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Black Lives, Black Poverty and Black Votes Matter

The Republican Convention

This commentary will focus on the politics of this summer, of the year we have a November election. Every four years we elect the President of the United States, that's now. For the record Members of the US House of Representatives must run every two years, members of the US Senate run every six years. Members of the US Supreme court are appointed for life.

There is a pattern during the summer months of the presidential years. The caucuses and primaries are completed and most every time the two major parties (Democrat and Republican) are sure who the party's nominee will be. The nominee either has enough votes to "guarantee" nomination or has a commanding lead. This year both parties winning candidate were known by summer time. After the primary season and after the nominee is known there is a small lag in the campaigning as the parties and candidates gear up for the intense fall campaigning.

There are practically two milestones during the summer. Each party has a National Convention, to formally nominate the candidate of their choice. At the convention each state is polled and announces what it's state's official delegate vote is, from the list of candidates. Those delegates actually represent the votes of the people from their respective states. The candidate with 50% of the delegate vote plus one is the winner and the party's nominee. The party who has the sitting President (this year the Democrats), goes last. So this year the Republican Convention began July 18th and the Democrats National Convention began July 25th.

As of this writing the Republican Convention is underway, Donald Trump has been nominated to represent his party against the expected Democratic Party nominee Hillary Clinton. So far the anti-Trump people tried to stop trump, it failed. Trump broke tradition and speaks to the delegates every night as opposed to only the final night. Speaker after speaker deliver nasty and angry speeches against Clinton, One speaker says she should be put in jail, another speaker says she is corrupt and a liar, and another speaker accused her of killing her son. No speaker so far has said why Trump is qualified and prepared to be President. Trumps wife blatantly plagiarized a speech of first lady Obama. Black republicans are parade up & down, and are speaking against "Black Lives Matter" and telling us what a good "master" Trump will be.

All of this with the back drop of continued killing of black males, police officers and terrorist acts on our soil. We are increasingly divided racially and both sides are arming as if to prepare for war. A few young Black criminals would have started the war already except for the desire not to interrupt drug trafficking. They are too busy killing each other at the moment to fight for the community. They are drug trafficking because the "system" has not provided our

community with viable options. We are economically isolated and starved for jobs and opportunity. Now we are faced with gentrification and displacement.

We have lost our way. Gil Scott-Heron once sung (rapped) that “the revolution will not be televised”. In all respect, he was wrong. Turn on the TV and watch the republican convention and you will see that the revolution has begun and it’s on TV.

We need to wake up and fight. Fight for Economic inclusion, fight via voting and fight against the isolation of our community. We and the powerful and privileged need to meet eye to eye, and develop a respectful co-existence. Turn the channel.

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