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**Barack Obama: Playing the "Race Card"
While Politically Castrating the Race & the Nation
Keeping it Real
By Larry Pinkney**

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The problem for political conjurers and tricksters is that sooner or later their trickery will engulf them. They are of course aware of this and spare no hypocrisy in making every effort to expeditiously obtain political power for the *historical moment*, always at the ultimate expense of the masses of everyday common folk.

Due to the horrible record of racial injustices in the United States of America, the so-called race card has been utilized by persons of virtually all political persuasions, and more often than not serves to make null and void the senses of sincere people who might otherwise be logical and clear-thinking. Barack Obama and his corporate political machine have exercised enormous skill in manipulating and mesmerizing not only Black Americans but the American people *as a whole* into a frenzied and dangerous stupor of myth, illusion, and denial. For a certainty, racial and other injustices and disparities must be *forthrightly* addressed and eradicated - not opportunistically manipulated as a tool for gaining political power.

It is an unmitigated fact the US remains in the 21st Century very much a nation of *huge*

racial and gender disparities and injustices. Nonetheless, racism and sexism in America did not simply come about by osmosis. They were and are meticulously and deliberately developed, maintained, and utilized by the power elite of this nation, from its very founding. However, in this regard Barack Obama has chosen to castigate not only Black American males but the White working class whom he apparently, *in reality*, views as stupid, backwards, and most of all expendable - while *simultaneously and adroitly* playing upon what a prolific Black blogger referred to, as the reaction of "millions of whites bend[ing] over backwards in an attempt to demonstrate their colorblindness and to prove their 'goodness of heart.'" None of this has been missed by the quintessential 21st Century cynical opportunist, Barack Obama, or his very active Democratic Party political machine.

It was no coincidence or accident that US Presidential candidate Barack Obama chose as *his* running mate the stridently pro-corporate, pro-Zionist, and pro-military US Senator, Joe Biden. Once again, notwithstanding his gift-of-gab, doublespeak rhetoric, Barack Obama is telling the American people *and the discerning world* who his *actual* allies are and where his *real* priorities really lay.

There are those who are already asking: Is Barack Obama, actually Barry Soetoro, Barack Dunham, Barry Obama, or Barry Dunham? This writer suggests that what is far, far more important than whatever legal name/s Barack Obama utilized or uses is *politically* - precisely *who and what* is Barack Obama - this man seeking the trust and faith of the "American" people and desirous of being the US President and military Commander and Chief?! Will the real Barack Obama please stand up *now, right now!*

Notwithstanding the cynical racism, opportunism, and gender prejudice of both the Democratic and Republican Parties [i.e. the Republicrats], there *is* an experienced, time tested and well seasoned Black woman US Presidential candidate out there who is *not* a Republicrat and who is about *building* a for-real people's *movement*. Her name is Cynthia McKinney, Green Party official nominee, along with her running mate Rosa Clemente. These two women, along with grassroots people and Reconstruction Party activists, are about the business of *systemic* change, not *repackaged and stifling* Republicrat regurgitation. The *corporate* news media has and will continue to ignore and / or castigate them because they represent the real possibility of something *outside* of the Republicrats [i.e. the politically bankrupt Democratic and Republican Parties]. Grassroots everyday people, on the other hand, grow ever more aware of the very real possibilities that Cynthia McKinney and the "Power To The People" Campaign represent for *systemic / real* change.

Indeed it *is* time for change. It's time to *unleash* ourselves from Republicrat *subterfuge* and being their pimped and controlled lap dogs and mesmerized puppets on a string, to being the masters and mistresses of our own destinies *outside of and apart from* the Democratic and Republican [Republicrat] Parties. Time for intensified struggle. Time for laying the foundation and building a genuine people's movement.

Onward brothers and sisters...Onward!

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