

Rashaki Maskani Perspective

The American Dream

According to Oxford Languages the American Dream is “the ideal by which equality of opportunity is available to any American, allowing the highest aspirations and goals to be achieved”. Let’s focus on the phrase; “equality of opportunity is available to any American”. The statement is false because any wealthy person, usually a white individual is placed in a position of greater opportunity due to financial birth right of privilege. Most people of color are born into poverty, and only a few are able to mentally overcome psychological despair to achieve financial success. Those who do are immersed in an acculturated undignified value system that equates the personality of the oppressor White Supremacist. Next let’s focus on “allowing the highest aspirations and goals to be achieved”. False again, “allowing” is a group of individuals (White Supremacist Power Elite) who allow and to a certain extent. The people who control basically allow a person to achieve the amount of success and at any time can extract what they want, when they want, and can take it away all together. Examples would be people like actor comedian Bill Cosby.

According Investopedia, “Today's American Dream is being able to graduate from college with minimal debt, secure a job in your field that has benefits, be able to afford health care costs (while saving for retirement and paying down loans), and still live a comfortable life”. Let’s look at the phrase; “being able to graduate from college with minimal debt”. This is false, colleges are not affordable for most people and college loans keep graduates in debt. I’m not one hundred percent for sure but anyone who secures employment usually don’t have benefits provided by the employer. One main benefit is health care which is a provision based off of keeping people sick to further increase financial stability to individuals who care less about people’s health. Lastly, the phrase, “comfortable life”, in the so-called United States of America, who can truly be comfortable? Well I’m a descendant of African Slaves, I must use psychology to think I’m comfortable because anytime I step out my door I must be on alert for potential adversaries, especially the Police, who suppose to protect and serve the community.

The American Dream is a reality, a dream is not real, therefore the American Dream is what it is, a trick that the White Supremacist play on the minds of controlled entities!