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# Blacks: Government Should Johnson: Add Financial Do more Literacy and Saving in Schools

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 — Today Project Vote released a new report summarizing the results of a telephone survey of 1,947 Americans who cast ballots in 2008, analyzing their views on the role of government, government spending, and the budget. The poll is unique in that it not only surveys the historic 2008 electorate, but also includes special samples of black voters, low-income voters, and youth voters, and compares these groups both to a national sample and to self-identified "Tea Party" sympathizers.

"We wanted to learn more about the views of minority, low-income and younger voters who increased their participation in the 2008 election," said Lorraine C. Minnite, director of research for Project Vote. "These voters represent roughly a third of the electorate, and they will play an increasingly important role in American politics in the years to come. Yet their views are largely absent in current media reports of what Americans think about government and want government to do."

Instead, the new report says, over the past two years the opinions and values of these populations have been drowned out by the anti-government rhetoric of more affluent, older, and mostly white Americans who have organized under the "Tea Party" banner.

"The winning coalition in 2008 included an unprecedented number of young voters, who were more racially diverse than any cohort in the history of American politics and more progressive than any young voters since the 1960s," said Peter Levine, Director of Research and Director of CIRCLE (Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement). "The new poll from Project Vote provides essential information about these young people's hopes and beliefs in 2010."

Project Vote's analysis reveals that black voters, low-income voters, and young voters have starkly different views about the role of government, federal spending priorities, and the budget deficit than "Tea Party" sympathizers, and in fact are far closer to the views of the 2008 electorate as a whole. Key findings include:

- · Majorities of black voters, young voters, and low-income voters support increasing taxes on investment income, increasing social security taxes on incomes greater than \$107,000 and ending combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan as a means to reduce the deficit.
- · Strong majorities of black voters, young voters, and low-income voters support spending money on infrastructure, as do two-thirds of all 2008 voters.
- · Majorities of black voters, young voters, and low-income voters, as well as a majority of all voters, support spending the same or more on income support programs such as Food Stamps for less well-off Americans. Two-thirds of Tea Party sympathizers support spending less.
- Tea Party sympathizers, while almost universally dissatisfied with the way the country is going, report they themselves are doing very well: more than three out of four say their personal economic situation is fairly good or very good.
- · Meanwhile, one in five young voters, and nearly two out of five black voters and low-income voters, reported that there were times in the past twelve months when they did not have enough money to buy food for their families. Just over one in twenty Tea Party supporters said the same.
- · Strong majorities of black voters, young voters, and low-income voters agree that government should work to provide for the needs of all citizens. Half of all voters agreed with that sentiment, while only one in five Tea Party sympathizers agreed.
- · Together, the three "surge" groups represent a larger portion of the electorate than those who self-identify with the Tea Party.

"The Project Vote poll of 2008 voters casts an extraordinarily bright and hopeful light on the future of American electoral politics," said

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BETHESDA, Md., — Robert L. Johnson, founder and chairman of The



Robert L. Johnson

RLJ Companies, calls upon the U.S. Department of Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, to encourage federally funded schools to incorporate mandatory financial literacy and savings courses into existing curriculum. In remarks to participants attending the Banking Issues Forum hosted by California Representative Maxine Waters at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 2010 Annual Legislative Conference, Johnson offered a thought-provoking dialogue and encouraged a discussion to address solutions to close the wealth gap.

Johnson recently outlined his policy proposals to address solutions to close the wealth gap between African Americans and Whites. His suggested policy proposals include requiring large banks, under the Community Reinvestment Act, to fund a nationwide marketing campaign targeted to the African American community, particularly young adults that will focus on financial savings and literacy. Johnson will send a letter to Secretary Duncan proposing the Federal Government incorporate a mandatory curriculum on financial literacy and savings to teach, at an early age, the importance of healthy financial

Johnson stated, "After learning about the disturbing facts about the growing wealth gap from the study conducted by the Institute on Assets and Social Policy at Brandeis University which found the wealth gap between

whites and African Americans has more than quadrupled over the course of a generation and engaging in numerous discussions with policy and thought leaders about the role financial education can play in combating the wealth gap, I believe the Federal Government must encourage schools which receive federal funding to add financial literacy and savings as a mandatory course."

Johnson will soon announce plans for one of his companies, RLJ Financial, LLC, which focuses on providing financial products and services to consumers and businesses that are currently overlooked, underserved, and underbanked. Included in the product offering RLJ Financial, LLC will offer a suite of products that will include a significant savings and financial literacy component. Johnson added, "Many consumers need short-term borrowing and access to emergency funds. One of my goals is to eliminate payday lending as we know it today."



# Giving back to a Place that Helped Cured Her

Diarra Payne has volunteered at the hospital for the past 3 1/2 years, following her surgery at the

hospital as a scoliosis patient in 2005. She was diagnosed with idiopathic scoliosis (a unknown curviture of the spine) in 2005. As a result, she had to undergo an extensive anterior laproscopic surgery where a harrington steel rod and 6 metal screws were inserted along her spine to correct the curviture. Following the

surgery, she had to

wear a brace for 6

months until her spine healed. She was restricted an additional year from normal activities.

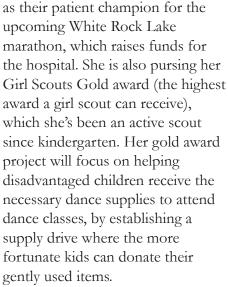
Once she was cleared to resume normal duties, Diarra immediately inquired about joining the junior volunteer program at Texas Scottish Rite hospital where she worked with patients, child life and in research. She fell in love with the hospital and patients and decided that she wanted to specialize her desire to become a doctor in pediatric orthopediatrics. In addition, she decided to pursue her love for dance by auditioning to attend Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts, where she's currently a senior in the dance program.

Over the summer, Diarra was selected by her teacher to represent

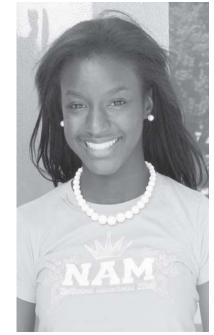
her high school class of 2011 for the Dallas Association of Young Lawyer's Teen Leadership Academy

> (DAYL). She also attended a junior leaders medical and health conference at Geortown University and participated in the Debbie Allen Dance intensive training. Diarra was also a top finalist in the National American Miss Texas pageant in July. She enjoys keeping busy and loves giving back to her community.

Texas Scottish Rite hospital has also named Diarra



Diarra's plans to become a doctor have been steadfast since she was 5 years old. She feels that she can combine her love for medicine and dance to help children all over the world realize their own dreams, despite their medical circumstances.



Diarra Payne

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# Schools Will Share Steps Taken to Elevate Them to Academically Acceptable

DALLAS—Fifteen schools will outline successful strategies used to move their school from Academically Unacceptable to Academically Acceptable during community meetings scheduled throughout the district. In 2009, the district had 21 Academically Unacceptable schools, and each was required by the Texas Education Agency to design and implement School Improvement Plans to raise student performance at their campuses. Fifteen schools were successful in their efforts, elevating their school to Academically Acceptable. These schools will hold community meetings to present the strategies they used to improve academic performance and detail steps planned to continue moving their school toward exemplary status.

The meetings are as follows: Monday, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. Benjamin Franklin Middle School, 6920 Meadow Rd. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m.

Seagoville High School, 15920 Seagoville Rd. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 6 p.m.

J.F. Kimball High School, 3606 S. Westmoreland Rd.

**F.D. Roosevelt High School**, 525 Bonnie View Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. E.B. Comstock Middle School, 7044 Hodde St.

Thursday, Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m Seagoville Middle School, 950 Woody Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 6 p.m. J.N. Ervin Elementary School, 3722 Black Oak Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m. O.W. Holmes Middle School, 2001 E. Kiest Blvd.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m. T.W. Browne Middle School, 3333 Sprague Dr. D.A. Hulcy Middle School, 9339 S. Polk

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. Robert Hill Middle School, 505 Easton Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m. Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School, 7000 Holly Hill Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m. Frederick Douglass Elementary School, 226 N. Jim Miller Rd.

Dallas ISD previously held community meetings to develop School Improvement Plans for 14 schools rated Academically Unacceptable for 2010



# Prostate Cancer Screening & Black Men: It's Not About You, But Then Again...

Dr. Mary S. Harris

By Dr. Mary S. Harris

If you're an African-American male age of 45 and over, and you haven't had a serious conversation with

your doctor about prostate cancer, shame on you. Why? Because getting serious about prostate cancer is really not about you - really, it's not. Prostate cancer screening is about love and family.

It's about realizing that your children were not meant to be left to

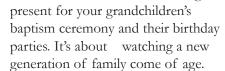
grow up without your love and guidance. It's about you being there to protect, support and help your kids grow up to be smart successful young men and women. It's about your grandson or grand-daughter having the best seat in the house (on your shoulders) to view the parade or go for ice-cream. It's about walking your daughter down the aisle at her wedding. It's about calming your son's nerves at his wedding-reminding him that you've prepared him to take on the responsibilities of a wife and family-and he recognizes that you've set a good example. It's about your elderly parents who are going to need your help and support as they battle the ills and challenges of aging. Really, screening for prostate cancer is not about you at all-it's about them.

Prostate cancer screening is about friendships: all those wonderful folks who enjoy playing cards with you, traveling with you, or having your company at their backyard barbeques. Friends, who talk about last night's football game and love to make a wager with you about who's going win this year's football championship; friends, who enjoy a good joke, a day on the golf course, or who share a laugh with

you at the barber shop.

Prostate cancer screening is about celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Celebrating your kids turning 21; celebrating another year of life with friends and family. It's about realizing your wife loves and needs you and looks forward to celebrating many wedding anniversaries with you. It's about celebrating how far you've come and how far your children and grandchildren will go. It's about being



Prostate cancer screening is about being around to create memories and enjoy the journey. So if you're an African-American man, age 45 and over, follow the American Cancer Society guidelines for prostate cancer screening. And if you and your doctor determine that you need the digital rectal exam and/or the PSA test, please comply with the doctor's recommendations. You and your friends might also want to check out our Special Feature this month at JourneytoWellness.com to learn how Black men are dealing with prostate cancer.

See your doctor, have the discussion. And if you've already seen your doctor, make sure your male friends do the same. Because, it's not really about you-it's about family and love and friendships, and birthdays, and anniversaries, and creating wonderful memories-all the things that make life worth living.

With you on your journey to wellness...



### **Community Calendar**

### **Tuesday October 5**

**Deadline for Nominations.** The Dallas Independent School District is now accepting nominations for students to be screened for the Gifted and Talented Program. Parents, guardians and community members may nominate students for consideration by contacting the Gifted and Talented teacher or coordinator at their local school campus to obtain an information packet and permission form. Students must be enrolled in Dallas ISD to be tested. The program is available to students in grades one through 12. The nomination deadline is Tuesday, October 5, and testing will begin October 11 through October 22.

### **Tuesday October 5**

**Dallas NAACP General Membership Meeting.** Interested in being involved in the community? Attend our monthly meeting and find out how you can join and make a difference! Thurgood Marshall Rec. Center 5150 Mark Trail in Dallas, TX 75232 Dallas NAACP 7 PM - 8 PM N/A naacpdallas@yahoo.com

#### **Every Saturday**

#### Gwendolyn Brooks Reading Club (every Saturday)

The Gwendolyn Brooks Reading Club is for children ages 5 through 12 years. It's free and a lot of fun! Children gain the joy of reading and becoming acquainted with African American authors all while exploring the theater & visual arts. South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave 10 am - 12 pm FREE tisha.crear@dallascityhall.com 214-671-0727

Have a free event you like to include in the Community Quest please do the following: Mail to P.O. Box 397556 Dallas, Texas 75339-7556 or Email to pr@communityquestnews.com

### Black Lawyers Urge Caution In The Court of Public Opinion Against Bishop Eddie Long

Jackson, MS -- The National Law Group, the nation's largest African-American owned legal services company are urging caution in the Court of Public Opinion concerning the recent allegations of sexual impropriety by Bishop Eddie Long.

They assert: "The three young men who have filed lawsuits against Bishop Long have simply made allegations that have yet to be proven in a Court of Law. The allegations could be true and they could be false. Regardless, the plaintiffs will have a very high burden to meet to prove their cases because these types of acts are usually done privately with no witnesses."

Attorney Carlos Moore, managing member of the National Law Group, recently represented two young African-American males in Mississippi who also accused a Baptist pastor of sexual impropriety and child molestation while they were teens. One of the boys dropped his lawsuit and the other

entered into a confidential settlement with the church and the pastor with no fault ever being admitted.

Having personally sued a pastor of behalf of teen boys allegedly molested and currently being the General Counsel for a church his father-in-law pastors in Mississippi, Attorney Carlos Moore, is keenly aware of the issues on both sides of the equation. He suggests that the public not make any rush to judgment and give both sides the benefit of the doubt until the evidence is presented in a court of law, not the court of public opinion. The young men may have ulterior motives for their allegations and they may not.

"It is much too early to tell," says Attorney Moore. "However, what is quite clear, is that unless there is more, no crimes have been committed by Bishop Long, since the boys were the age of consent at the time of the alleged acts."

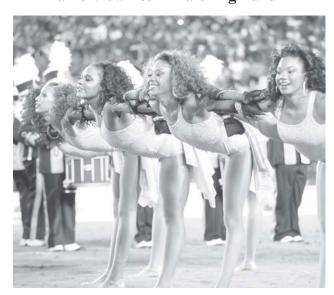
# Community Quest News On the Scene



Grambling State University Marching Band



Prairie View A&M Marching Band



Prairie View A&M "Black Foxes"



Carter High School performing in the pre-game show.



Prairie View fans enjoying themselves after their team scored a touchdown.



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When asked how old she was young Kamia Johnson showed and counted her fingers what her age was at theWorld Changers Church of Dallas First Annual Back to School Party held at Cummings Recreation Center.



Participants at the World Changers Church of Dallas First Annual Back to School Party attempts to catch extra school supplies thrown from the stage.

Prairie View A&M Cheerleaders

### The N-Word: The Indoctrination Process and Overcoming Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome By H. Lewis Smith

Plantation owners, overseers,



stake in eliminating the true identity of H. Lewis Smith the newlyarrived

Africans. These benefactors knew that in order for their scheme to be completely effective, they would have to maintain complete control over the captives; the slaves would have to be resolutely obedient and loyal. They also realized that the slaves must be dependent on the master for guidance, knowledge, and anything else that they needed so that slaves would never think to rise up, revolt, and take back their God-given liberties. This objective could only be achieved if Africans were detached from their roots in every way and forced to live in an environment that would birth a warped mentality, and thus, the required obedience, loyalty, and helplessness.

Subsequently, slaves were stripped of their identities, given new names, and forced or coerced into believing that they and their African heritage was meaningless, inferior and barbaric. Slaves were taught that all that - was good, significant, superior, and civil - was of European descent. As a result, they eventually became completely dependent on and accepting of their masters' teachings. Slaves began to voluntarily accept European values, traditions, and habits, unknowingly contributing to a total disintegration of the African culture.

Even though African Americans are no longer [physically] enslaved, this same notion of helplessness, inferiority, and disintegration has been passed down from generation to generation through lack of cultural dignity, cultural awareness and appreciation, as well as the accepted and continual use of the

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History has proven that even though blacks did begin to adopt European values and ways of life for the most part, many blacks continued to fight hard against the idea of being some insignificant sub-human unfit for descent living and entitlement to self-thought, self-fulfillment. For over three centuries, blacks were chastised, beaten, and tortured to accept a selfhating, self-destructing, self-abasing and self-abnegating image of self. Slaves' front teeth oftentimes were ripped out or broken off so that they may be easily detected if they ran away; they were frequently beaten severely and then had red pepper rubbed into their lacerated flesh, and hot brine and spirits of turpentine poured over the gashes to increase the torture. They were often stripped naked, their backs and limbs cut with knives, and bruised and mangled by scores and hundreds of blows with a paddle and/or whip. Slaves were terribly torn by the claws of cats drawn over them by their tormentors, hunted with blood hounds and shot down like beasts, or torn to pieces by dogs.

The slaves were often suspended in air by meat hooks, whipped and beaten until they fainted only to be revived to be beaten again until they fainted once again and sometimes died. Their ears were often cut off, eyes gouged out, bones broken, flesh branded with red hot irons. They were maimed, mutilated and slowly burned to death over dawdling fires, serving as examples and a reminder to others to know and stay in their [appointed] PLACE. All of the cruel acts were often carried out with the ranting of "n\*\*ger, n\*\*ger" ringing in their ears. And tormentors believed their acts were justified. They had convinced themselves that in the eyesight of God, black slaves were sub-humans (3/5 a person), and, therefore, any inhumane acts perpetrated upon them were acceptable.

Interestingly enough, even at the end of WWII after black soldiers had shed blood and given their lives for a land that they built but returned them no appreciation, they were greeted home with chants of "don't forget your place, n\*\*ger."

During the 60's civil rights

struggles, southern whites saw blacks not staying in their so-called place of being n\*\*gers with the nerve to think they were real humans (and not 3/5 a person). Law officers would stop young blacks to harass them. These officials would beat the innocent young people while simultaneously asking them "What is your name?" They would not stop beating them until the words "I am a n\*\*ger" flowed from their bloody and swollen lips.

Hurling the epithet n\*\*ger at civil rights demonstrators wasn't done solely to insult. It was a twisted way for biased whites to justify to themselves the pointless beatings, releasing of police dogs and use of high pressure fire hoses on the black protesters, and the fondling of black women who had been jailed for their participation in the civil rights demonstrations. To the racist protesters, blacks were sub-humans, inhuman; and as such, their unconscionable acts were deemed acceptable to them.

This same distorted perspective led to the heinous murder of a 14-year-old black male named Emmitt Till. During the 50's, Emmitt, a Chicagoan, was on vacation in Mississippi. He made the dreadful mistake of allegedly whistling at a white woman. As far as the locals were concerned, Emmitt stepped out of his place of being a n\*\*ger. So to remind him and every other black person of their inferior and unsafe position in society, Emmett was kidnapped from his quarters in the dead of the night, taken to the woods - brutally beaten and tortured to death - having an eye gouged out before he was shot in the head, and then dropped into the Tallahatchie River. There is no question that throughout the entire ordeal he was hearing the jeers of n\*\*ger, n\*\*ger,

n\*\*ger. In the warped minds of the killers, Emmitt was just a n\*\*ger, something less than a human being, and, thus, it was fair game to bludgeon the young black man to death.

Masquerading the n-word as a term of endearment is a sign of an on-going disability to break away from an instilled and eventually cultivated self-hatred. Use of the idiom serves as a psychological conduit to negatively manipulate and shape the minds and collective perceptions of America's Black population to perceiving an unfavorable and false perception of self. Descendants of slavery suffer from such severe psychological scars of slavery - which have been blindly passed down through generations via enslaved mentalities, that they have become immune to the idea of debasing themselves and think nothing wrong of defining themselves with a word that is drenched in carnage and bloodshed of their victimized ascendants. One hundred and forty-five years have passed since the abolishment of slavery; however, the needed healing process for blacks - as a group - never took place. This condition is referred to by The Osiris Group, a group of black psychologist, as Post Traumatic Slavery Disorder. Black psychologist Dr. Joy DeGruy refers to it as Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome (PTSS). Dr. DeGruy believes that,"The real recovery from the ongoing trauma of slavery and racism has to start from within."

Black America, though liberated from physical enslavement, has never been [mentally] liberated from the word n\*\*ga and the self-hate, indignity, and inferior mindset in which the word strongly connotes. Continual acceptance and use of the n-word amounts to nothing less than a [self-imposed] cultural genocide.

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# Prairie View Drop 34-17 Decision To Grambling



Grambling quarterback Anthony Carrothers attempts to make his way up field against Prairie View Deon Jones (96) and Max Sencherey.

**DALLAS** – Grambling State scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to claim a 34-17 victory over Prairie View A&M in the annual State Fair Classic at the Cotton Bowl on Saturday evening before 43,754 spectators.

A blocked punt by Prairie View's Adrian Hamilton after Grambling's initial offensive drive set up the Panthers' first score of the night as Brady Faggard recorded a 29-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead. Grambling State's Kenneth Batiste returned the ensuing kickoff 42 yards after the score and Grambling took advantage as they relied on its ground game to move ahead 7-3 on freshman quarterback Anthony Carrothers' 11-yard run at the 8:38 mark of the first stanza. Two drives later, Panther cornerback Moses Ellis came up big on the defensive side of the ball as he picked off Carrothers deep in GSU territory. Senior running back Donald Babers punched it in from six yards out on the next possession to move Prairie View ahead 10-7 with 2:46 left in



Prairie View quarterback K.J. Black moves behind his blocker Tim Tusey and Grambling Antoine Rogers in the State Fair Classic.



Prairie View Donald Babers leaped over Grambling Derrick Wihite for the go-ahead touchdown in the first quarter.

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As the second quarter came to a close, Grambling State moved on top once again as Tiger running back Frank Warren rushed it in from two yards out. Zolton Rialto's PAT sailed through the uprights as the Tigers took a 14-10 lead into halftime.

Prairie View began the third quarter with a bang as kick returner Michael Benson opened the

half with a 51-yard return to the GSU 46. Full-back Devin Brown rushed for 20 yards on the drive and set up Prairie View's second touchdown of the night as quarterback K.J. Black found a wide open Shaun Stephens in the corner of the end zone for the go-ahead score. Kyle Mathews' PAT was good as Prairie View regained a 17-14 margin.

Grambling State marched 70 yards in six plays to jump back on top 20-17 following Warren's 12-yard scamper. From that point, both teams endured the turnover bug as Prairie View fumbled at the GSU 3 followed by a Grambling fumble at the PV 12.

With 4:21 left in the fourth quarter, Grambling went ahead by two possessions as Carrothers hooked up with wide receiver Kiare Thompson for a 59-yard strike. Prairie View suffered a blocked field goal on its ensuing drive and Grambling's Cornelius Walker iced the game with a 66-yard touchdown run.

Prairie View totaled 316 total offensive yards to Grambling's 448. Prairie View's K.J. Black threw for 247 yards and two touchdowns on 20-of-32 passing while Shaun Stephens caught six passes for 94 yards with a score. Chris Adingupu led the Panthers defensively with nine tackles.

What gave Grambling the edge in this game was their ability to run the ball 6.5 per carry at 288 total yards compare to Prairie View 2.2 at 69 total yards.

## Area High School Football Schedule

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## **Blacks: Government Should** Do more

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Frances Fox Piven, Project Vote board member and Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the Graduate School and University Center, CUNY. "The composition of the electorate is changing, and the constituencies that support a government role in regulating market forces and protecting people from market vicissitudes are growing. This is big news, and good news for America."

Poll participant Christopher Ferreira, 25, an analyst from Philadelphia, described his view on government responsibility. "The government needs to get more involved across the board on the issues that matter to Americans: creating a good education system, making sure people have health care, and investing in

industry and infrastructure," he said. "The government should be the advocate for the American people, not just the corporations."

The poll finds that the policy preferences of these three voting constituencies are far more closely aligned with the views of average Americans—represented by the poll's national sample—than the minority views of the self-identified Tea Party sympathizers.

"What Project Vote's poll shows is that the views on government held by progressives represent the majority," said James Rucker, executive director and co-founder of Color of Change. "We shouldn't let Tea Party activists convince us that we, and not they, are the minority."

## The N-Word: The **Indoctrination Process**

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Perhaps as a step in the right direction, the black community should give strong consideration to a national day of liberation from the n-word. In New Orleans fashion, a celebration of the burial of the n-word could take place Juneteenth 2011. Blacks as a collective and united group are accustomed to locking arms to fight racial injustices holding all accountable for their actions - we need to expand such efforts to include black public figures that use the n-word. We must NOW, at this very moment, come together to fight a common foe from within. The n-word has no good in it - never has - never

will. Time has come to ban together, hold one another ACCOUNTABLE, and stop the self-abnegating, self-defeating use of the n-word and all other related mentalities and lifestyles associated with "staying in our place."

Initiating the healing process and ending PTSS starts now. The black community holds the key and is the only group who can truly help the black community. Change must commence on the inside, from within - first inside of each individual person and then within the community collectively. Blacks were taught to perceive themselves in a way that was not



beneficial to a healthy individual

that they've been "mis-educated", and now must seek and secure their truth, dignity, and respect.

self-development. Today, the entire black community must accept the fact