

Local Politics Matter

Look In The Mirror...

What Do You See



As I listen to the Republicans chastise the state of Black America they bring up the usual topics. Black on black crime, gun violence in the community, gang violence in the community and the lists goes on and on. I am baffled at the notion that the Republicans blame the Democrats. You know how they say it," Barack Obama has been President for almost eight years and nothing has changed," "Democrats take the African American vote for granted." I am confused. It has always been my thinking that the Executive and Legislative branches of government were to work in unison to get things done. The Republicans are under the presumptive notion that it has to be their way or no way. Bill after bill failed to gain enough traction to get to the floor for a vote. All I can think about is that quote "We will make sure that President Obama is a one term President. Okay he got two

terms, but the stalemate has never eased up. We are all feeling the lack of progress in our communities because of our elected officials. Why do we have to ask permission from the Republicans to get things done? Urgent things like infrastructure. We see the sink hole in our towns, the outdated water and sewer lines. Is that urgent to them? No way... they get in their cars and travel to their gated communities and tune out the rest of us. Funding for urban America...forget it. It will help the Democrats and again we have to suffer and make the best of the crumbs that are left for urban America to divide up. What about the Affordable Care Act? The Republicans didn't get it done first so they are sinking the ship as we speak. Now they say" it's a disaster it needs to be eliminated and start over." I don't recall them doing anything to help the law. It is, the law you know. Little people who put them in office are feeling squeezed out of the political process. We will soon have to share our pennies amongst each other because of the hopelessness that has clouded our communities. The elections are over they have been for 8 years and the Republicans are still pouting like sore losers. They attempted to change vot-

ing laws, sighting fraud...yeah right. The Democrats have taken every punch the republicans could deliver and are still standing. It amazes me how many of them get on the television and tell the same story as if they have rehearsed it over and over again. It's the memo isn't it? Read and say it every time you see a camera. One after another after another they all say the same thing like robots marching. "That does not compute, that does not compute." I believe they think if they say it often enough it will come to life while the rest of us are suffering or haven't you noticed. Inner cities are crying, and bleeding. The urban youth are screaming to be noticed, but they are ignored because one way or another President Obama will be accused of giving urban communities too much. The right wing who loves to see urban America suffer will take to the airways and scare the heck out of suburban America. Remember this, If Obama care is passed it will be a death wish to Senior citizens. Well, now that it has become law the death wish has become the biggest disaster in history. Never mind the fact that they didn't lift a finger to help. I can only imagine what would have happened or the blessing that could have been if

the republicans weren't such sore losers. That brings me to a broader sense of awareness that has me baffled. Some people think that if communities of color get a slice of the pie, then they have to be satisfied with that small slice, yeah a slice of the pie. Why is it that some people's slices are so big? You can only eat one bite at a time. Can the lawmakers with good consciousness look themselves in the mirror and say, "I have been a good servant for my country? Republicans can you really say that? If you can, then I got this whole democracy stuff all wrong. The Democrats won the election eight years ago and you are still crying foul. I'm afraid this is only the beginning. We have a long way to go. I better start saving the pennies I find in the cushions of the sofa. I might need them.

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