

# Black Journal To Discuss Evolution Of Black Leaders

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Featured on this week's BLACK JOURNAL as guests are Georgia State Legislator Julian Bond, newly-appointed head of the NAACP Benjamin Hooks, and commander-in-chief of the North American Air Defense Command, General Daniel "Chappie" James.

They, along with Tony Brown, BLACK JOURNAL's host and executive producer, will discuss the evolution of Black leaders in America, with the topic being "What Is A Black Leader?" A release from WNET-13 New York, producer of BLACK JOURNAL, said that "Black Leaders in America are more diverse, better educated and more affluent than ever. The number of Black leaders is expanding as the barriers of full equality crumble."

According to Brown, "The leaders of the 60's are either off the scene, deceased or, like Julian Bond, have changed their revolutionary rhetoric and status for more responsible roles. Those who persisted and got trapped with a radical label have been abandoned by a Black community moving from revolutionary rhetoric to a quest for justice under the law."

This edition examines the status of Black leaders among

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both the White and the Black communities of America, and how the concept of Black leadership has changed over the last few years.

Julian Bond believes that in spite of the fact that Black leaders have less impact on the views of the Black community than in the past, they still have a definite effect. "We still probably follow leaders more so than any other ethnic group with perhaps the exception of the American Jews...And that's good and bad. It's bad in the sense that we ought to be able to make up our own minds about what we want to do, and we ought to have some collective sense without this top heavy direction as to how we ought to behave."

General James, who rejects the idea of "Black leaders," said "You are limiting yourself any time you decide to be a Black leader...My Mom used to say there's two Negroes we can do without...the first one and the only one. She said, 'I'm looking forward to the day when all Blacks are doing so many noteworthy things that we'll no longer be newsworthy.' Well, I think we're getting there now...I think that we need to get out of that mold of being a Black leader and opt for the whole piece of pie because it's out there."

The BLACK JOURNAL Poll, which is made up of two samples - EBONY Magazine's 100 Most Influential Black Americans and another 100 Black leaders selected by BLACK JOURNAL - found that 15 percent of the Black leaders polled do not think they set the trend for the opinions of Black populations.

Both samples believe that Blacks would be better informed if they knew the opinions of Black leaders - 97

percent of the EBONY sample, 95 percent of the BLACK JOURNAL sample. Both samples rejected the notion that a Black leader can be most effective if he-she has more influence among Whites than Blacks - 58 percent of the EBONY sample, 74 percent of the BLACK JOURNAL sample. One hundred percent of the EBONY sample and 95 percent of the BLACK JOURNAL sample said that the

opinions of Black leaders are not given adequate coverage by the White press.

Both groups were asked to name the most able Black leaders. The EBONY sample chose: Julian Bond, L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, Sen. Edward Brooks, Benjamin Hooks, Rev. Jesse Jackson, John Johnson (Johnson Publishers), Rep. Barbara Jordan, Vernon Jordan, Roy Wil-

kins, and Andrew Young. BLACK JOURNAL's sample responded as follows: Muhammad Ali, Julian Bond, Sen. Edward Brooke, Benjamin Hooks, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rep. Barbara Jordan, Vernon Jordan, Wallace Muhammed, and Andrew Young.

This issue of BLACK JOURNAL can be seen in Charlotte on WTVI-Channel 42 on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

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Natalie Cole
- 2 DON'T LEAVE ME THIS WAY  
Thelma Houston
- 3 I WISH  
Stevie Wonder
- 4 SOMETIMES  
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- 5 BODYHEAT  
James Brown
- 6 TRYING TO LOVE TWO  
William Bell
- 7 LOVE IS BETTER IN THE A.M.  
Johnnie Taylor
- 8 I WANNA GET NEXT TO YOU  
Rose Royce
- 9 AT MIDNIGHT  
Rufus Featuring Chaka Khan
- 10 ISN'T IT A SHAME  
LaBelle
- 11 FREE  
Deniece Williams
- 12 GLORIA  
Enchantment
- 13 BE MY GIRL  
Michael Henderson
- 14 REACHING FOR THE WORLD  
Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes
- 15 HA CHA CHA  
Brass Construction
- 16 FANCY DANCER  
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- 17 DARLIN', DARLIN', DARLIN' BABY  
O'Jays
- 18 DAZZ  
Brick
- 19 DO HOT TO STOP  
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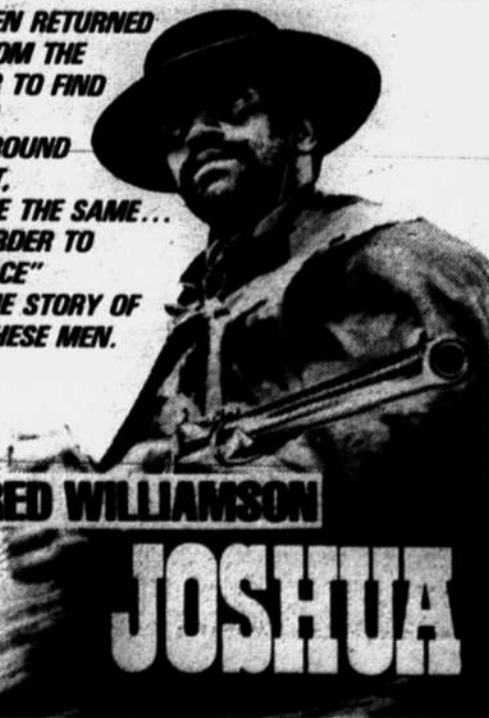
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