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24 March Summary Du Bois is conscious of the fact that many a people of different color perceive him as a problem but they are hypocritical, as he supposes, by their cowardice to tell it straight at his face. He notes of the first experience he had, which made him realize of the difference between those like him, and those of a different color. It is evident that he is pissed by the fact that blacks are regarded as outcasts, yet branded citizens of the USA. What bothers him most is the double-consciousness aspect where blacks have to look at themselves through the opinions of people of a different color (Du Bois 262). It is the will of the blacks, or Negroes to achieve their true self. He draws inspiration from stories of black men who achieved great things such as the story of Ethiopia the Shadowy (Du Bois 263). Nevertheless, the plight of blacks in America, he notes, is one filled with weakness. The time since when the blacks fought for emancipation and liberty from bondage is long gone. However, the same problem continues to eat into the society years later as he says that the country knows no peace yet from the atrocities and the freedman, the Negroes, are not yet free. The story of freedom is given from the first revolution in 1876, to the revolution of learned and intelligent blacks that led them to the so called Canaan (Du Bois 263). Throughout the years of struggle, he notes of the struggles, the defilement of black women, and the near crushing of the Negro family setting by the whites (Du Bois 263). Hence, Du Bois argues that Negroes should be allowed to digest the experiences and think through their own social issues. He asserts that the prejudice leveled against Negroes is wrong as it brings about self-mocking and questioning along with belittlement of great ideas (Du Bois 264). The result, faith filled with doubt, inspiration with questionings, and the ideals of the revolution have drifted away. What is the

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solution? Du Bois suggests the power in voting. More training in educational institutions in regard to race and its negativities. All these coupled with the strive for more freedom along with unity in work, liberty and culture (Du Bois 265). All in all, he concludes that America will be better off by accepting and embracing blacks and their ideas.

Work Cited

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