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Building African Women's & Youth Movements and Forming International Sisterhood

The Relationship between the Unification of Africa and Self-Reliance

Self-reliance will play a major part in the total liberation and unification of Africa. Africa has everything that it needs for the unification of Africa; there is no need to beg anyone for anything. Because Africa has been dependent on aid from non Africans, in some cases we have lost confidence that our own labor can build a unified Africa and make Africa into a superpower. What we need to do is to examine how we made the United States of America into a superpower. We did this first of all through slavery. The labor from Africa provided the capital for the United States to be a capitalist country. The only thing that produces wealth is labor. It was the labor from Africa working without pay for nearly 400 years that made the United States wealthy. If the labor from Africa can make the United States wealthy, then the labor from Africa can certainly make Africa even wealthier. Now there are one billion people inside of Africa. With an awesome work ethic and serious organization there is no limit to what we can do.

The United States became a superpower after World War Two when it printed the money (because otherwise they did not have it) and loaned it to Europe in what was called the Marshall Plan. The Marshall Plan gave the United States the advantage over all the other capitalist countries. Europe paid back the United States for the Marshall Plan through the profits it got from the colonialization of Africa. So again Africa plays a major role in the United States becoming a superpower.

Then there is this trick called aid. We call it a trick because the people who are receiving the aid has to buy products from the country who is suppose to be giving the aid, and these countries overcharge so much that they end up getting a lot more money in the long term than they ever gave in terms of aid. For instance one of the popular aid tricks that capitalism is doing in Africa is called micro-credit. In a lot of cases the banks are making 15% profit off the people, who are receiving the aid, and the banks are making more money off poor Africans receiving this aid then they are people living in their own countries. Micro-credit is not a favor to the people receiving the aid but to the banks that are giving the so-called aid.

The problem with capitalism now is that the only real wealth comes from labor. There is 70 trillion dollars that labor produces all over the world. There is 700 trillion dollars in circulation so you have 630 trillion dollars that is fake money that is not backed by labor and this is a fundamental contradiction with the capitalist system. This is why capitalism needs things like war, drugs, and the stock market because they need ways to keep all the fake money circulating. And these are the people who we are begging for money.

One of the biggest negative effects of colonialism on Africa is that it left us with an inferiority complex. This is one reason that we lack confidence that we can build Africa. Colonialism and exploitation affected our consciousness in such a negative way that it has contributed to us thinking small and being petty.