

Short Communication

The Deplorable Behavior of President Obama towards Native Homeland in Africa

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Abstract: President Obama has claimed a close spiritual relationship with Africa in his book entitled Dreams of My Father. However, his behavior indicates a lack of a compassionate nurturing bond with the homeland, in fact, mostly actions of neglect and denial of support for blood relatives.

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INTRODUCTION

In spite of writing heartfelt books about love of the African homeland of his father (Dreams of my Father, Obama, 1995), the behavior of President Obama towards the countrymen of the native homeland show a different behavior. For instance, a school was named after him in the hopes of financial support and monetary backing, but it never came through (D'Souza, 2012).

Moreover, interviews requested with relative requiring the gift of goats were not readily provided and there was a lot of back and forth before any gifts were made to the needy relatives (D'Souza, 2012).

Furthermore, Barack Obama had a half-brother who lived in desperate poverty conditions in Africa and requested help from his famous brother which was never forthcoming (D'Souza, 2012). Moreover, the brother worked diligently to get a visa and paperwork to come to America, but the Obama presidency blocked his application, denied it and it was never granted (D'Souza, 2012).

Speculation as to the Cause of the Behavior

According to D'Souza (2012), Obama was raised by his step father in Indonesia while they were living there. The step father told the young Obama to be careful and not turn out to be a poor street person like they saw in the country on occasion. This may have made an imprint on the young Obama creating a mentality of holding in funds and monetary matters. In fact, it may have put a block of any generosity or

compassion for the poor peoples of native homeland Africa.

Contrast to the American Presidency "Obamacare Hero"

What a sharp contrast to the views of Americans who saw President Obama as holding up democratic values and carrying through Hillary Clinton's pioneering work on healthcare to fruition with the creation of Obamacare labeled health programs for U.S. citizens. This healthcare provided life saving measures to many Americans needing expensive health treatments to survive.

In addition, many Americans did not realize that it was structured so that payments for the insurance program also included partial payment of the social security/medicare debt. This is a severe budget problem in the U.S contributing to the large debt service the country must pay. In this sense, with his popularity, and "megawatt smile", President Obama did good service to the American people.

The Man vs the Myth

However, let's not forget that many African peoples have dreams too. Is it wrong to expect to curry favor by naming a school after the president and subtly requesting financial support for the "naming". This concept occurs often in the U.S. To raise money for hospitals, children centers, etc, there is often a program whereby a room or building or even smaller items such as furniture will be "named" after someone with a

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memorial plaque or name plate in exchange for the donation (www.children.org, building programs, Boca Community hospital, Boca Raton, Fl examples, Chapel of St. Andrew, Boca Raton, Fl, garden plaques)

For the needy people of Africa, the gift of a goat means a lot. For the president's entourage to withhold this gift is really disrespectful when he has so much and they have so little.

As for blocking and lack of support for his half-brother, this really seems surprising and questionable. Perhaps over the years, his identity has become merged with his Indonesian step father. He does visit with his half sister in Hawaii when he comes to visit on occasional vacations (Brodeur, 2013).

Themes of his Books

Over the years, Barack Obama has published many books after his presidency (*Dreams of My Father*, 2015, *The Audacity of Hope*, 2006, etc), often praising his connection with African roots and his father's legacy. To behave in such a way, with lack of financial support and generosity to his father's homeland while making such claims is really a cause to "head-scratch", n'est-ce pas?

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