



The Black Track

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SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP STARTS WITH BLACK WOMEN

Acknowledge the multiple ways Black women have provided great leadership.

Black women constantly provide resilient captivating leadership that helps to move forward the individuals they lead. Their leadership has had long standing effects on the way we navigate the world today. If you're looking to be a great leader, consider the standard that Black women set in the multiple industries in which they lead.

Black women have been pivotal in leading the way for centuries. Even through the most adverse times, and without minimal to no resources. Black women have created innovative ways to provide leadership. Some of the most prominent historical moments that Black women led are:

- The women's suffrage movement.
- Organization of freedom fighters.
- Constitutional protection against sex discrimination.
- Most consistent voting lock in the US to stand up for the rights of marginalized people.

Black women have a deep understanding of the relational nature of freedom because they sit in multiple intersects of targeted oppression. Being able to navigate these aspects are a show of the phenomenal power that Black women inherit. It also explains the power of their success in leadership. Black women's leadership is deeper than their strength and perseverance. It's about their ability consistently fight and persevere in the face of adversity. Going against the grain and creating amazing opportunities out of nothing.

Consider the resilience of Black women in leadership and what they've done to create opportunities. Celebrate the Black women leaders that are paving the way for future generations. Be an advocate for Black women in spaces that are created to oppress them and watch as they continue to shine a light on the different industries in which they lead. Think about what Black women have shown leadership strategies and characteristics that you can adopt and implement in your own life.



"Success isn't about how much money you make. It's about the difference you make in people's lives

– Michelle Obama