

The Civil Rights Act, and the Civil Rights Movement as a whole, came as blacks were decidedly concerned and vigilant about abolishing policies that made it lawful to mistreat abuse and even kill black people without impunity. The death of Emmett Till, the acquittal of his killers and the bold admission of guilt after their acquittal by these two white men who brutally murdered him for allegedly 'flirting' with a white woman, were the catalyst behind this increased effort to see change take place in our country.

Fast forward to today and the senseless execution of young Trayvon Martin, a young black teen, by a "non-black" individual, has literally rocked the nation and catapulted us into conversations once again about the racial tensions and disparities that have merely been swept under the rug for years as a result of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1957.

Two white males in Tulsa, Oklahoma were recently arrested for killing and wounding black men that were simply walking in their neighborhoods. Blacks are finding themselves reactively marching and protesting every single week, in an effort to highlight the injustices that they encounter and experience.

Whether it is Trayvon Martin, Troy Davis or Voter ID laws, black people seem to always be on the other side of the boulder, trying to stop it from rolling down the hill and crushing them.

By the time black people even realize the boulder has been set in motion and on a path straight for them, the momentum has become so great that they don't have much time to strategize. They just jump right into action, like clockwork, with an effort to stop the boulder in its tracks.

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Most just look at the boulder coming, with a feeling of helplessness, believing that they can do nothing but accept their fate. Others find themselves trying to acknowledge what is happening and attempt to mobilize themselves, but can't seem to agree on the best strategy or who will be the leader.

Once a leader or leaders have been chosen or self-appointed, then they begin the process of letting everyone know the type of leader they are and why their leadership style is the best to stop the boulder from rolling.

While this occurs, countless people have been crushed and impacted by the boulder, as it continues to roll down the hill and pick up more steam than ever.

Oftentimes, there are a few people that are able to stop the momentum of the boulder, but more often than not, some are able to temporarily slow it down.

Because most black people typically aren't engaged or aware of what is happening or about to happen to them, they rely on others to disseminate information to them to help them or protect them from the boulder.

Sadly, many of these 'elected people' disappoint them and appear to stop the boulder and protect them from being in harms' way.

What they don't see, however, is that those folks have gotten information from those that set the boulder in motion in the first place and are offered a deal to get out of the way and find a place that will protect them from hurt, harm or injury.

They tell you that they are doing what they do to help stop the boulder and subsequently help black people.

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But if you look a little bit closer, you may find that the plight of those in harms' way, become a means to increase their power, authority and status.

Black people need to wake up and realize that the answers to their problems and the course of their future, can't be left in the hands of those that know the boulder is coming down the hill, but would rather see you get rolled on to further their personal and business objectives.

You would be surprised, not only do many of the folks that you hear about everyday see the boulder coming down the hill; they just might be the very ones that released it.

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