

Who Is Your Role Model?

by Pearl Jr.

Contrary to popular belief, there are Black males who have taken an interest in mentoring many fatherless youth or children in foster care, who may lack a mother as well as a siblings. And to their astonishment, it becomes plain as day that the media is dictating, to these impressionable youth, who is cool and whom to emulate.

For example, a 15-year-old African-American male was asked, "Who would you like to meet?" This teen sat up straight and with excitement in his eyes, he responded with great vigor, "Snoop and Jay Z!"

With role models like Snoop and Jay Z, who needs enemies? Snoop wears his hair like a 7-year-old girl while calling women bi-atches and hos as he promotes the use of drugs and alcohol. And Jay Z, being ignorantly confused with having more money than Bill Gates-the richest man in the world, goes around making records laced with the "n" word and other foul disgraceful messages, plus was recorded hitting a Black woman, while nearly a dozen Black men watched and did nothing (www.BlackWomenNeedLoveToo.com) are held at the highest of esteem.

Oh Snoop and Jay Z are not alone, nor should they hold any levels of pride in the minds of our youth. In reality, the likes of Snoop and Jay Z have ONLY been chosen to be superstars because they fit the bill of the arrogance of ignorance and greed that will destroy an entire generation of their own people for pennies on the dollars they generate.

I recently came across the book, "*African American Inventions and Inventors*" that list nearly 150-patented inventions by African Americans, mostly made before the 1900's. It also has 48 African Americans who were the first to attain a status of great prominence and achievement, such as the founder of the Tuskegee Institute, Booker T. Washington's image being on the (US Coin) .50-cent piece. Today, when most people think of 50 cent, a rap crap artist who wears a bullet proof vest as part of his gimmick, plus lied about being shot 9 times when in fact, it was a potentially deadly 3 times would not ensure the fantasy that bullets don't kill, are among today's most admired. It's time we face the fact that, we Black people, have been duped to a level that Malcolm X could not fathomed in his worst nightmare.

After the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's ended legalized segregation and Jim Crow's overt racist trends, there was a great sense of Black pride and confidence. Films such as ROOTS--the #1 miniseries to date, and the documentary Malcolm X, to which still maintains the highest grossing Black film in history (adjusted for inflation) are overlooked as ways to make money in today's Hollywood. These huge successes signaled proof positive that money can be made in support of Black history and growth other than just using the excuse that filth sells as a justification for the destruction of progress for the Black race.

If the media CHOOSE to produce, promote and market positivity, then positivity would sell and tell uplifting stories that will enhance society instead of destroy it.

History proves this as fact. And in terms of unit record sales, Black music, especially Motown, and Rhythm and Blues has sold better than rap crap, even as recently as 2006.

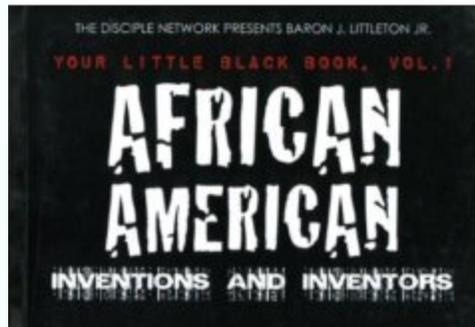
But since this country was built on a racist principle, racism is THE covert underlying driving force that has transformed *striving despite the obstacles* into edible

dog poop served on faux silver platters handed to the Black population to purposely destroy Black progress.

I'm recommending to everyone to purchase the coffee table book, "*African-American Inventions and Inventors*". As a matter of fact, purchase a second one for your bathroom library, so we have a broader selection of role models.

"African American Inventions and Inventors" by Baron J. Littleton, Jr. is available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or visit the African Marketplace in Los Angeles this weekend to get your signed copy.

BTW, Jay Z has \$100 million while Bill Gates has \$56 ba-ba billion, which is 56,000 millions.



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