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Research Questions
1. Over 100 Years after Du Bois’ lamentation at the impossibility of being Black and American Is it Still Impossible to Be Black and American?
2. What does Bill Clinton’s Mason Temple speech reveal about the precarious position of Black people in the 21st century?
3. What role did the rhetorical public play in the passage of the 1994 Crime Bill?

Method
Rhetorical ideographic criticism of Bill Clinton’s speeches.

Findings
1. Yes, because white people are invested with authority to define what it means to be Black and to be American it is still impossible to be Black and American.
2. Clinton’s Mason Temple speech reveals that in the 21st century Black people are called upon to sacrifice more than others.
3. The Rhetorical public vested Bill Clinton with the authority to sacrifice marginalized, specifically Black, populations.

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