

so many things are denied to us as a people, I can see probably to a greater extent the value of learning things that a lot of you sitting in here where to get ahead all you have to be is white. There are not black people who could say, I got me a trucking company or I got these loans and I am as ignorant as a fence post. What happens to us is we go there and lay out all of our degrees and they tell us, you have to pass a happiness test. With all of your qualifications you wouldn't be happy here so you can't get the job. Well, the reason we went to school was because we went there and saw white people without education getting the jobs and when we tried with the same lack of education they said, you are not qualified. So then we got what they told us was qualification and now we are overqualified. The fact is that when you are black you are not going to have opportunities in this country that are offered to other people. That is what makes it so difficult for us to continue telling our children, go to school, learn something, try to improve your mind. And they ask us, why? And it is difficult to give them an answer other than to say that some day an opportunity may come and should it present itself, be ready and make them tell you you can't have the job because you are black. And then they ask us a very appropriate follow-up question. If they are going to tell me I can't get the job, why do I have to go to school and get all these degrees so they can give me a different reason than they gave everybody else for not giving me the job and I am in the same condition as everybody else except it is worse now because I know what they have done to me. I know that I am able to do the job. I know that I ought to have it. And you produce bitter people. Ignorance is going to produce a bitter crop in this country and as more and more areas of the economy falter and you have ignorant white people from the farm competing with ignorant people in the city for the same job, you are going to have ignorance clashing with ignorance and nobody is going to be able to tell these people, you all sit down and talk this thing out. They are going to say, talking it out is not what got us here. How can you appeal to somebody if they don't have the wherewithal to understand the appeal and where are they going to learn if they can't go to the schools that we have set up supposedly for the purposes of education? We all know that you don't get a lot of times as much as you pay for and you are certainly not going to get more than what you pay for. So if you look at these studies and see the amount it is going to take to offer somewhat of a decent