

What We Want

1. We want complete freedom, justice, and equality for all Black people and every member of the human family globally. Our philosophy emphasizes the importance of prioritizing the empowerment and upliftment of our community while simultaneously advocating for the collective well-being of all humanity. We are committed to advancing self-determination and progress without diminishing others, fostering a vision of a just and equitable world that benefits everyone.

2. We want to end mass incarceration, recognizing that it disproportionately impacts the Black community and also adversely affects all marginalized groups. We understand that the criminal justice system often weaponizes imprisonment against oppressed communities, using it as a means to vilify us rather than addressing the root causes of issues such as poverty, lack of housing, inadequate education, and income inequality. Our demand for transformative and restorative justice is grounded in the belief that true justice and equity can only be achieved by dismantling these harmful practices and focusing on solutions that address the systemic injustices faced by our communities.

3. We want an immediate cessation of police brutality and physical violence directed against Black individuals both in the United States and globally. Additionally, we seek an end to the military-industrial complex that disproportionately affects Black communities, recognizing its broader impact on all marginalized populations. We aim to promote safety for Black people and all individuals, advocating for systemic change that upholds human rights and dignity for everyone.

4. We want to abolish capitalism and neo-colonialism, recognizing their detrimental impacts on Black communities and marginalized populations worldwide. These systems perpetuate poverty, extract resources, and limit opportunities for self-determination and development. By addressing the injustices inherent in capitalism and neo-colonialism, we aim to create a more equitable economic framework that supports not only Black

individuals but also all those affected by economic injustice. Our commitment to fostering systemic change is rooted in the belief that progress and prosperity can only be achieved through equality and justice.

5. We want tax exemptions for Black individuals in the United States as a response to the systemic injustices and inequalities that have persisted for over 400 years. Despite our significant contributions to the nation's prosperity, we have historically faced exploitation and brutality, resulting in a lack of equitable representation and resources. Exempting Black people from taxes until we achieve true justice and equality under the law is a necessary step toward addressing these historical grievances and fostering a more equitable society. This measure acknowledges the deep-rooted disparities and aims to rectify the ongoing socio-economic injustices faced by Black communities.

6. We want the power to shape our future and destiny as a Black community. True freedom for Black people is inextricably linked to our ability to govern ourselves and make decisions that directly impact our lives and communities. Without this power, the promise of freedom remains unfulfilled. Our vision is for empowerment that fosters self-determination rather than domination over others. By gaining this power, we aim to create an environment where we can thrive, uplift one another, and work toward collective justice and equality.

7. We want an educational system that provides our communities with a comprehensive understanding of our true history and presents an honest critique of contemporary American society. Education should empower individuals with knowledge of self, enabling them to recognize their roles and significance in their communities and the world. By fostering this awareness, we aim to equip future generations with the tools necessary for critical thinking, empowerment, and effective engagement in societal discourse, ultimately promoting personal and collective growth.

8. We want all Black men to be exempt from military service, as we believe it is unjust for our community to be compelled to defend a government that has historically failed to protect us. Participation in the military often places Black individuals in the position of fighting and potentially harming other marginalized groups who, like us, are victims of systemic oppression. Our focus is on self-defense against the violence and discrimination perpetrated by a racist system, and we seek to prioritize the safety and sovereignty of our communities. This demand reflects our commitment to justice and the right to protect ourselves against systemic violence.

9. We want access to fundamental resources and services for a dignified and fulfilling life, including land, food, water, shelter, clothing, education, healthcare, air, and sanitation. These elements are not mere luxuries but the bare necessities underpinning our survival and well-being. Securing these rights ensures all individuals can thrive physically and psychologically, fostering healthier communities and societies. By advocating for these essentials, we strive for equity and justice, enabling everyone to lead a life of dignity, opportunity, and hope.

10. We want love, peace, and happiness as fundamental aspects of our lives and communities. Love fosters connection and understanding among individuals, creating a supportive environment where everyone can thrive. Peace is essential for stability and safety, allowing us to pursue our goals without fear or conflict. Happiness is the culmination of these elements, reflecting our well-being and fulfillment. By prioritizing love, peace, and happiness, we aim to cultivate a harmonious society where everyone can experience joy and contribute positively to one another's lives.