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The Obama Stimulus Plan: More of the Same, Only Worse Keeping it Real By Larry Pinkney BlackCommentator.com Editorial Board

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"You cannot live at the bottom of a garbage can and be happy. You have to start removing the garbage..."

-Assata Shakur

The garbage that is the corporate media, together with corporate greed, will never be addressed *without real systemic change*.

Increasing joblessness, corporate greed, homelessness, a national population with *no* single-payer, comprehensive health care, and ongoing war in Iraq and Afghanistan are but a few of the significant telltale signs that are not *seriously* addressed or remedied by the latest Barack Obama stimulus package, supported by the majority of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. ***Peace with justice is the only stimulus plan that will work for the people of the United States and the world.*** The Obama stimulus package / plan, despite all its political smoke and mirror trappings, is doomed to fail, for it contains no real *systemic* change. It is a continuation of the same old madness, repackaged for the 21st century.

The sum total of zero is *still* zero and the recent Obama economic stimulus package dismisses the fact that the unquenchable greed of the *U.S. corporate elite* is what has led to the present debacle in this nation, and has served to massively degrade the environmental habitability of our entire planet while simultaneously sucking the very life

blood out of everyday Black, Brown, White, Red, and Yellow peoples both here and abroad.

Perhaps now, a few of the so-called "progressives" and "leftists" in the U.S. are *beginning* to own up to the fact that to expect real systemic change from Barack Obama is tantamount to expecting the embrace of a Black Widow spider to be anything other than the rapturous embrace of disappointment, and ultimate, untimely, poisonous death. Nevertheless, there is absolutely no *legitimate* reason that can be offered by these progressives and leftists for their *betrayal* of the overwhelming majority of people in this nation and throughout the world in their support for the corporate, apartheid Zionist, de-facto war mongering U.S. president, Barack Obama.

The U.S. corporate media (*including* the Public Broadcast Service [PBS] and CNN) are in fact acting as the fifth column for the U.S. government's propaganda machine, albeit in often hard-to-decipher, subterfuge. They are presently among the greatest purveyors of disinformation, misinformation and the *myth* of U.S. democracy at home and abroad.

We must be honest with ourselves and prepare for the approaching time when even the corporate media will no longer be able to *seriously* pretend that the Obama economic stimulus package / program is working for the masses / majority of people in this nation. We must develop alternative "*survival programs*," pending the collective awareness of the people for the need for total *systemic change* in this nation. We must network with one another, Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow; building a *consciousness and survival network* of information and *alternatives* to the increasing economic and social madness that is enveloping this nation and world.

In a coming column or columns, your writer will explore some specific examples of what *systemic* change really means. Meanwhile, let us not be blinded by the smoke and mirrors of fake change, false hope, and the continuity of empire.

It is *only* we the people who are the modis and springboard for real systemic change. Ours is a struggle, *not* against the singular "fairytale" of race and color but against the *over all reality* of systemic oppression.

Onward brothers and sisters! Our new day *will* arrive only when *we the people* bring it about!

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