

## "Bridging the Gap!"

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It should come as no secret that the African American community is faced with a divide generationally and across multicultural lines. Some would suggest the writing has been on the wall for a number of decades. Many argue that as a people we have simply fallen asleep and are slowly awakening to a painful reality that we have lost valuable ground. Even in the midst of a so called "post-racial" society there are mixed views between the young and the old on how best to move our communities forward. We have exhausted the airways with debates ranging from hip-hop, do we need black history month, inequities in the judicial system to the expectations of our first African American President and what that means. In the midst of the great debate we also find that Hispanics and Asians are surpassing African Americans educationally, economically and politically. I would like to present a slide show presentation entitled "bridging the gap" and challenge us of ways in which we must strategically re-think and re-connect with each other and other cultures both educationally and politically and realized it is all intertwined with the state of our culture.

My powerpoint presentation will take us through a brief history and comparison of the evolution of individuals ranging from civil rights to hip hop icons to natural disaster factors shaping our culture.