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## Greetings!

We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.  
This War on Oppression will only be won as one  
mass movement.

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## Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

## Spotlight

### *Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey*



**Writer-Director David Talbert**

**Producers: John Legend, Lyn Sisson-Talbert**

**David E. Talbert, Kristin Burr, Mike Jackson, David McIlvain**

**By DonnaMarie Woodson**

## *Discover a World of Wishes and Wonder*

[Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey](#) comes from writer-director David Talbert. The movie tells the story of the gloriously vibrant town of



Cobbleton, where legendary toymaker Jeronicus Jangle ([Forest Whitaker](#)) lives. His fanciful inventions burst with whimsy and wonder. But, after suffering personal loss, Jeronicus must rediscover his joy from his equally bright and inventive

granddaughter Journey (Madalen Mills).

Originally, I wasn't going to write about Jingle Jangle because I thought Christmas is over so it wouldn't be topical. Boy was I wrong! This movie is just the spark we need to leave 2020 behind and believe again as we journey into 2021.



I know many of us have felt the loss of belief and joy, locking away our feelings to avoid any more pain. Jingle Jangle opened my eyes and made me remember the happiness and love that comes with believing. We can't live in the past because if we do, we'll miss the wonder

of the present moment.

The heart and spirit of a child is so magical that it can reach deep inside our hearts and revive the spark that makes anything possible.

2020 was the grown-up Jeronicus, filled with pain, anger, and disbelief that anything could possibly be joyous again. 2021 represents his granddaughter, Journey, full of exuberance and faith that all things are possible.

Thank you, Journey for opening my eyes to how I've been viewing the world these past 4 years, and the stress and gloom that has filled my heart with doubt that joy would be possible again.



Forest Whitaker (Jeronicus Jangle)

Cheers to 2021 and genuine belief that yes, "Everything is Possible!"



Written and directed by David E. Talbert. Choreographed by Ashley Wallen, it stars Forest Whitaker, Keegan-Michael Key, Hugh Bonneville, Anika Noni Rose, Phylicia Rashad, Lisa Davina Phillip, Ricky Martin, and introduces Madalen Mills.

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## Editorial

# Taking the Vaccine: Why Black People have Trust Issues with American Medicine

By

Tarik Kiley

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020



So, the COVID-19 vaccine is out and in the process of being distributed. This is fundamentally a good thing. Maybe, when we all get vaccinated, we can return to a normal

social life? I truly hope that we can beat this virus. But, at the same time I have heard skepticism from some people. They do not trust



the vaccine. Why wouldn't everyone want to take the vaccine? I know I want to take the vaccine. Well, some have pointed out the history of racism in American medicine. And, when I think about it, I can remember from history class as a child, learning about

the [Tuskegee Syphilis Study](#) that involved African Americans.



But the worst part of racism in medicine was the medical philosophy called eugenics. According to History.com, “Eugenics [was] the practice or advocacy of improving the human species by selectively mating people

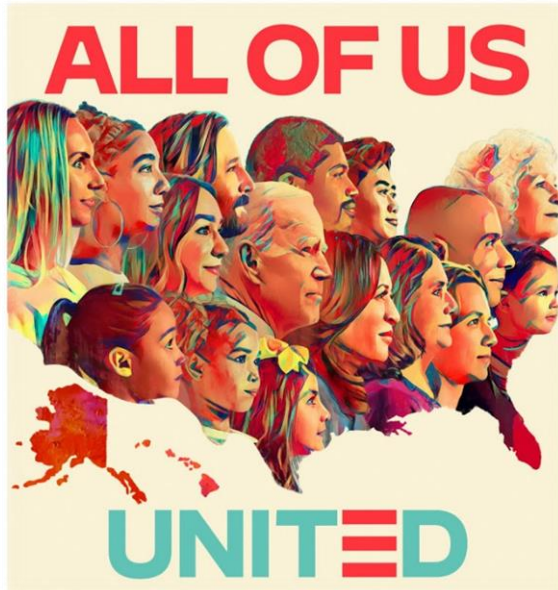
with specific desirable hereditary traits. It aims[ed] to reduce human suffering by “breeding out” disease, disabilities, and so-called undesirable characteristics from the human population.

Early supporters of eugenics believed people inherited mental illness, criminal tendencies and even poverty, and that these conditions could be bred out of the gene pool.” This medical philosophy was particularly dangerous, in that certain genetic traits were considered more desirable than others. So, for racists the hope and goal were to breed out other races. This was the case with Adolph Hitler’s concept of the master race—breeding out non-Aryans from the gene pool.

Of course, this was a horrendous idea. And I speak of eugenics in the past tense because the hope is that this type of medical racism is no longer accepted, and that no one would seriously consider genetic engineering as a viable concept.



Approximately half of President-elect Joe Biden's transition team consist of people of color.



Forty-six percent of the transition staff are people of color with forty-one percent of the senior staff being people of color, according to CNN. This fact, in addition to the fact that he chose Kamala Harris, who is Black and South Asian, to be his running mate as Vice-President demonstrates a significant move in political philosophy

away from the racism of former President Donald Trump.

Still, some of us are afraid of being guinea pigs. The fear is that there is some sort of catch, and that White doctors may not mean well. I do not know whether that is true or not, but I understand



A doctor draws blood from Tuskegee test subject.

the fear. As aforementioned, the [Tuskegee Syphilis Study](#) is a poignant example of this fear of medical racism. This study was particularly egregious and unethical because there was no informed consent for the study.

Still, while there is understandable fear regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, perhaps it will ease minds to know that a Black woman is instrumental in its development?

ABC 7 Eyewitness News, notes that Dr. [Kizzmekia Corbett](#), a



research fellow and scientific lead at the National Institute of Health, is on the frontlines working with a team of scientists, studying Moderna's vaccine, one of the two COVID-19 vaccines shown to be effective by more than 90 percent.” So, if we do not trust White medical doctors because of past medical

racism, perhaps Dr. Corbett’s involvement is evidence of a new era? We can only wait and see.

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# Announcements



## Virtual Swearing In Ceremony

### Representative-Elect Terry Brown

Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 11:30 AM EST

Facebook Live

## N. Meck Democrats Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 PM

Zoom

## Legislative Agenda Presentation to

### Mecklenburg Delegation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 AT 3 PM EST

Facebook Live

## N. Meck Progressives Dinner

Monday, January 11th at 6:30 PM

Zoom

# Announcements



## The 59th Presidential Inauguration of Joe Biden & Kamala Harris

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 AT  
12 PM EST – 6 PM EST

Anyone on or off Facebook

## Alma Adams' Virtual State of the District Address

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021, 6 PM  
Anyone on or off Facebook



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