Paper cuts of racism'

In June, public broadcaster NHK aired a segment to explain to Japanese audiences what was happening in the US, with the protests over George Floyd's death.

The report, in a news show aimed at younger audiences, featured an animated video depicting the protesters as grotesque stereotypes, deeply steeped in racist imagery: caricatures with exaggerated muscles and angry faces, and with looters in the background. The reaction was largely negative - the US embassy called the segment "offensive and insensitive".

I'm sorry we do not accept your lame excuses anymore. You claim ignorance about blackness and YET you feel empowered to make offensive racist commentary on black issues / [#BLM](#) without consulting anyone! If you need help we are here but THIS BS is [#UNACCEPTABLE @nhk\\_sekaima pic.twitter.com/Y43IKcV953](#)

— Baye McNeil (@BayeMcneil) [June 8, 2020](#)

One particularly vocal critic was Baye McNeil, an African-American teacher, author, columnist and long-time Japan resident. He tweeted that it was an "offensive racist commentary" and it was time for Japan to stop the "lame excuses" on handling of black issues.

NHK later apologised, and following the widespread attention Mr McNeil's articles received, invited him in to discuss the problem.

He soon found himself giving a talk to the entire NHK staff, which he said was an "extremely interesting" experience.

"There were a lot of great questions that showed that a lot of people did not know there were problems with blackface or white washing. It was really important that someone came in and was able to explain it."

Mr McNeil has both praise and criticism for the country he has lived in for 16 years. He says that in his immediate surrounding of friends and students, people have been very welcoming and open - and often curious and receptive to learn about his outside view on the Japanese experience.

At the same time, he points to a level of everyday casual racism he experiences.

"I'm safer here than in the US, no question," he says. "I haven't experienced police brutality like you would in the US, but yet there are paper cuts of racism every day and those also add up. Being other-ised on a daily basis means you still live through some tough stuff."

It's an experience he says, that's not unlike that of the many so-called "hafu", people who are biracial - with one parent from Japan and one from another ethnic group. And it proves wrong the idea that there simply is one general kind of xenophobia, equally directed at all non-Japanese groups in the country.

"Bi-racial Japanese have a different experience according to what they are mixed with," Mr McNeil explains. "The ones mixed with whites are the ones who get the modeling contracts and are put on a pedestal - but it's a very different story if you're half Korean or half black."

For example, when a half black Japanese woman was crowned Miss Japan in 2015, [she was berated in online comments as unfit to represent the country.](#)

Tennis champion Naomi Osaka has a Japanese mother and a Haitian father. [In an advertising campaign, her skin was made lighter](#) and comedians were joking she maybe should get some bleach to change her skin colour.

Osaka has herself been very vocal against racism both in Japan and in the US. [This week, she withdrew from a top US tournament in protest against police violence](#) against black people in the US, after which the entire match day was postponed.

"All of these are examples that show that perhaps the Japanese public is not quite ready to embrace their biracial population," Mr McNeil says.

Official statistics in fact count biracial citizens simply as Japanese, he points out, reinforcing how people see their country as largely homogenous, unaware that many of their neighbours don't fit in that easily.

John Russell, anthropology professor at Gifu University, told the BBC that anti-black racism is evident in "a whole wealth of images that permeate Japanese society".

Japan for most of its history had been largely closed to foreigners but when in the 19th Century, the United States forced Japan to open to international trade, the US military mission treated their Japanese hosts to a minstrel show: a set of skits and musical performances by white crew members in blackface.

Jump to the 1930s and Tokyo's nightlife featured vaudeville shows of Japanese actors in blackface. In fact, one of the country's most famous comedians, Enomoto Kenichi, or Enoken, used blackface in several instances in the 1920s and 30s.

"It's in fact a tradition going back almost as far as in the United States," Mr Russell says. Although on a smaller scale than in the US and without the American social memory, the stereotypical depiction of black people has been there all along, he explains.

Social media has helped to challenge some of the views in conventional media, he says, but that is "a mixed bag".

"It has both elevated the discourse on racism but also elevates racism itself, creating a platform where vitriol can come to the surface." The abuse which for instance Naomi Osaka receives online is a case in point.

"I'm hoping that the situation is changing" he says. "But I temper whatever optimism I have with an amount of caution."

'Change is still a long way off'

"Discussing racism is taboo. But it's the 21st Century and we do need to talk about these things," says Mutsuko Betchaku, who attended one of McNeil's classes.

Despite a growing awareness, change will likely take time.

While she feels many people around her share the same level of awareness, "there are others who don't want to even think about it, or those who aren't aware at all - people who feel it has nothing to do with them."

She says she herself had been aware of racism against black people before the events of the recent months, but that racism is usually only discussed in relation to xenophobia against Chinese and Koreans.

Fellow student Hitomi Hideshima agrees: "I also knew for a long time that there is discrimination especially against Chinese and Koreans in Japan."

Both say that the information that average Japanese get on the issue from the media is very superficial, lacking in depth, background and history.

"The Japanese media presented Black Lives Matter as just an American problem," Ms Hideshima says. And while recent events might have brought about a beginning of change, the optimism is somewhat muted.

"There might be a slight change in consciousness now, but visible change is still a long way off."<sup>65</sup>

### *India & Pakistan*

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<sup>65</sup> Illmer, Andreas. "Black Lives Matter Pushes Japan to Confront Racism." *BBC News*, BBC, 27 Aug. 2020, <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-53428863>.



I should stop here and point out real problems with anti-blackness in India and Pakistan, which are also nuclear powers. I will also note that India is a “Top 5” investor in Africa.<sup>66</sup> Pakistan is also considering investing in Africa.<sup>67</sup> I am not focusing on them because they are at present not currently dominating the news for launching nukes against other nations. Finally, I will say that they would likely have little interest in attacking a place where they are investing.

Still, India and Pakistan only feed the point about there being no way to join nations of color against whites because Africa has little to offer any of these racists who shovel anti-blackness among local populations.

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<sup>66</sup> 25, September. “India Seeks to Strengthen Its Longstanding Ties with Africa.” *International Institute for Sustainable Development*, 25 Sept. 2022, <https://www.iisd.org/articles/news/india-strengthen-ties-africa>.

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## Underview

All these aforementioned nuclear nations, and many others, will be very sensitive in the area of how they handle Africa on the international stage in the time of a nuclear war. This is because you can be racist in your own country, but it is much more public when the story runs in the international press.

Further, we have to believe now that there are so many people of color - Asia and Indo-Asia - with nukes that we can no longer depend on what some would call identity politics to save the world from extermination. Said differently, there is no way to say that whites just want to exterminate people of color, as was the case with Civil Rights leadership's argument in previous years. War now seems inevitable and there must be a viable solution sought of where to go and who to trust in serious times such as these.

The question is not really why Africa is the destination but why not? Why not when our enemy is no longer just whites? Why not when our enemy would have to fight each other to come after us? Why not when they will devalue their own investment if they strike Africa? Why not when they would have to destroy where they get the weapons and munitions from? Why not if it may be the only place left with the broadest biodiversity? Why not if it may be the most able to support life in a nuclear winter? Why not if it may have the most food?

Could it be that black people have been held down so long that a retreat to Africa becomes the final stand for humanity? Could it be that black people have been held down so long that a retreat to Africa becomes the final stand against anti-blackness?

The simple fact that these nations will likely have to choose to spare Africa due to their numerous international conflicts of interest in the face of their bold unrelenting anti-blackness at home seems like karma to me. The fact that many of the occupants of these anti-black nations will likely have to crawl back to Africa and ask for entrance as it may be the only livable place left is fortuitous. In a way, Walker may get what she joked about a mass extermination of those who are anti-black. We may see a cleansing that may leave the majority of black people standing. In a way, I am getting what I wanted, as I am not a nonviolent negro. Violence and the threat of violence does solve problems and a nuclear war may have whites and those who openly practice anti-

blackness solving a large part of the problem of anti-black racism for us. The Bible stating that the meek shall inherit the Earth may ring true.<sup>68</sup>

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## Epilogue

Sirens sound across the silent night. It is too late to do anything but run for the basement. You yell for your children, but they can't hear you. You're not going to make it. It's the end of the world, at least this part of the world.

A lot of families are realizing that the end is near and that the old world is giving away to a new one. That a nuclear warhead seemed like the best answer for people who refused to use their head. The crater the missile leaves behind strikes the earth deep to its core but will never strike the heart of humanity.

The heart of humanity, the genesis of all mankind resides in Africa. The cornerstone-continent encapsulates the origin story and possible saving solitude for all who return home. Homecomings are not always happy, but they can be healing.

This war won't help the world, but it may help heal the rift that has denied Africa from its central role in humanity. It is that return to the core of humanity that just may heal all our collective hearts and heal humanity. I see it as a hard reset. With every reset there is a chance to clear away all the past and start anew. To go back to the very start of formation and from a new world free of nations that alienate, subjugate and stratify.

If the end is near, we may need to see it as an opportunity to open our hearts to our motherland and all she has to offer. Let the people there show you the way and this time respect them and trust the process. Understand that this is an opportunity to right past wrongs and hope to God that they allow you to come back to the world our ancestors once knew.

When I started this book, I said just because I am writing it does not mean that I will survive. Maybe I will work to try to get everyone to leave. Maybe I will try to reunite families like the ones divided between the basement doors. Like the doors that divided people from understanding the importance of Africa and her people. Like the ones that stop people who have divorced their souls from the center of humanity that they will now need to acknowledge to extinguish the eternal fire of hate and indecision that have cursed humanity.

In the end, the goal for me is not to get out. I am writing it for your survival. Said differently, I will probably go down, with the ship that is America. Still, understand that if we allow the soul center of the world to go down we all may very well be doomed. I hope I am wrong, but I wouldn't want the world to try to move on without the cornerstone-

continent that brought forth the genesis of humanity. Wiping Africa off the face of the earth, or pretending it is not the center of the world would be as cruel and misguided as leaving two children in the basement to die after a nuclear war. Said differently, this world cannot rebuild after a nuclear war without Africa as its soul center.

## Rob Redding Biography

"The voice of the voiceless" and "the prophet of rage" are just some of the things his subscription-paying listeners say about "America's Independent Voice" Professor [Rob Redding](#).

Redding is [well-regarded by scores of the world's most intelligent](#) subscription-paying listeners (living in 24 states) due to his bold views on "Redding News Review Unrestricted" talk show via his 24-7 news site, ReddingNewsReview.com.

These subscribers get "Redding News Review Unrestricted" because he has been the most listened to black independent talk show host in the country for years. He has been heard six days a week for nearly half a decade and more than 420 episodes in all 50 states (via SiriusXM Satellite Radio and via syndication) for more than 6 years and 3,600 hours. Finally, they get "Redding News Review Unrestricted" because his reports and positions on issues have been continually nationally recognized and award-winning.

Because of his listeners, "Redding News Review Unrestricted" is now shaking up the talk radio industry with daily broadcasts from ReddingNewsReview.com. ReddingNewsReview.com is his award-winning subscriber-supported and the Web's oldest black news aggregation Website. Called a "[clearinghouse for African American news](#)" by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper and the "[vanguard of Internet news sites](#)" (AllAccess.com). ReddingNewsReview.com has garnered [three consecutive "Black Web Awards"](#).

He has also won other top honors, including a [gold American Advertising Award and an Associated Press award for Internet news](#). Talkers' magazine in 2003 noted his uniquely independent views on government by listing him as one of the "[100 Most Important Radio Talk Hosts in America](#)."

In 2022, he was featured in [The Washington Post](#) for his take on the Jan. 6, 2021 political riot in Washington, D.C. He told the newspaper: The rioters were attempting to "subvert American democracy because now it's becoming equal for all people."

In 2019, he was featured in [The New York Times](#) as one of just 526 participants to represent America at "America in One Room." That same year Castropolis called him "[one of the most important Black Voices in America today](#)."

In 2017, the show won an award from the [Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy](#) for its segment by Dr. Tommy Curry on "[Killing Whites](#)." He has been subsequently [featured in the Guardian newspaper](#) as a result.

Furthermore, Redding has been called one of the most "[respected names in the media](#)," by urban magazine Upscale and "one of the most intellectual and intriguing radio talk show hosts," by urban industry authority Radio Facts. The publication has gone on to say Redding is "[incredibly intelligent and talented radio talk show host...he is a rolling stone who is not afraid to tackle some of the 'uncomfortable' issues in the black community](#)." Rolling Out magazine said Redding has an "[unequivocal message of hope, accountability, and astute political analysis](#)." [Consciousness Magazine](#) agreed in its cover story: "Expressing opinions is what radio talk show host, political commentator and bestselling author Robert "Rob" Redding does well with confidence and ease."

Other notable highlights of his broadcasting dedication include spending time in broadcasting as a top-rated hip-hop radio personality in Macon, Ga. – a city that is famous for another family member, Otis Redding. As a radio personality, he was first to record multi-platinum selling rapper Bubba Sparxxx - on Redding's album "Tony Smoove's Aircheck Volume 1."

After leaving music radio for talk radio, he became one of the few, [if not only, black program directors of a mainstream talk radio station, KMLB-AM in Monroe, Louisiana](#) (August 2009 to August 2010). Around that same time, he was the narrator for the film "[Stay Brady Stay](#)", which was screened at numerous movie festivals and aired on Louisiana Public Broadcasting for three years. Redding is the founder of BlackTalkers.com, a Website covering the black talk radio community. He has also been a frequent guest on the [Fox News](#) Channel, National Public Radio and C-SPAN. He has been quoted in some of the world's top newspapers – from [France's Libération](#) to the Washington Post and Politico newspapers.

Redding occasionally accepts invitations for TV appearances and has also appeared in other people's written works. Redding has written plenty of articles outside of ReddingNewsReview.com. [He spent three years as a political reporter at the Washington Times and other publications](#). (He previously worked at the Macon Telegraph, the Prince George's Journal, the Prince George's Gazette, and the Prince George's Sentinel.) [He](#)

[left The Times to diversify his politically independent résumé to become the communications director for a major Democratic campaign.](#)

This prolific writer is also the author of 13 consecutive bestselling books, two best selling albums and a bestselling diet guide.

"SMEARED" was released on Jan. 13, 2023. The book is a tell-all that introduces a new school of painting called "Constructive Expressionism." The book was Redding's thesis while studying at Pratt Institute prior to obtaining his MFA from the top art school. The book was No. 1 in the coveted "New Releases in Art Reference" and "New Releases in Art Study & Teaching" categories, according to Amazon.com.

"Target: Unwrapping Racism" was released on Sept. 1. The book, which is a literary reader on dissecting racism, includes previous writings from two books on bigotry while introducing Visual Geographic Grounding Theory. [The book which the newspaper "Black Star News" said "rips away the veil hiding the genesis of racism" peaked at No. 1 on Amazon's "Hot New Releases" in the "One-Hour Biography & Memoir Short Reads" and "Reference & Collections of Biographies" categories.](#) Black Star News reports that "his current book 'Target' is his fifth No. 1 out of 12-consecutive bestselling books on Amazon.com." His last No. 1 was Dark Soul (2020), The Professor (2019), Disrupter (2012) and Not a Nonviolent Negro (2013). The book, his third consecutive No. 1, is unique because it features his artwork "Target" on the cover. It is a 34X34 circular Informal abstraction acrylic on canvas artwork that features a Black baby in utero. The baby is filled with two bullet holes, in the head and torso.

"Dark Soul" was released on Aug. 17, 2020. The book, which tells the story of the black soul in the context of Black Lives Matter, peaked at [No. 1 on Amazon's "Hot New Releases" in "Philosophy Reference."](#) Dark soul is his fourth No. 1. The book makes visible an African-based philosophy of the soul and talks about the implications of denying humanity's true origin.

In 2019, "The Professor: Witnessing White Power" details how gay interracial relationships and encounters have shaped black power. [The book debuted at No. 1 on "New Releases in LGBT Literary Criticism" and "New Releases in Gay & Lesbian Literary Criticism" when released in May 2019.](#) The paperback, his first ever, debuted at No. 2 when released in December on the "New Releases in Gay & Lesbian Literary Criticism" chart. The Professor is a powerful book detailing the sex lives



of Jean-Michel Basquiat, James Baldwin, Marvin Gaye, Richard Pryor and Malcolm X. It promises to contain explosive new information about Basquiat's relationship with Klaus Nomi. "Much of the book works from Jane Ward's book 'Not Gay: Sex between Straight White Men'" Redding said. "Ward, who is a lesbian, writes about power exchanges between white men. The Professor explores how gay interracial relationships and encounters may have empirically had an impact on the black community."

In 2017, Out Loud was his tell-all autobiography. The Brook - half broadcast and half book - was released on Oct. 13, 2017 exclusively to his talk show subscribers and to the entire nation on Nov. 6th. [The Brook debuted at No. 2 on "Amazon.com Hot New Releases Gay and Lesbian Biographies and Memoirs."](#) The book matched his most successful books Sinister Citizen and Not a Nonviolent Negro by being ranked in the Top 100 for five straight weeks. The book has been called "[shocking](#)" by Metro Source and CBS. The NYC GAYLETTER called the book "[juicy](#)" just after Redding pulled it from Amazon in January of 2018 and made it only available for a short time on his website ReddingNewsReview.com.

"Sinister Citizen" was his first fiction book. This book, released on March 13, 2017, and dealt with President Trump's America. [The book has been called "fascinating" by KKXX. The book peaked on the Top 30 on "Amazon.com- Hot New Releases LGBT Short Reads" and is his first ever title to rank in the Top 50 in pre-orders on the same list.](#) The book was just as successful as "Not a Nonviolent Negro" by being ranked in the Top 100 for five straight weeks on the "Amazon.com -Hot New Releases LGBT Short Reads."

Redding's book, "Why Black Lives Matter: How Borigination" explained the ways police officers and whites should treat black people was officially released on July 6th, 2015. The book peaked at the top of multiple charts on Amazon.com two days ahead of when it was exclusively released to his subscribers (July 3). The book surged to No. 1 on Amazon.com - "Hot New Releases" in "[Philosophy and Reference](#)" and "[Philosophy and Criticism](#)" categories. It rose to [No. 2 in "Philosophy and Criticism"](#) and "[No. 3 in "Philosophy and Reference,"](#) respectively among Amazon.com's Best Sellers lists. This was also the first time Redding topped the Amazon.com -"Hot New Releases" in "Philosophy and Reference" list since his 2012 release of "Disrupter." [The foreword was also pinned by Dr. Lewis R. Gordon](#), who also wrote a foreword for Redding's book "Resurrection." He [wrote](#): "Such is the question posed by Redding. There is an existential paradox worth

considering: sometimes the winner loses and losers win. The loss of soul as the price of “victory” is the folly of abusers; soul integrity is a triumph even in the face of lost battles. Who wants to be celebrated for, ultimately, murdering humanity’s soul? Redding’s theory of Borigination is a demand to take heed of the irreplaceability and gravity of such in our times, for which we have the onus of considering in a world where time itself is, proverbially, running out.”

A year earlier, Redding's “Unthinkable: Poems, Philosophies and Paintings,” was released on July 7th, 2014. The book peaked on July 13th on Amazon’s - “Hot New Releases” at ["No. 4" in "Art and Painting"](#) and ["No. 7" in "Reference and Quotations."](#) It also ranked ["No. 27" in "Art and Painting"](#) and ["No. 47" in "Reference and Quotations"](#) respectively on Amazon.com's Best Sellers lists. The book was provided for free to subscribers of Redding's talk show and website.

Redding's “Not a Nonviolent Negro: How I Survived Obama,” is still his most successful book to date debuting at No. 1 on Amazon.com in three categories in March 2013. The book, which was released on March 5th, was No. 1 on Amazon.com “Best Sellers List” in ["Nationalism"](#) and “Hot New Releases” in the ["Social Philosophy"](#) and ["Nationalism"](#) categories, respectfully. The book also has a soundtrack Not a Nonviolent Negro which also debuted on Amazon.com at No. 1 among “Hot New Releases” in ["Disco"](#). The book and album were released on the same day.

The Not a Nonviolent Negro album was a follow up to his dance album Unleash the Whip!, which was released on Dec. 4th, 2012, on iTunes and Amazon.com (via CD Baby). The album, which also takes portions of his talk show and sets them to heavy dance beats, reached [No. 2 on Amazon.com](#) “Hot New Releases” in the “DJ & Dance” “House” category and got 3 1/2 stars from former About.com dance music critic Jimi Bruce.

Redding's second most successful book, “Disrupter: Pathway to Political Independence,” debuted at [No. 1 on Amazon.com](#) Hot New Releases - Political Reference list on Aug. 13th, 2012 and remained there for more than a week. The book is considered a reference guide for independents and includes parts of Redding's life story.

His e-book, “Resurrection: A Historical Anthology of two Forgotten African American Philosophers,” reached [No. 3 on the Amazon.com](#) ["Hot New Releases"](#) list in less than a week after it was released in April 2012. The foreword was pinned by Dr. Lewis R. Gordon.

That same month, his “One a Day Fade Away” diet e-guide [hit No. 29 on "Amazon's Best Sellers" list](#).

His e-book, “Where's the Change?: Why Neither Obama, nor the GOP Can Solve America's Problems,” [was ranked number 30](#) on the Amazon.com "Top 100" for best sellers less than one month after it was released in January of 2012.

He has also authored the critically acclaimed e-book, “Hired Hatred: Why politicians and the political prejudices they tout are mutually exclusive from good government.” His independent manifesto is said to "invoke an activist spirit," (New York's Black Star News (2005). The book peaked at [No. 3 on the "Amazon.com Best Sellers" list on March 16th, 2013](#).

Redding, who has taught at several universities in New York City, is known for his thesis "[Black Voices, White Power: Members of the Black press make meaning of media hegemony](#)." He wrote the thesis while earning his master's in communication studies. It was published in the Journal of Black Studies in March of 2017. [He has also coined the phrase, "Resolution of Risk," which was first used at the International Public Debate Association's National Tournament., after his thesis was published in the organization's peer-reviewed publication](#) (The Journal of the International Public Debate Association). The paper was presented by Redding before a packed audience at Bossier Parish Community College.

He has lectured at Pratt Institute, Temple University, the University of Maryland in College Park, Connecticut College, Morris Brown College, and Howard Community College. Redding was researched and studied [by the communication school at Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium in 2014](#), for The University of Missouri in 2018, and [Florida State University in 2007](#). In 2012, Stanford University selected Redding as John S. Knight Journalism Fellowship Semifinalist for his journalism innovation.

He has also served as a panelist for the National Association for Black Journalists. Redding was also a keynote speaker for the National Council of Negro Women Metropolitan Atlanta Section and the Atlanta Urban Media Makers.

Finally, this [polymath](#) is an acclaimed abstract artist. He is also [a professional-selling painter \(since age 12\) and he has shown in Europe and beyond](#). His works have been called "[iconic](#)" by NYC art critic [Per Larson](#) and "[trademark](#)" by NY Art Beat. ["It is always an event anytime](#)

Rob Redding's smear paintings are featured," writes John Blee, a respected critic and artist.

His work "Black Power: Unapologetically Militant" recently sold for \$10,000 dollars at a group art show at Fridman Gallery (July of 2021). It was his biggest selling artwork to date. "I am tired of simply arguing that Black Lives Matter," Redding told Black Star News. The pandemic has taught me that sometimes you have to have a radical approach just to get to where whites beg you to kneel instead of ripping shit up."