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[FORMAT FROM THE CITY OF AMES WEBSITE FOR COMMENTS
[RE: THE TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT]

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[From the webpage:] “Thank you for offering your input to the Inclusive Community Task Force. Your comments may be submitted before or after the public input sessions (April 3 and 5) as well as during the sessions. We hope that, even if you offer input in person at one of the sessions, you’ll also submit your input in written form for the use of the task force. Comments may be submitted electronically to: bawoods@iastate.edu, mailed to Jane Acker at 2107 Graeber St., Ames, IA, 50014 or turned in at the April 3 and April 5 public input sessions. Your input will help the task force do a better job-thank you for participating.”

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Other comments:

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This particular Comment is unfortunately too late to be included in much of anything; circumstances beyond my immediate control prevented an earlier presentation.

(I have presented to the Mayor’s Office my Compact Disk (deposited with the City Manager’s Office), containing my own investigation and report on this same Inclusiveness subject, i.e., “You be Good or, You Be Gone: The Content of their Character, Revealed.” It is a lengthy accounting of demographic, criminal, health and other statistics relating to racial (dis-)harmony, and it addresses matters not considered by, nor within the scope of, the Task Force’s original charge from the City Council). [May, 2008: this CD was replaced by the “Revised Edition.]

However, with the expectation that All Things Work Together For Good, where the assigned duties of Ames Inclusiveness Task Force are considered, this Comment is presented only to express my opinion on the Task Force’s Final Report.

My Overall Conclusions regarding the Inclusiveness Task Force Report are as follows, and I will say what others may fear to say.

The proposals set forth by this Inclusiveness Task Force are inclined to do what has been done for decades:

- 1) Throw more money at the problem;
- 2) Engage in more “dialogue” with the Blacks;
- 3) Be nice to Blacks;
- 4) Give Blacks a chance; and,
- 5) Do more to help the Blacks.

This is totally useless. And who pays for all this? And who does all this?

First, it is plain that only the middle class taxpayers will pay for all these proposed “government / service / recreational programs & responsive classrooms,” etc.; and they also will pay the economic difference for anything offered on a “free or low-cost” basis: Nothing Is Free.

These “programs” will not reform the content of a character intent on being unacceptable, if not also rejectable. And even the private programs are funded thru donations quite often deriving, ultimately, from that same middle class taxpayer. Why should the middle class pay out more money for what did not work before, and will not work again?

All the “programs” we ever arranged, from local to state to federal, for the betterment of the Blacks has resulted in failure; whether job advantages, educational grants, social programs, or affirmative action, or any other “advantage” given to the Blacks — usually to the dis-advantage of better qualified Whites.

So forget this idea of “more services, more programs.” Neither money nor programs will buy the love of the Blacks for Whites. And, ours is no financial “deep pocket.” It cost money to live in a good neighborhood such as Ames, and if “they” cannot afford it, they should find somewhere else that is suitable to their “financial resources” — even if it means going back from whence they came.

Second, we Whites have been engaging in “dialogue” with Blacks for decades, and what has it got us? Nothing; nothing except more dis-respect from the Blacks. We get more crime against Whites, more disease, more destruction of our own White society, which has been constructed by us over many CENTURIES to be what WE want it to be — not what “THEY” want it to be.

Talk is cheap; and for Blacks, talk is a sign of weakness. Perceiving our weakness, they attack us, literally. The crime records prove this to be true. So get wise: forget “dialogue.” Put them in their proper, and as often disciplined, “place,” and they will respect us; don’t, and they won’t.

Third, as for what “Ames can be,” the Whites are not the problem, it is the Blacks who are ‘not being nice.’ What other reaction does one expect from Whites, when Blacks commit crimes against us and disrupt the schools and act in anti-social behavior? Why should we go to such intensive and expensive lengths to organize ourselves to welcome a people who are intent in being NOT welcome in almost any circumstance? It is not required we “include” destructive forces in our midst. THEY must change, not us.

Fourth, “Activity, Activity, Activity,” the Report says, and all done by US, not them. It is not required of us to jump up and do all this work for such a small number of people who are expected to do nothing, with little if any realistic expectation of Black improvement. No one would expect the Blacks of Chicago South Side to labor so hard for Whites, if we moved to these Blacks’ former city neighborhoods. Besides, who is going to DO all this work the Final Report suggests be done? Are we all not daily laboring enough, and paying out enough, as it is? And now this?, and for whom?, for what?? Not us.

Fifth, what about these next five problems, as found in the Report? Whose cause, whose fault, whose cost, really?

1) “Less Schooling”: Does this mean the taxpayers in Ames must now pay for “remedial” class instruction to bring these new students “up to speed”? Ought not the Ames School District seek financial restitution from the schools from where these newcomer students originated, so we here in Ames don’t have to pay for those other schools’ failures, there?

2) “Fewer Financial Resources”: Again, if someone comes into Ames as a proverbial pauper, why should the people in Ames compensate that other’s lack of funds, through welfare payments and a multiplicity of “benefits” which many Ames citizens themselves don’t get? And they are paying for it all! Living in a better community than that of others requires the necessity of a sufficient amount of extra “financial resources” to maintain that better lifestyle. If they have no such resources, they simply cannot afford to live here. We in Ames cannot “float every boat” with our own money.

3) “Fewer Job Skills”: Shall the people of Ames, or the businesses, or the School District, pay to enhance what “job skills” these newly arriving people have yet to acquire? Should not these newcomers be expected to already have those “job skills” necessary to be hired here? Why should we have to pay for their “job skills and employable education,” at our expense, when the city and/or schools these Blacks came from failed to prepare them even for that city’s job needs?

4) “Less Trusting of and/or Less Comfortable with Public Institutions”: If Blacks are not “comfortable” in Ames, they should consider going back to that “public institution” from which they earlier departed, and address that matter of (un)comfortableness there. The Whites in Ames like it just as it is (or, was — and soon shall be again).

5) “Different Attitudes and Behaviors Based on Expectations in their Former Communities”: This is the problem: these Blacks come here and expect to continue in their essentially unopposed violent and criminal lifestyle which they have become accustomed, as if they have some “right” to be “bad” and not be told such conduct is wrong, nor required to conform to a decent conduct. It is not required of us to “tolerate” those negro gangsters and their hurtful ways, so OUT they go.

It is only the conduct of these newcomers who have created this “increased potential for misunderstanding, distrust, and dislike to develop over differences in attitudes, behaviors, and abilities.” The people of Ames only reacted as any people should to such criminal conduct and

anti-social behavior: they objected. And now this Task Force attempts to expensively work that Objection against those same Whites with all these “programs,” et al.

This Inclusive Task Force Report also makes it look as if the Blacks are all innocent; that it is the Whites who are somehow responsible for all this trouble; and that, if Whites would DO MORE for the Blacks, everything will get better. What nonsense. Don't blame Whites for what the Blacks are responsible for doing.

The “content of their character” proves that - except for the rare occasion of an intelligent, well-educated Black with proven superior abilities and social acceptance and acceptability, in general, most Blacks and their society and culture are inconsistent and incompatible with a well-established, efficiently working White society and culture. The vicious Black tiger will not wash off his stripes by swimming the Mississippi while coming to Ames. Everything here was essentially fine, until the sudden (and induced) increase of Big City Blacks into little city Ames, coming from a distant Black society where debased, immoral, and criminal conduct was more than tolerated, it was accepted and expected.

Finally, the solution to all this is obvious: Send those trouble-making Blacks back to wherever they came from, even if we have to pay them to go. They caused these problems, and, as usual, we must bear the burden of solving it — and at our expense. As usual. Separate the Black goats from the Black sheep, and it all gets better. It is not easy.

However, Resolve we must? Resolve we shall.

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