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# 'It Had To Be You' — Black Press Publisher On Her Respect And Commitment To Vice President-Elect Harris

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**O**ne day before the Associated Press and other media outlets called the 2020 Presidential Election for Democrat Joe Biden, San Francisco Sun Reporter Publisher Amelia Ashley-Ward communicated with her longtime homegirl, Sen. Kamala Harris.

"I told her 'It had to be you,'" Ashley-Ward, whose more than 76-year-old newspaper, the Sun Reporter, is among the oldest in the 230-plus member Black Press of America.

As she had done so many times in her nearly two-decade friendship with Ashley-Ward, Sen. Harris quickly responded: "We've been on this journey for a long time. Thank you, Sister Amelia, love you very much," the Vice-President Elect responded.

Ashley-Ward proudly says she had Harris' back since the renowned former District



**San Francisco Sun Reporter Publisher Amelia Ashley-Ward**

Attorney and California Senator began her glass-ceiling shattering political career.

Harris wasn't a household name, but all that mattered to Ashley Ward was that she was a sister with immense talent and on the rise.

"I gave up a close friendship with her former boss in the District Attorney's office to support Kamala," Ashley-Ward told Black Press USA.

"People were saying that they didn't really know her. Well, she's definitely a sister, and she's brilliant, she's warm, she's easy to talk to, she's nurturing, she doesn't back down, and she's fearless."

On Saturday, November 7, 2020, when Joe Biden and Sen. Harris cemented victory and claimed their status as President and Vice-President-Elect, Ashley-Ward sat and reflected joyfully inside a San Francisco beauty salon.

"I cried, and there were three or four other women there who jumped for joy," recalled Ashley-Ward, who, by her association with Vice President-Elect Harris, has become somewhat of a celebrity.

The New York Times has been among the outlets that have called Ashley-Ward to gain insight into Harris.

politicians that I have come to know," Ashley-Ward stated during the ceremony.

"She has a lot to offer the world. We are so fortunate to have her advocating on our behalf."

Ashley-Ward has never been shy about her endorsement of Harris.

The Senator and former District Attorney often checked-in with Ashley-Ward from time to time.

"It's important that the Black Press is not left out of this historic occasion," Ashley-Ward remarked.

"We have to make sure that people know that she's of the Black community. Black women helped to elect her, and I've been with her from the very beginning with the Black Press.

**"I was the first newspaper, a Black newspaper, to endorse her when no one believed in her. It's always been the Black women. As I told her, it had to be you. I love you, Madame Vice President. That felt good to say."**

A longtime member of the Black Press and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Ashley-Ward formally introduced Harris to her Black Press family in 2018.

That year, Harris received the honor as the NNPA's 2018 Newsmaker of the Year Award during Black Press Week in Washington, D.C.

Ashley-Ward escorted her friend into a ballroom to accept the award.

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# Advocates Push For Rep. Barbara Lee's Appointment To Harris's Senate Seat

By Gail Berkley

**W**ith the historic victory of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris last week, Governor Gavin Newsom is set to appoint a replacement to fill Vice President-elect Harris' Senate seat. One name that is featured prominently in discussions for the Senate seat is that of East Bay Democratic Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Congresswoman Lee has represented her district since 1998 and has a record of accomplishments that have brought her national prominence and led to her easily winning re-election every two years. In 2001, she received national attention as the only member of Congress to oppose the authorization for the use of military force (AUMF) in the wake of the horrific events on September 11th. She opposed the Iraq War, has continued to fight to overturn the AUMF and has been an outspoken advocate for Congressional oversight of matters of war and peace.

Currently, Congresswoman Lee is the only African American woman in Democratic Leadership, serving as Co-Chair of the Policy and Steering Committee. In addition, she



Barbara Lee

currently serves as the Chair of the Majority Leader's Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity, Co-Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus, and Co-Chair of the Cannabis Caucus. She is the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

To her supporters she is definitely qualified for the Senate, and on Tuesday she took first place in a field of possible appointees voted on by viewers of Midday Live on KGO-TV.

Lee is a longtime member of Oakland's Allen Temple Baptist Church and her career has impressed her Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson. "Should she choose to accept, I would wholeheartedly support the appointment of Congresswoman Barbara Lee to fill the seat left vacant



Dolores Huerta

by the election of Kamala Harris," Thompson said.

"As the highest ranking African American woman in the U.S. Congress, she remains committed to fighting for justice and equity on behalf of those relegated to the margins and considered lowest in our society. She has a proven track record that is unmatched in demonstrating integrity and courage in leadership.

"The position requires someone who is prepared to tackle the difficult issues that face this nation. In the face of fierce opposition, even when standing alone, she is qualified and prepared to address these challenges head on," Dr. Thompson added.

Aimee Allison, founder and president of She the People, a voter empowerment network for women of color based in Oakland, is also unequivocal



Dezie Woods-Jones

in her support of Lee.

"Congresswoman Barbara Lee should be California's next Senator. She unites the spectrum of people in the Democratic Party. She's the most senior woman of color in Congress who would enter the Senate ready to lead on day one," Allison said. She added that Lee has the backing of a broad coalition of people in the state.

Dezie Woods-Jones, State President of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA), said the BWOPA leadership met this week to discuss the appointment. She said their decision was to advance both the names of Barbara Lee and Rep. Karen Bass, Congressional Black Caucus chair. "We see this as a critical seat we fought hard for and we're doing a major push," Woods-Jones said. "We think both of them are exceptional."

She said BWOPA leadership will be contacting Newsom to advocate for Lee and Bass, knowing that the Hispanic community is also making a major push for the seat.

Civil Rights and Labor Rights Activist Dolores Huerta said she would like to see recognition of the legacy of the late Cong. John Lewis and all the work Black women have done on leading the nation on the path to justice. "Barbara Lee would fill that legacy of John Lewis and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the longstanding fight for workers rights. She's worked for justice and peace," said Huerta.

Huerta, who worked alongside Caesar Chavez in the United Farm Workers movement, is founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation. She said that she recently learned that her longtime friend Hilda Solis is also interested in the Senate seat. She said Solis, a Los Angeles County Supervisor, Secretary of Labor under President Barack Obama, and a leader in the Latino movement is also qualified for the seat. One thing is certain for Huerta, "We need a woman of color to fill Kamala Harris' seat."

Dr. Amos Brown, pastor of Third Baptist Church in San Francisco agrees that Lee is "very much qualified" for the Senate seat. "She has established an enviable record

as chair of the CBC and being on the right side of issues, particularly the war. She voted her convictions."

While Dr. Brown said he doesn't see the seat as belonging to a Black woman, he said, "In terms of principal, Blacks have not had the opportunity and should be catching up." He said Harris did an outstanding job and a Black person with the right qualifications should be given consideration.

Lee's work to end poverty, and lift American families into the middle class, being an author or co-author of every major piece of HIV/AIDS legislation, and her advocacy for orphans and vulnerable children has strong support among her constituents.

Currently, Lee serves on the Budget Committee and the powerful Appropriations Committee, which oversees all federal government spending. She serves on three subcommittees (Vice Chair, State and Foreign Operations; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration) of the Appropriations Committee.

**Governor Newsom said this week he will likely make his decision on the appointment to replace Harris in the Senate in January.**



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# Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Defeat Trump and Change History

By Lauren Victoria Burke,  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

**A**fter days of counting in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Arizona, President Obama's former Vice President, Joe Biden, and California Senator, Kamala Harris, won the 2020 race for the White House.

News of their victory sparked spontaneous celebrations around the country. In Washington, DC, Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta people took to the streets on foot and in cars in celebration with Biden flags and signs. Times Square filled with a crowd unseen in months since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March.

In Washington, DC, cars honked horns driving up and down Connecticut Avenue and around the White House. A large crowd assembled at Black Lives Matter Plaza on 16th Street as close to Lafayette Park as they could get near The White House. Streets around The White House were fenced off creating a large perimeter around the streets that would allow people to get



clear video and still photos of the building.

The level of celebration in several cities was reminiscent of the revelry seen after a sports team wins a championship. Bottles of champagne were opened on the street and music played loudly. Relief after four years of Donald Trump's

decision making and endless controversies, tensions and policy decisions were clearly on display in public.

The backdrop, 235,000 Americans dead as the result of the coronavirus pandemic, was not lost on the man who will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States.

In his first speech after being elected, President-elect Biden said he would, "marshal the forces of decency, the forces of fairness, the forces of science, the forces of hope" and promised his first job would be tackling the coronavirus epidemic.

"Our work begins with

getting COVID under control," Biden told thousands of people in Wilmington, Delaware. On November 9, Biden will formally announce a task force to confront the COVID-19 crisis.

"In an election of record-breaking turnout, the American people have made

clear who we are and who we aspire to be. Difficult times are ahead, but I have no doubt President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris have what it takes to help us build back better. I look forward to working with them to tackle the challenges ahead, from defeating the pandemic to addressing the racial and economic inequality that continues to grip our nation," wrote Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH) after Biden was declared the winner.

Trump is unlikely to admit the loss and concede. In the end, on January 20, 2021 at noon, the federal government and all executive power will be in hands of Barack Obama's former Vice President and now the new President of the United States, Joe Biden.

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## EDITORIAL

We wish to plead our own cause.  
Too long have others spoken for us.

*Freedom's Journal, March 16, 1827.*

# COMMENTARY: NATION DIVIDED — Where Do African Americans Go From Here?

By Aswad Walker, Defender  
News Network

**W**ith the popular vote split nearly right down the middle, the 2020 Presidential Election revealed to some and reminded others that America is truly a nation divided. The Defender spoke to two political science professors, Carroll Robinson and Michael O. Adams, and Marcus Davis, host of Fish, Grits & Politik, to get their takes on where the country is headed post-election.

**Defender:** What does this tight race for the presidency mean for the national political scene?

**Dr. Michael O. Adams:** if Biden were to win - it's a very close election- I think that it would impact governance because the Democrats were not able to control the Senate. [Mitch] McConnell is coming back. And we know that he was a very powerful person, and able to get judicial appointments and basically, to stonewall even the impeachment process of Trump. So, if Biden is in, you'll still have to contend, and you have to work with that. So, anything progressive, in terms of legislation, it would be very difficult to get something passed in the Senate.

**Carroll Robinson:** What it means is the country is not as center left as people thought. It's not the land

of progressivism. But more importantly, what it shows is the importance of Black voters. That if you turn out Black voters, Biden probably wins Wisconsin, Michigan and maybe even Georgia. And that will be the three states that gets him to 270 (Electoral College votes) and wins the White House. And if you're paying attention to it politically, Black America has saved Joe Biden once again, and Black America has saved the Democratic Party. And it's gonna deliver the White House to Joe Biden and the Democratic Party. And Black folks need to be a priority. Period.

**Marcus Davis:** It means that we've got some issues in our nation that we need



Political science professors Carroll Robinson and Michael O. Adams, and Marcus Davis, host of Fish, Grits & Politik

to fix. Everything from the Electoral College to this cycle of electing one party versus the partisan politics, needs to be addressed too. It means there's a \*\*\*load uncertainly in the nation. We have an issue with media. We have an issue with polling. It means we've got a whole bunch of issues that we need to try to figure out. And it also means specifically, that ain't nobody coming to save Black folks.

**Defender:** Moving forward, how will the 2020 election results impact state and local politics?

**Davis:** Our nation has a problem that we only pass significant legislation if we have one party that has the House, the Senate and the White House - if you think about it. Trump Administration's biggest legislation was the tax bill. How was that passed? Because he had the House, the Senate and the White House?

The Obama Administration's biggest piece of legislation was the ACA (Obamacare), because he had the House, the Senate and the White House... It means that American citizens are addicted to getting duped by the system.

**Robinson:** Black people showed up, showed out and delivered, but not enough focus was put on winning the state by driving up Black voter turnout... What last night showed is we have to build the future of the Democratic Party, or the Texas Democratic Party on Black voter turnout. The idea that you're going to build the future of the Texas Democratic Party on Hispanic voters and white women, that's just not a solid enough foundation. You've got to maximize Black turnout.

**Defender:** What does this election say about us as a country?

**Adams:** I'm overjoyed that

so many people turned out to vote. That's the beauty of a democracy. Because, you want people to participate, regardless of where you stand or what's your party affiliation. However, it was kind of ugly where you play into dog whistle politics. It only seeks to divide the country. I'm a little afraid. They tried to kidnap the governor of Michigan. Man, who knows what these people will do.

**Davis:** This election says that we are the divided states of America, not the United States... This concept of the United States of America is failing... It means that the pledge of allegiance is a lie. That's what it means. Because we are not one nation. We are not indivisible. We damn sure ain't under God. And we damn sure ain't got justice and liberty for all.

## A Huge Victory – And More Work To Do

By Ben Jealous

**A**fter four exhausting years of President Donald Trump and four excruciating days of vote counting, the election was called for President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on Saturday. Hallelujah!

Those days of counting felt agonizingly slow to many of us, but the momentum was always on our side: Democratic voters—mostly Black voters—in and around Philadelphia, Detroit, Milwaukee and Atlanta delivered the battleground state votes needed to deny Trump a second term. In Nevada and Arizona, Latino and Native American voters provided crucial votes.

News that Pennsylvania put Biden over the top sparked dancing in the streets and tears

of joy in many households. So did the sight of Kamala Harris making her historic appearance as our next vice president—the first woman, first Black woman, first South Asian woman, to be elected to the White House.

In his speech Saturday night, Joe Biden made it clear that he understands how much he owes to Black folks. “The African American community stood up again for me,” he said. “They always have my back, and I’ll have yours.”

We will all need to help Biden make good on that commitment with policies that address our communities’ needs.

There’s a lot to do.

We need a more effective response to COVID-19 pandemic and its particularly hard impact on the health and economic well-being of people of color.

We need a vision and a plan



Ben Jealous

for an economy that does not leave Black communities behind, an economy where opportunity is widely available and prosperity is widely shared—not one that strips wealth out of middle-class and lower-income families and funnels it to the richest people in the world.

We need to eliminate voter suppression strategies—and resist ongoing efforts by Trump and his allies to delegitimize and overturn his decisive defeat.

We need to confront the

systemic racism that leads to police killings of Black men, women, and children—killings for which justice far too often is delayed and denied.

We need to address the corruption of our federal court system by Trump and Senate Republicans and the hard-right judges they have spent four years packing into our federal courts, which we can no longer count on to uphold our constitutional and civil rights.

All those jobs will be made so much harder if Republicans maintain control of the Senate. The unprincipled obstructionist Republican leader Mitch McConnell has turned that half of Congress into a graveyard for legislation the American people need to advance the vision of a more just society for which we just voted.

So, we have work to do, right now, in Georgia, where

two U.S. Senate races are headed for runoffs in early January. Both races feature corrupt, Trump-enabling Republicans who represent the worst kind of politician. Both are being challenged by smart, progressive Democrats who will help Biden and Harris achieve good things for the American people.

Those victories in Georgia are achievable, largely in part to the brilliant organizing work of my dear friend Stacey Abrams. She responded to her own unjust defeat in Georgia’s race for governor in 2018 by leading a coalition that registered hundreds of thousands of new voters and turned the state blue this year.

She believes Democrats can absolutely win the Senate runoffs, and that the outcome of those races will help determine whether we have access to health care and access to justice in the U.S.

The excellent Democratic candidates, Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, need and deserve all the support we can give them.

Defeating Trump and electing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris was a huge victory. Let’s celebrate, get a good night’s sleep or a long nap, and get back to work.

**Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.**

# Thank You, Madame Vice President Kamala Devi Harris!

These women, students, and young girls are happy to see Kamala Harris finally break the glass ceiling and become Vice President of the United States! They are all wearing pearls, as pearls are one of Vice President-elect Harris's favorite fashion statements. No matter their chosen field, each one feels a special sense of pride to see history made and a new role for women realized 100 years after women gained the right to vote. For the history maker to be the Bay Area's own makes the victory that much sweeter.



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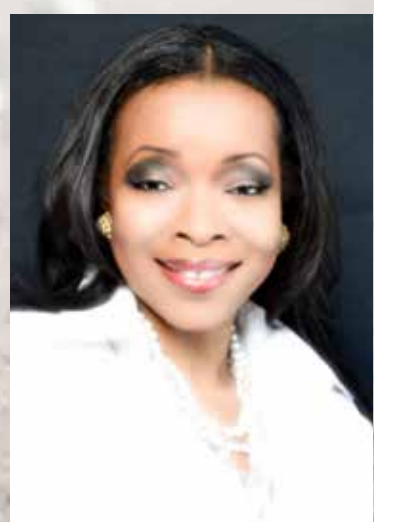
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# In Light Of Pandemic, Flu Vaccinations More Important Than Ever For People At Highest Risk

American Heart Association provides resources to help keep people flu free

**D**allas, Nov. 10 – The American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives, is helping to keep families and communities safe from the flu by providing facts, resources and encouraging people to get a flu vaccine.

“Getting the flu vaccine is especially important this year. If you get the flu, you may need to be hospitalized, in this time of COVID-19, in an already overwhelmed healthcare system. Get your flu shot. Avoid getting the flu. Stay out of the hospital due to the flu,” said Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H., FAFP, American Heart Association chief medical officer for prevention and

former commissioner of health for the state of Texas. “In a normal year, the flu is serious and can even cause death. The flu vaccine can keep you out of a hospital.”

While it is important for almost everyone six months and older to get a flu vaccine, it’s especially important for those at highest risk:

Seniors and people with underlying risk factors such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes, among others.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those 50 years-old and older, living with one or more chronic conditions, are at high risk for the flu. Those who aren’t vaccinated are six times more likely to experience a heart attack

Children, especially those who are under 5 years-old and those who are back in school. Children who are vaccinated are 74% less likely to be



Flu season typically peaks between December and February, so getting the vaccine now is better than waiting. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

hospitalized due to the flu.

Pregnant women – those who are vaccinated are 40% less likely to be hospitalized due to the flu.

According to the CDC, people who are Black or Latinx may be at increased risk for the flu and are least likely to get the flu shot. Over the past 10 flu seasons, non-Hispanic Black people were hospitalized at the highest rates and Latinx people were hospitalized at the third highest rates for the flu. Native Americans were second highest.

Some people have

misinformation and concerns about the flu vaccine, causing them to skip it altogether. Here are some facts:

The vaccine does not cause the flu.

The flu vaccine cannot cause the flu. It may cause very mild side effects. The most common are soreness, swelling or redness on your arm near the site of the shot that might last only 1 or 2 days.

However, the mild symptoms you might experience from the vaccine are much less severe

than the flu itself.

It is safe and effective and easy to access.

The flu vaccine is safe and effective for preventing the flu, and is easy to get at places that are taking extra safety measures like:

your doctor’s office, pharmacy, and some employers that are providing drive-thru vaccinations.

It is accessible even without insurance.

Many community pop-up

vaccination sites, federally funded programs, local health departments, community health centers and some places like churches and community centers offer the vaccination at no cost for those who qualify.

It is not too late to get vaccinated.

Flu season typically peaks between December and February, so getting the vaccine now is better than waiting. You need at least two weeks for your body to develop antibodies to the virus. However, being vaccinated anytime during flu season is better than not at all.

“No one wants the flu. The best way to keep your family and yourself safe from the flu is by getting the flu vaccine and as with COVID-19 prevention, wearing a mask, washing your hands often, and social distancing helps,” said Dr. Sanchez. “Don’t forget to take your mask when you go for your flu vaccine.”

The American Heart Association’s flu vaccine campaign is made possible nationally in part by generous support from the Anthem Foundation and Sanofi Pasteur.

For more flu information and resources, visit [heart.org/flu prevention](http://heart.org/flu prevention).

About the American Heart Association

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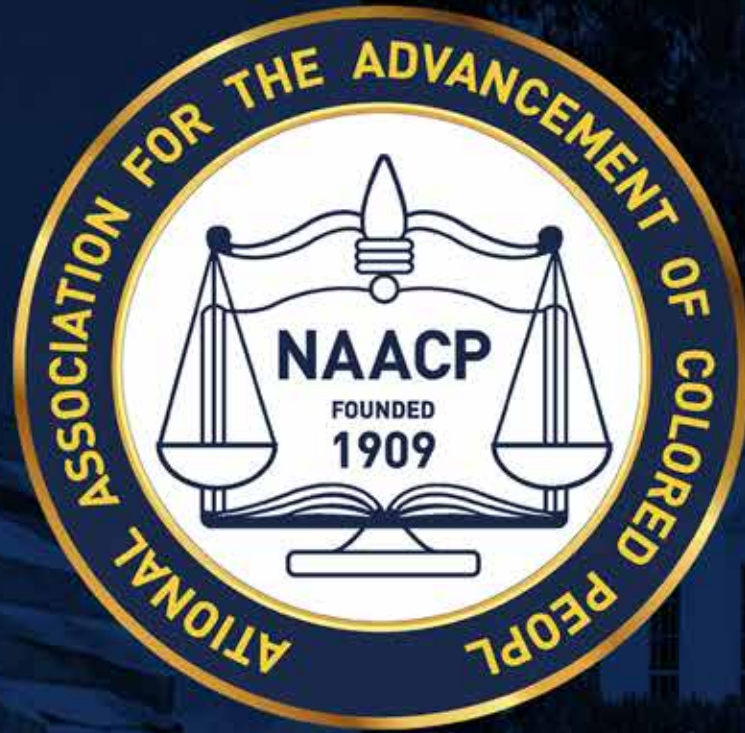


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# RELIGIOUS SECTION

THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



## Sunday School Lesson

By Shunda Criswell

### God Judges The Sin

Lesson Text: Exodus 32:25-35  
Place: Mount Sinai  
Time: 1445 B.C.  
**Golden Text: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book" (Exodus 32:33)**  
The anger of Moses was apparently warranted (Exodus 32:15-29). As Moses descended the mountain with the two tablets of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) he rejoined Joshua, who

apparently was partway up the mountain and was not aware of what the Israelites were doing. Joshua thought that the camp was under military attack. However, Moses knew from what God told him that the people were singing and were involved in drunkenness and immorality. Moses became angry and he did several things: 1) he smashed the tablets of the Law, symbolizing the people's breaking of the covenant. 2) he burned the idol, reduced

it to powder, spread it on water (a mountain stream, see Deuteronomy 9:21), and made the people drink it. By this action he demonstrated both the powerlessness of the calf-idol and God's wrath. Though the burning would not have demolished the gold idol, it was smashed till it was crushed into tiny pieces. Drinking it symbolized that the people had to bear the consequences of their sin; 3) Moses summoned Aaron to give an account of what had taken place. Aaron's excuse was as ludicrous as the people's actions. He blamed the people and then in a lie he suggested that the idol "just happened": I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf. Aaron, however, had shaped the idol himself in Exodus 32:4). God was so angry with Aaron that He was ready to kill him (read Deuteronomy 9:20). (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). Literally, 4) Moses judged the unrepentant. Moses

rallied before the camp all who had not been involved in worshipping the calf. The Levites responded as a group. These were commanded to go... through the camp and kill any who persisted in idolatry. Three thousand Israelites were killed by swords. Others, however, died by a plague (read Exodus 32:35). After completing this gruesome task, the Levites were set apart to the LORD. Later they were assigned the responsibility of carrying the tabernacle (read Numbers 1:50-53). (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). (Exodus 32:25-29). Though the major instigators of the plot were put to the sword (except for Aaron, for whom Moses interceded, Deuteronomy 9:20) Moses recognized that the nation shared the guilt. Therefore, he again entreated the LORD for atonement for their sin. Moses told God that if He refused to forgive His people, he would prefer to have his name removed from the book

God had written (Exodus 32:32). Some say this was the book of life (Revelation 20:15; 21:27) that lists believers' names but, more likely, it was the census of the people. Moses' statement probably indicated he was willing to die a premature death (but not suffer eternal torment in hell). He did not want to be associated with a sinful, unforgiven people. Rejecting Moses' offer, God promised to punish the sinners (by premature death). Some died of a plague (Exodus 32:35) and all fighting men (except Joshua and Caleb) died later in the desert (Deuteronomy 1:35-36; 2:14). Yet God said Moses would lead the nation (the younger generation) to the land promised them (Exodus 32:34) (Exodus 32:30-35). (The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty). Remember these inspiring words by Mr. Brian D. Doud, "We may not worship a literal idol, but we can easily find ourselves looking to something other than

the Lord to guide us. Even some professed believers in Christ get caught up on things like astrology or questionable activities that open the door the demonic influences. Even though God severely condemns such things (Deuteronomy 18:9-14), some Christians regard them as harmless and thereby rebel against God, who alone is sovereign. We should do our utmost to make sure we do everything God's way. We should be thankful that Jesus has borne our judgment. Nevertheless, we will endure discipline if we are careless about sin. But God has given us His Word; our part is to read it and obey it. He has given us His indwelling Holy Spirit to guide us into the paths of righteousness. He has given us spiritually gifted people to encourage us and help us persevere in the right way. His divine power has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Let us avail ourselves of His provision." Be Blessed Saints! (Proverbs 3:5:6) Yes!

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# ‘How Did 12 Percent Of Black Men Vote For Trump?’

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**J**uan Williams posited that he’s a Black man born in a Latin country and grew up in a Spanish-speaking family.

The author and Fox News political analyst then stated a head-scratching fact that many still find difficult to rationalize.

“It stuns me to see that President Trump set a record last week by attracting the highest percentage of the non-white vote of any Republican presidential candidate in the last 60 years,” Williams wrote in an editorial for The Hill.

Perhaps most stunning, lamented Williams, “How did 12 percent of Black men vote for Trump?”

Although an overwhelming majority of Black men, 80%, voted for President-elect Joe Biden, support for the Democratic presidential ticket reached a new low among Black men in 2020, according to the NBC News poll of early and Election Day voters.

In the same poll, 8% of Black male voters were reported to



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have cast their ballots for alternative candidates.

In Barack Obama’s first presidential campaign, of all Blacks casting ballots, 95 percent of Black men and 96 percent of Black women chose him, NBC News reported.

Four years later, Black women’s support remained at 96 percent for Obama’s 2012 re-election. However, the black male vote decreased to 87 percent.

In 2016, when the nominee was Hillary Clinton, Black men dropped even further to 82 percent, while Black women’s support for Clinton remained high at 94 percent. Biden came close to matching that this year, garnering the support of

91 percent of Black women.

“It’s a trust issue. I view the Black community’s relationship with the Democratic Party, for example, as sort of like a domestic violence relationship,” Demetre Coles, a 25-year-old African American who lives in Waterbury, Conn., told NPR.

Coles told the outlet he voted for Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins because Coles couldn’t connect with Democrats or Republicans.

“We’ve been giving our vote to them loyally for 55, 60 years, and we have got nothing in return,” Coles remarked. And as for the Republican Party, I don’t feel as if they

care about me at all. It’s just more blatant.”

While Coles expressed a reason for casting his ballot for an alternative candidate who had virtually no chance to win, his declaration didn’t explain why so many other Black men voted for Trump.

“Black men are hurting. Political parties mostly forget them, and then there’s this anger — whether it’s right or misguided — towards Biden for the 1994 Crime Bill,” said Unique Tolliver, a New York-based mathematician.

The 1994 Crime Bill, which was authored by then Senator Biden, and signed by President Bill Clinton, was crafted to address rising

crime in the United States. The law contained numerous crime prevention provisions, including the controversial “three strikes” mandatory life sentences for repeat violent offenders.

The law, which also called for funding community policing and prisons, disproportionately punished African American men, and most observers said it caused mass incarceration.

“But, what Black people [today] fail to understand is that, at the time, there were all of these Black people, including the clergy, who supported the bill,” said Lenora Turner, a California-based psychologist.

“So, with Black men still smarting over that bill and holding it against Biden, and Trump repeatedly spreading the falsehood of how much he’s done for the Black community, you had quite the storm brewing among Black male voters,” Turner offered.

“You also had respected strong Black men like Ice Cube — even though he said he didn’t endorse Trump — swaying Black men. I

know that makes it sound like Black men don’t have a mind of their own, but think about what Ice Cube came out and said. He said the Democrats told him we’d talk later while Trump ‘listened’ and agreed to institute some of Cube’s initiatives in the President’s overall plan.”

Still, as Juan Williams noted in his editorial, Trump’s racism toward Blacks and Latinos is so well-established. “It’s sad to say, but a lot of Black and Latino voters, especially the men, got distracted by Trump’s boasts and bling,” said Williams.

Half of all Americans in a June 2020 YouGov/Yahoo News poll said outright that he is a racist, and another 13 percent could only say they are “not sure” whether he is a racist or not.

A Quinnipiac University poll in July 2019, found that 80 percent of Black people and 55 percent of Latinos said Trump is a racist.

**A Fox News poll in July 2019 found 57 percent of Americans agreed that Trump has no respect for racial minorities.**

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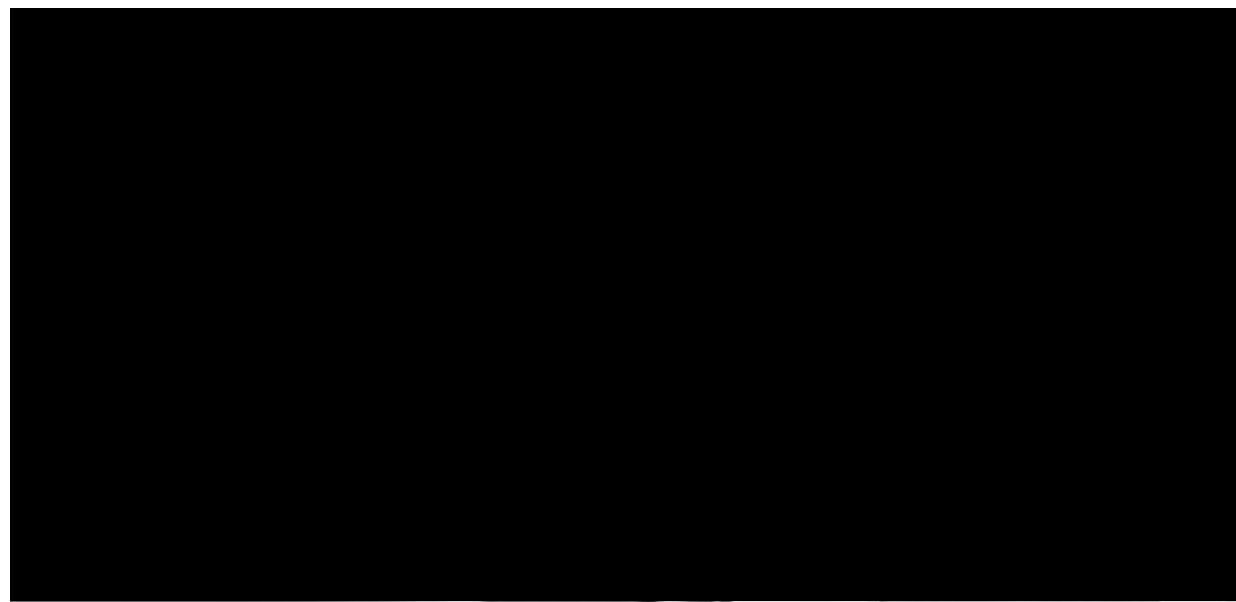
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