

ONE BLACK MAN COULD BE PRESIDENT



ONE MILLION BLACK MEN ARE IN PRISON

OK, OK – so it's more like nine hundred thousand, if you don't count the ones on parole and probation, in institutions and juvenile detention centers, working minimum wage jobs or waiting in line at the welfare office, locked into homeless shelters or locked out on the streets. But now that Obama is in the White House, we're supposed to forget about all that – America, land of opportunity!

Representative democracy is just like the free market: everyone supposedly gets a chance, but only a few come out on top. If you don't win, you must not have tried hard enough! This is the same rationalization that our rulers use to justify the injustices of capitalism, sexism, and racism: look, you lazy bums, you could have been Bill Cosby or Hillary Clinton if you'd just worked harder.

The rest of us know the system is rigged to make us all losers. We deserve another world, another way of distributing power and resources that values everyone's needs equally. If someone has to be a failure, let it be the ones who aspire to world domination, whose triumphs make us feel small; if anyone must languish in prison, let it be the politicians who seek power at everyone else's expense. That would be some real Hope and Change.