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social and political operation (poverty, police brutality, and negative portrayal of Blacks in the media to name a few.) Who knows what the future will hold for Blacks in America?

As Blacks in America, we should question the past and present day situations and ask ourselves, are things supposed to be this way? Should we accept this? As we study the past and live in the present, we should contemplate the future and decide for ourselves, do we need a revolution in the new millennium? Some may ask, what is a revolution exactly? In order to make wise decisions, we must first be educated about our options and the matters at hand. So, let us first define revolution. According to the Random House Webster's College Dictionary, a revolution is 1.) "A complete and forcible overthrow and replacement of an established government or political system by the people governed." 2.) "A sudden, complete, or radical change in something." We have a choice in our future, so as you continue reading the rest of this article, make your choice, revolution or not?

There are many issues within politics, economics and socialism that will directly affect Blacks in the new millennium. Let us begin with politics. Though some of us may not know it, Congress has to reconsider the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by the year 2007. This could greatly affect Black-voting rights as we know it. According to an article written by Richard Vallery, a professor of political science at Swarthmore College, in the September issue of "The American

Prospect" we have a choice between two futures: "[In] One future what we might go back to is something like the gradual diminution of minority office-holding that happened in the 1880s and 1890s. [In] The other future toward which we can go back to the rich experiment in representation and office-holding which this country pioneered during Reconstruction." You have now been informed. Revolution or not?

The social issue of racism also ties into economic problems in the Black community. According to an article written by Chido Makunike in the September issue of the Financial Gazette distributed via Africa

News Service, "We [blacks] are disproportionately victims of racism as much because of remnants of white racism as because of Black economic weakness. The Black person's power to fight this racism is limited where it is inflicted on him by a person he is dependent on for livelihood." People should not have to be victims of racism just because the person on whom they depend to support their families is inflicting the racism no matter what race.

Racism and discrimination is a factor that contributes to the economic imbalance in American society. In order to exhaust this imbalance, Blacks must stand up and resist. There is a need for more Black owners and entrepreneurs not only to reduce this type of racism, but also to help equalize the economic imbalance. This type of treatment is not acceptable. Issues like this must be changed, but we must make a choice. Revolution or not? What do some students think about

a revolution? One student, Mayowa Obasaju, a sophomore psychology and religious studies major from Long Island, New York stated, "I think blacks need a total revolution regarding how we think and how we react to other people. We also need to appreciate what we have — we used to be segregated and not be able to vote. I am guilty of not doing this."

Whatever your view, we as Black Americans must think about what the coming of the new millennium could bring forth, the bad as well as the good. In order for Blacks to accomplish anything, we must first unite and love each other (united we stand, divided we fall.) We should make sure we are the decision-makers in our future and not just whispers in the background of a lot of confusion. As we face day-to-day problems and those uncertainties concerning blacks and the coming of the new millennium, you must remember to "stick your chest out, keep ya head up, and handle it." (Tupac Shakur "Me Against the World")