

*Sisters and Brothers,
come join, support and work with the*
**NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY
(NBIPP)**



NBIPP History

In November 1980 more than 2,000 Black people of various political persuasions gathered in Philadelphia, Pa., for the founding convention of the **NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY (NBIPP)**. Just three months earlier in August 1980, delegates at a meeting of the National Black Political Assembly (NBPA) in New Orleans had overwhelmingly adopted a resolution calling for the immediate creation of a Black political party, which launched the work leading towards the NBIPP founding convention. At the Philadelphia gathering, delegates agreed upon a tentative charter and established a National Party Organizing Committee (NPOC) and Charter Review Commission (CRC) to begin work on organizing the party and developing a more refined charter. On August 21-23, 1981, just one year after the New Orleans NBPA meeting, more than 800 delegates and observers from 27 states attended the first National Party Congress in Chicago, Illinois. At that Congress, the party's permanent charter was ratified, a national Platform Program and organizational structure was adopted, and the first national officers and leadership was elected.

The creation of the **NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY** is an idea whose time has finally come. For more than 150 years, people of African descent in the US have been building an independent Black political movement in one form or another. In recent years, beginning with the Black Power Conferences in the 1960's, there has been a mounting call for the creation of an independent

Black political party. This idea was discussed and debated at the historic Gary Black Political Convention in 1972. However, the party was not to be born at that convention, but the National Black Political Assembly was created to carry out the work of the convention. The NBPA, organizing and interacting with a broad range of Black organizations and political tendencies, nurtured the "Party Idea" until the 1980 New Orleans Black Political Convention.

Now that we have moved from dream to reality, come join, support and work with NBIPP. For our future, for our children, for ourselves, help build the **NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY!**

What is the NBIPP?

The **NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY** aims to attain power to radically transform the present socio-economic order, that is, to achieve self-determination and social and political freedom for the masses of Black people. Therefore, our party actively opposes racism, imperialism, sexual oppression and capitalist exploitation.

NBIPP is a **National** organization, in that we seek to organize Black people in every state and region in this country.

Our party is **Black** in that we seek to organize people of African descent, first and foremost.

It is **Independent** in that we draw our source of support, strength and direction from Black people in accordance with the belief in the value and dignity

of our history and culture and with consideration and respect for all other peoples.

Our party is **Political** in the sense that it reflects the multifaceted nature of the social, economic and political power which must be organized to challenge the many forms of oppression arrayed against the masses of Black people.

Lastly NBIPP is a **Party** because we establish goals, identify our interests, problems and priorities, and develop strategies, tactics and formulate projects and programs to achieve and defend our interests as a people.

As a political organization we strive to prioritize the needs of the people and unite them around a concrete program. We will synthesize the aspirations of our people and define political programs and develop an ideological framework for mass political action.

Among other important reasons, we have formed our party in view of the fact that both major parties (the Democratic and Republican parties) have betrayed us, because their interests essentially conflict with ours. They have consistently used power and government to create policies for Black underdevelopment, political exploitation and cultural destruction. Their policies reveal contempt for the interests of Black people, and have existed solely for the maintenance of the existing political and socio-economic system.



The NBIPP Platform/ Program

Platform

The **NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY (NBIPP)** believes that the present socio-economic system in the U.S. severely and adversely affects the lives of Black and poor people. The disproportionate and unequal distribution of wealth and income in this society puts an unreasonable and excessive amount of power in the hands of an elite few, who through the giant multinational corporations, dominate the economic and political life of the United States.

The society in which we live has systematically deprived the masses of our people of access to fundamental goods and services and has denied us political and social equality, as well as the right to self determination. The twin evils of racism and capitalism (gross economic exploitation for profit) combine to force Black people to eke out a miserable, degrading, unproductive and second-class existence in the United States.

We believe that putting an end to this situation is achievable, but will require a fundamental, qualitative and radical restructuring of the present socio-economic order. Otherwise, it will be impossible for Black people to attain self-determination, and complete economic, social and political freedom.

THEREFORE WE CALL FOR:

- **A new social and economic order** where the land, natural resources, industry and technology are publicly owned, planned and operated for the economic and social benefit of Black, poor and working people—the majority of the population. We want a society that will guarantee an adequate standard of living for the health and well being of our people, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and all necessary social services, and one that will recognize these as basic human rights. We want an end to a system that attaches primary importance to the accumulation of private wealth and corporate profit. We demand a just and equitable return for the fruits of our labor. We want a society that guarantees a hopeful and meaningful future for our children and will settle for nothing less.

WE FURTHER CALL FOR:

- **An end to racism.** From the days we were transported and herded like cattle from our motherland across the Atlantic to be brought here as slaves, until the present, Black people have faced the daily, violent insults and indignities associated with dehumanizing racist treatment. We shall never forget the racism and murderous cruelty which encouraged the African slave trade for over four centuries, emptying Africa of some 20 to 50 million of her finest sons and daughters. Tens of millions of our people perished and did not survive the ghastly middle passage, resulting in the world's most horrendous holocaust and act of racist genocide on record. The legacy of that cruel experience, including the genocidal practice of slavery in North America, is the institutionalized phenomenon of racism in the United States, which pervades every aspect of the lives of our people. We want a society where we will have control over our own destiny, and where we will not be subjected to the degrading and dehumanizing effects of racism.

We believe that racism and racist practices in all forms should be outlawed and eliminated so that we can live with dignity and respect.

Our party will focus its energies on a development strategy which stresses and encourages the building-up of economic and cultural institutions indigenous to the Black community, while at the same time demanding our community's full share of political representation and social and economic rights as a true measure of equality in the U.S.

This two-sided strategy addresses, in a comprehensive way, the reality of Black life in the U.S. In the economic sphere, it is designed to increase the volume of capital that flows into our community nationwide—and also to increase the amount that is retained in the community, and not allowed to flow out. Tax monies and corporate profits are part of the national income, just as our wages and salaries. Therefore, we believe they must be continuously redirected into programs and services to better the lives of our people in our communities.

TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE, THE PARTY WILL:

- Organize the masses of Black people to build and develop independent economic, political, social, educational and cultural institutions that will serve as progressive models, which mirror the type of society in which we want our people to live.
- Organize the masses of Black people to struggle for basic economic and social reforms to bring relief to our people under the present system.
- Organize the masses of Black people to struggle for a new social and economic order free of economic exploitation for profit and racist oppression.
- Organize our people around the issues identified in our program to address our basic needs, as part of the process leading towards Black liberation.

The 20 point-Program of the NBIPP includes our stand on many of the critical issues affecting the lives of our people and the priority actions we will initiate and carry out, at both the national and local levels, to address the racial oppression and economic exploitation of our communities. Our actions will be guided by three basic mass-based strategies.

- 1. Community Organization and Mobilization** around issues, such as the use of direct-action tactics, advocacy, training, propaganda, research, political education, consciousness raising and other actions. We will use this as a tool to develop our party, affect public policy, advocate human rights, build institutions and participate in electoral politics.
- 2. Institutional and Community Development**, such as the designing and development of creative alternatives to deliver needed services (i.e. food co-ops, housing co-ops, and credit unions) as well as institutions which maintain and perpetuate Black culture and heritage as well as world view (i.e. the extended family, cultural centers, independent schools which promote liberation, academics and others).
- 3. Public Policy and Electoral Politics**, such as lobbying legislative advocacy, preparing and issuing public policy statements and studies and running and supporting candidates for elected and appointed office.

Program

One of the goals of our party is to fight to guarantee Black people their basic economic and political rights as recognized in the United Nation's covenants on human rights. Our Program states that the right to a decent job and adequate income, free or low cost necessities such as education, health care, housing; the right to political equality and voting rights; freedom to practice our cultural traditions and freedom from repression and racist terror and genocide—are basic human rights. We also affirm the special rights of women, children, the elderly and prisoners. We address the issues of economic development, affirmative action, energy, land ownership, electoral politics, peace and disarmament, military conscription, international relations, solidarity with other oppressed peoples, and reparations for the past injustices inflicted against Black people.

We call for specific short and long range solutions and advocate action strategies to achieve and realize our demands for a better life. Through our standing committees, special commissions and agencies, and local chapters, we not only research and analyze issues and problems but organize national and local action campaigns at the neighborhood and grassroots level to achieve clearly defined objectives.



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Join NBIPP Now!

Membership in the **NATIONAL BLACK INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY** is open to all people of African descent in the US regardless of economic or social condition who agree to accept the party's charter and programs, and participate in the work of the party. Members must maintain good financial standing through dues commitment. Dues is \$2 per month or \$24 per year.

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