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Barack Obama, it's time for black Americans to vote outside the box", *The Daily Telegraph*, November 8,

2016

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CNN, September 17, 2016

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Compte tenu des caractéristiques de ce dossier et des différentes possibilités d'exploitation qu'il offre, vous indiquerez à quel niveau d'apprentissage vous pourriez le destiner et quels objectifs vous vous fixeriez. Vous présenterez et justifierez votre démarche pour atteindre ces objectifs.

Document 1: Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between The World And Me*, 2015, pp. 10-12

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That Sunday, with that host, on that news show, I tried to explain this as best I could within the time allotted. But at the end of the segment, the host flashed a widely shared picture of an eleven-year-old black boy tearfully hugging a white police officer. Then she asked me about "hope." And I knew then that I had failed. And I remembered that I had expected to fail. And I wondered again at the indistinct sadness welling up in me. Why exactly was I sad? I came out of the studio and walked for a while. It was a calm December day. Families, believing themselves white, were out on the streets. Infants, raised to be white, were bundled in strollers. And I was sad for these people, much as I was sad for the host and sad for all the people out there watching and reveling in a specious hope. I realized then why I was sad. When the journalist asked me about my body, it was like she was asking me to awaken her from the most gorgeous dream. I have seen that dream all my life. It is perfect houses with nice lawns. It is Memorial Day cookouts, block associations, and driveways. The Dream is treehouses and the Cub Scouts. The Dream smells like peppermint but tastes like strawberry shortcake. And for so long I have wanted to escape into the Dream, to fold my country over my head like a blanket. But this has never been an option because the Dream rests on our backs, the bedding made from our bodies. And knowing this, knowing that the Dream persists by warring with the known world, I was sad for the host, I was sad for all those families, I was sad for my country, but above all, in that moment, I was sad for you.

That was the week you learned that the killers of Michael Brown would go free. The men who had left his body in the street like some awesome declaration of their inviolable power would never be punished. It was not my expectation that anyone would ever be punished. But you were young and still believed. You stayed up till 11 P.M. that night, waiting for the announcement of an indictment, and when instead it was announced that there was none you said, "I've got to go," and you went into your room, and I heard you crying. I came in five minutes after, and I didn't hug you, and I didn't comfort you, because I thought it would be wrong to comfort you. I did not tell you that it would be okay, because I have never believed it would be okay. What I told you is what your grandparents tried to tell me: that this is your country, that this is your world, that this is your body, and you must find some way to live within the all of it. I tell you now that the question of how one should live within a black body, within a country lost in the Dream, is the question of my life, and the pursuit of this question, I have found, ultimately answers itself.

Document 2: Raynard Jackson, "After the massive disappointment of Barack Obama, it's time for black Americans to vote outside of the box", *The Daily Telegraph*, November 8, 2016

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After the massive disappointment of Barack Obama, it's time for black Americans to vote outside of the box

In 2008, 96 per cent of black Americans voted for Barack Obama; in 2012, 94 percent of us did. We have been his most loyal constituency. As a prominent black Republican, even I voted for Obama in 2008, partly because of the historical significance of his candidacy, but also because I believed he had a better programme than John McCain and Sarah Palin.

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What a disappointment the past eight years have been! Despite Obama's mantra of "Hope" when he first ran for President, on any objective measure, blacks have fared poorly.

The black poverty rate was 25.8 per cent in 2009 and had climbed to 27.2 per cent five years later, according to the Pew Research Center. The earnings gap between blacks and whites is wider than it was in 1979, according to the Economic Policy Institute. As median incomes rose with the recovery last year, they went up more slowly for black people.

Black liberal organizations and individuals have begun to criticize Obama publicly. "Black America remains in crisis when it comes to jobs and the economy... Black unemployment is twice that of white unemployment. Wages are stagnant. Many people who are working are simply not earning what they need or should earn to make ends meet" said Marc Morial, director of liberal black think tank The National Urban League in its 2015 State of Black America report.

Meanwhile the 30 US cities with the highest murder rate strongly correlate with those with near-to-majority black populations, run by liberal Democratic mayors in Obama's mould. This is in the context of an uptick in murders last year, the biggest single-year percentage jump since 1971, concentrated in just ten big cities. Obama's liberal policies have only exacerbated the problems these areas face.

In his home town of Chicago, the most racially segregated city in America, the number of shootings until the end of September this year was already 10 per cent higher than for the whole of 2015, following a 13 per cent increase in shooting incidents and a 12.5 per cent increase in the number of murders in 2015 on the previous year.

- "I'm not the president of black America" Obama told an interviewer in 2012, in response to criticism that he had not done enough to support black businesses.
- Yet he has done so much to support America's gay community for example, by signing executive orders to allow homosexual couples to receive social security benefits that have historically been reserved for those in traditional marriages that in 2012 *Newsweek* magazine dubbed him "The First Gay President".
- And by signing executive orders to allow those in the country illegally to stay indefinitely and giving them the legal right to work despite not being US citizens, he has become a hero to many Latinos.
 - "When I reflect on the breadth and depth of what he has done for Latinos, it really makes him, in my mind, and in the minds of so many others, the
- 45 first Latino president," his Labour Secretary Tom Perez was quoted saying by Politico.com.
 - If I hear one more black person tell me that Obama cannot do anything to address the specific concerns of the black community because he doesn't want it to appear like he's doing special favours, I am going to scream.

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Document 3: Report, "Colin Kaepernick creates friction in hometown", CNN, September 17, 2016

Document vidéo (2'11") à consulter sur la tablette multimédia fournie.

Document 4: Cover of Time magazine, May 11, 2015

Document également consultable sur la tablette multimédia fournie.

