



## Soulville Census



*The purpose of this study is to document the changing makeup of the black population in the USA - and - changes in the way blacks who were brought to the USA via slavery view the world as a result of having their first black president. The results of this survey will be available online via [www.aishacousins.com](http://www.aishacousins.com) so that future generations of black Americans can better understand what it was like to live during this historic time period.*

*Thank you in advance for your participation!*

### BASIC INFO

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Yes, it is ok to contact me by email if the census loggers need to clarify my answers

**Name**

**Year of birth**

**Gender (Please circle one):** Female      Male      Transgender      None of our business

**Email**

(We want to tell you how the survey turns out):

- Please send me**
- Soulville Census results
  - info on how I can help with the Soulville Census
  - info on aishacousins.com's other art projects

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1. Did you choose: "Black" on the 2010 US census?     Yes       No

2. How did you feel about the use of the word "Negro" on the 2010 US census?

- I was offended and I refused to take the 2010 US Census because of it.
- I was offended, but I or someone in my household completed the 2010 US Census anyways.
- I saw it, but was not offended.
- I didn't notice it.



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### CHANGES IN THE CULTURAL MAKEUP OF THE USA'S BLACK POPULATION

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3. How did the black people in your family first come to the USA? (please check all that apply)

- via slavery
- by choice from these countries: \_\_\_\_\_ please list decades if you know them


We came here another way (Please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

4. What do you call: (Please check all that apply)	AFRO-AMERICAN	AFRICAN	AFRICAN-AMERICAN	BLACK	BLACK AMERICAN	CARIBBEAN	CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN	COLORED	NEGRO	BY SPECIFIC COUNTRY (for example, KENYAN)	BY SPECIFIC CULTURAL GROUP OR TRIBE (for example LUO)	OTHER (Please write below):
Yourself												
Barack Obama												
Michelle Obama												
Sasha Obama												
Malia Obama												
Patsey (Lupita Nyong'o's character in the movie <b>12 Years a Slave</b> )												
Lupita Nyong'o												



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Let's say Patsey's family was Luo, at what point in her family tree do you think Patsey's descendants stopped being Luo and started being a new hybrid black culture unique to North America?

In what situations do you believe it is important for people to recognize that President Obama and Lupita's families are Luo?

In what situations is it important for President Obama and Lupita to call themselves black or some label that makes them seem connected to other black people across the USA?

## CHANGES IN HOW BLACKS TRANSPLANTED TO NORTH AMERICA VIA SLAVERY VIEW THE WORLD AS A RESULT OF HAVING THEIR 1ST BLACK PRESIDENT

	YES	NO	DON'T REMEMBER
5 Did you believe Shirley Chisholm might win the presidency in 1972?			
6. Did you believe Jesse Jackson might win the presidency in 1984?			
7. Did you believe Jesse Jackson might win the presidency in 1988?			
8. Did you believe Barack Obama might win the presidency in 2008?			
Were you excited about having a black candidate for US president?			
Do you believe he would have won if the black folks in his family had been form the Caribbean (like Shirley Chisholm's family) or brought to the US via slavery (like Jessee Jackon's family)?			
9. Did you believe Barack Obama might win the presidency in 2012?			
Were you excited about having a black candidate for US president?			
Do you believe he would have won if the black folks in his family had been form the Caribbean (like Shirley Chisholm's family) or brought to the US via slavery (like Jessee Jackon's family)?			



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	COMPLETELY	A LOT	SOMEWHAT	NOT MUCH	NOT AT ALL
10. How much do you believe having Barack, Michelle, Sasha, and Malia Obama in the White House has improved:					
The things other black people believe you can accomplish?					
The things people who are not black believe you can accomplish?					
The things you believe you can accomplish?					
11. Do you believe the above improvements from question #10 will continue after Barack, Michelle, Sacha and Malia are no longer in the White House?					

12. If we had asked you the questions above in 2009, would any of your answers have been different? If so which ones and why?

13. Was there anything you hoped would happen as a result of having a black president that has not happened?

14. Were there any unexpected negative things that have happened as a result of having a first black president?

15. Were there any unexpected positive things that have happened as a result of having a first black president?

16. (optional) Can you think of any community groups or businesses that might be interested in supporting the Soulville Census so we can reach more people?