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**(OPINION)** - Ever since Donald Trump got on an international stage and told everyone that immigrants are taking "Black jobs," the Black delegation has spent a great amount of time ruminating over just what exactly these Black jobs are.

Are there actually jobs in this country that only belong to Black people, and should we be fearful that immigrants will come and take those jobs from us?

Over the weekend, I reached out to my colleagues Michael Harriot (a brilliant writer and economist) and Panama Jackson (THEE Black cultural connoisseur), and we had a meeting to discuss which jobs are actually Black jobs that only Black people can do.

We did this as a service to Black people because we don't want y'all out here worrying about someone coming to take your spot in something that rightfully belongs to you.

We came up with a list of Black-ass jobs that only Black people can do, and I present them to you now.

Read over the qualifications below, apply for the jobs you want, and secure your spot so that no one else can take it away from you.

#### **Popeyes worker**

Let's start with one of the Blackest Black jobs ever. You have to be Black to work at a

# Here is a list of 'Black jobs' you probably qualify for right now



**During the debate, Donald Trump said immigrants are taking "Black jobs." Here's a list of jobs they definitely can't take from us. Shade-tree mechanic (Adobe Stock Images)**

Popeyes because most Popeyes locations are in non-gentrified neighborhoods, and it takes one of us to deal with the rest of us when people get attitudes about chicken pieces, red beans and rice, biscuits that can kill you, and things of that nature.

You have to be Black with the right amount of hood attitude to have this job, and it's probably better if you know how to fight.

#### **Shade-tree mechanics**

You know how when something breaks down on your car on a Friday, and the shop tells you it's going to cost an amount of money you cannot possibly come up with before it's time for you to go back to work on Monday, and you complain to your granny, and she tells you Leon up the street can get that fixed for you for the smooth price of \$50, a pack of Newports, and an eighth of weed?

He can only be a Black man. And yes, we know there are shade tree mechanics of all col-

ors, but honestly, who are you going to trust the most?

Exactly.

#### **Candy lady**

Ain't nobody Black letting their kids buy or eat treats from anyone other than a Black lady in the neighborhood that everybody knows.

No, I will not elaborate.

#### **Sassy customer service worker**

The sassy customer service worker is different from those other customer service workers because you got about two times to say something slick to her before she forgets she's at her job and not outside on the street with you, and to be honest, some of y'all need that because you be talking to people crazy and going too far.

#### **Black guy who dies first in a horror movie**

If I have to explain this to you, you not like us.

#### **The "affirmative action" or "DEI" hire**

Sure, you got this job on your own merits,

but white people will never believe that. You symbolize everything they hate. You know what you're doing, and you're good at your job, but they will continue to seek to diminish you because it bothers them that you are there.

#### **"Black Identity Extremist"**

No, you don't exist, but the FBI thinks you do, and apparently, the only qualification for this job is to be unapologetically Black. You're doing amazing, sweetie.

#### **Online university promotional figure**

Master P's son Romeo shouldn't get all the shine here. Since schools like ICDC and Everest College are obviously targeting people who look like us, the spokespeople should look like us too.

#### **Lady who "sells plates"**

If you can make a mean pan of macaroni and cheese and everyone raves about your greens and potato salad, you can have this job. Bonus points if you put your plates in those di-

vided styrofoam containers and sell them out of your trunk next to the liquor store.

#### **Head usher**

To be clear, white churches probably have ushers, but there's no hierarchy in their usher system the way there is in Black churches.

#### **Hype man**

There are white rappers, but have you ever seen a white hype man?

#### **Anyone who's just called "reverend"**

This also doesn't need an explanation. Related: Are there white assistant pastors?

#### **Hustler**

Let's be clear: white people work and get paid. Black people hustle and get money. It's a difference.

#### **Postal workers**

Seriously. The US Postal service is technically a corporation, and it's literally the largest employer of Black people in the U.S.

#### **Barbers**

To be clear, white men go to the salon; Black men go to the barbershop. When we say "barber" or "barber-

shop," we are speaking specifically to the Black institution where Black men go for grooming and gossip.

#### **Watermelon man**

Keep it real. When it's watermelon season, you looking for that Black man selling them out of the back of his pickup truck on the side of the road.

If you aren't looking for the Black man, you must not really like watermelon.

#### **Kardashian baby daddy**

The only way to qualify to impregnate one of the Kardashians is to be Black. The only one with white children is Kourtney, and it seems wholly intentional on her part, but the rest of them truly believe "if it's white, it ain't right."

Additionally, here are some footnotes with other options you may consider.

- Potato salad maker: I'mma only eat potato salad if somebody Black made it. You should do what I do.

- Kool-Aid maker: related to the above, Black people make the best Kool-Aid. Sure, it will probably give you an insane sugar high, but does it even taste good if there's not an entire bag of C&H in it?

- Bootleg man: the bootleg man has to be Black because only a Black man is brave enough to travel the streets carrying bootleg DVDs of movies currently in theaters with no fear of reprisal.

- Nurses can be any race, but ALL nursing students are Black

- It should be noted that white people are cosmetologists, nail techs, and comedians. Black people do hair, do nails and do comedy.

I hope this list was helpful. Let me know if we forgot anything.

## UT Adds Longhorn Excellence to the Southeastern Conference

**(UT NEWS)** - The University of Texas at Austin has entered a new era of athletic competition today by officially joining the Southeastern Conference. More than a dozen universities have transitioned to new conferences in this year's realignment, with UT and the University of Oklahoma becoming the 15th and 16th members of the SEC.

UT's membership in the SEC places the Longhorns in the highest echelon of collegiate competition, and the University's presence in the SEC adds even more world-class academics –

joining four other Association of American Universities institutions – and all-around athletic success to the conference.

"Our outstanding student athletes and coaches have earned the right to compete on the biggest stage in college sports, the SEC. But this transition is about more than just sports," said President Jay Hartzell. "Our University provides elite academic programs on a vibrant campus in the heart of a dynamic city, and this move will introduce new audiences to our unique story and the impact



that UT is having on the world. The excitement of SEC athletics will enhance the student experience and attract more top talent — students, faculty, and staff — to the Forty Acres. I am grateful to Chairman Kevin Eltife and Commissioner Greg Sankey for making this happen, and to our Athletic Director, Chris Del Conte, for his vision of the future for Texas Athletics."

In addition to bringing the Longhorns' 140-year winning tradition to the SEC, UT will also contribute standout achievements like the conference's greatest number of Olympic medals (156) and National Championships (66), the most Nobel Prize laureates and startup founders, and the conference's only LEARFIELD Directors' Cups — the award rec-

ognizing the country's best all-around athletics program. UT snapped Stanford University's 25-year streak with its first trophy in 2020-21 and has won three of the last four Directors' Cups.

UT joins the SEC after 28 seasons in the Big 12 Conference, of which it was a charter member. The Longhorns' final year in the Big 12 was one for the history books, with NCAA

Championships in volleyball and rowing and runner-up finishes for women's swimming and diving, men's tennis and softball, as well as a semifinals playoff appearance for football and an Elite Eight run for women's basketball. Across all sports, UT achieved eight top-five team finishes, a dozen top-10s and a Big 12-record 15 Championships in 2023-24.