

WAKE UP!!!!

Welcome to The Black Box News.

I'm Cyrah Ward.

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TBB News is a platform rooted in challenging the traditional functions of the black box in American Society and its interdependence on stereotypes to survive. I seek to dismantle racially influenced restrictions of the assimilated mind or what I call "box-like thinking". Through research triggered by my experiences as a black woman and performing artist I welcome you to a journey of busting the box.

Today's segment will put words to my frustrations as I process unexplainable events.

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"Your piercing gaze.
Makes my blood boil.
I feel so out of place."

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I recently found myself in a space where a white woman welcomed her thoughts to fall from her lips and say how amazed she was at how human Black people were. Amazed at just how familiar and relatable something as small as a get together was. She expressed being dumfounded that she had missed and desired this spectacle of Black people on her television set as she had only known Black people to be entertainers. In other words, she was only familiar with Black people when partaking in her entertainment consumption rituals.

Man (laughs), as I sat there listening to this soliloquy I grew silently angry and fearful to be quite honest. How in 2020 are there people willing to admit that they are still on their journey to seeing the humanity of black people without having to be invited into the comfort of our kitchens. It's terrifying to think that this state of mind is still a way of thinking that folks opt into. Why do you have to come to my home and see my family to know that we commune just like you? Why do I have to prove myself to you just so that you will throw me your crumbs of equality? Why do you assume my humanity is even questionable if you are not given the privilege to witness it with your own eyes as if Black people are mythological creatures who only come out every so many years?

Wakee up! If you still think Black people are mythological creatures and subhuman you are the reason why we live in a world where the dry walls in an apartment are given more compassion and justice than the bodies killed and threatened within those walls. How despicable can these Divided States of America be that walls have more access to a fair and equal trial than a Black woman whose life was taken!

Breonna Taylor was not only shot in her own home. Breonna Taylor was shot in her own bed and folks are still out here denying Black folks their right to be human!!!! It don't get more human than sleeping in your bed after a long day of work.

I am tired and fed up quite frankly of the voluntary ignorance of some people. Access to the news alone should shed some light on the injustices happening to Black bodies despite compliance with the law. But also I'm tired of how White supremacy gate keeps who has access to humanity. Not to mention, White Supremacy single handedly strips othered people of their very rights supposedly created to protect them! I mean really every day I wake up thinking, "wow I wonder what's next". Black people are being slaughtered and the first question folks ask is, "well what did they do to deserve it?" As if committing any crime let alone a petty crime or better yet no crime at all warrants the impulsive taking of someone's life.

And don't get me started on mammy culture! Folks want to be mammied through their journey into "antiracist" work. Yet these same people, look to mutate any black person willing into a specimen underneath a scope probed to deliver their daily dosage of black trauma porn.

Your moral obligation to see to it that the war on racism is won, should not be tethered to your very own witnessing of the "suffering Black body". Your moral obligation to critique and dismantle systemic racist structures should not depend on whether you witness the spectacle of the Black dying body. To make such witnessing a requirement to answer your call to action is to normalize Black pain and death.

We need more than performative allyship because looking to Black people as your Moses to guide you to the land of activism isn't the way to go. Looking to your Black friends for a racism 101 course whenever you call on them to be thee voice isn't the way to go. It feels like every day that history is forgotten. But allow me to remind you. The concept of race was not constructed by my ancestor. So why have we been appointed the task to solve and dismantle these issues on our own?

We will never heal the wounds of good ole Amerika until not just some but all White people realize this war on race is their problem too! And yes this include folks who have come to be called white as well. Without accepting your ancestor's history and hand in the construction of racism while also accepting how you too benefit from and perpetuate racism and racist structures – we will continue to never wake up and every day we'll replaying the same narrative and traumatic events over and over and over and over and over and over again.

How many lives have to be lost until it is realized that this simply can't go on any longer. What will it take for this world we live in to see that black people are not a threat and should not be feared!? What will it take for this world we live in to see how much is to be gained from the protection of black lives? What will it take to matter?

Now I want you to ask yourself... have you checked outside the box?

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(Theme music plays)

"Cause I'm not hidin anymore.
See I have got a reason to be."

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Thank you so much for listening. Our Vibes is a song called The Table provided by April+Vista.

If you feelin so called. Gone head and let the Lord use ya. Support TBB News by tapping the links in my description.

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(Theme music plays)

“You won’t ever get ahold of me.
And though you keep me from the table
When company comes knockin...”

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I’m Cyrah Ward.

Artist.

Black Woman.

Griot.

Yall stay blessed now!

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“One things for sure
There is nothing you can do to starve my soul
To starve my soul”

