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Barack Obama and the New Plantation Keeping it Real By Larry Pinkney BC Editorial Board

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if only they knew they were slaves."

-Harriet Tubman

The insidious role of many so-called 'mulattos' on slave plantations in the U.S., Haiti, and elsewhere was to contain, control, and neutralize the field slaves for the benefit of the plantation administrators and 'masters.' They were more articulate, and better fed and clothed than the plantation field slaves. Their loyalty was to the plantation masters, not the slaves.

Today however, there is a New Plantation, and everyday ordinary Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow people, in varying degrees, are all on this 21st century plantation. The 'masters' and plantation administrators of this present-day New Plantation are the avaricious corporate elite and their unprincipled minions, and the field slaves are the ordinary people of all colors.

This is the fiendish genius on the part of the U.S. corporate masters having selected Barack Obama to head the U.S. Empire, which is a role that he demonstratively savors and has carried out against ordinary people in this nation (and around the world) with an insidiously devastating effectiveness.

In less than four years the articulate Barack Obama has, in the name of "hope," "change," and progress, 1) destroyed the single-payer

universal health care option, 2) in contravention of U.S. and international law - launched many thousands of murderous predator-drone missiles against the people of the sovereign nations of Libya (North Africa), Somalia (East Africa), Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Yemen, 3) taken political subterfuge and non-transparency in government to new laws, 4) signed into law the draconian NDAA indefinite-detention provision, and 5) assumed unconstitutional and dictatorial powers with his own bloody 'Kill List' etc.

Indeed, Barack Obama has ushered into being a New Plantation in the U.S. - complete with his own network of non-critically thinking "sheeple," who excuse his every act of murder abroad, destruction of civil liberties inside the U.S., and his de facto collaboration with corporate hegemony and economic austerity against the everyday people of this nation and world. This 21st century New Plantation in 'America' represents a terrible mockery of the historical and contemporary struggle and numerous sacrifices that so many ordinary people of all colors have made.

Barack Obama's (U.S. corporate/military) New Plantation has psychologically and economically neutralized and re-enslaved an overwhelming amount of people in this nation, including a large portion of Black America.

We everyday people of all colors are slaves on this New Plantation, and will remain so, unless and until we recognize our own enslavement and **act to free ourselves and each other**. In the words of Harriet Tubman: "I freed a thousand slaves - I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves."

Remember: Each one, reach one. Each one, teach one. Onward, then, my sisters and brothers. Onward!

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