Black Women Best

Black women's labor is central to everything: from the national economic and political sphere, to what's happening within our own communities and families. But Black women are almost never centered in any of these contexts. It was against this backdrop that Janelle Jones, the US Department of Labor's first Black woman Chief Economist, coined the term "Black Women Best" (BWB) and helped develop an economic framework to center Black women in policymaking — and strengthen collective prosperity and wellbeing in the process.

This spring, we partnered with the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls (CCBW) to publish An Economy for All: Building a Black Women Best Legislative Agenda and the accompanying BWB Seal of Approval Scorecard. These resources demonstrate a visionary, radical, and pragmatic policy agenda — and help put policymakers, organizers, and advocates on the path to actualized equity and liberation through efforts like guaranteeing income and valuing carework.

This project is just the beginning. We're committed to continuing to push the Black Women Best approach to the forefront of policy and activism conversations for years to come. Here's the latest:

The Importance of Confirming Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
At the height of the fight to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to SCOTUS, Solana partnered with Inequality Media to produce a video using the BWB framework to explain the necessity of confirming a Black woman justice who will interpret the law in ways that are truly just.

Testimony on the Abolition of Racist Overdraft Fees
Jeremie justified before the House Committee on Financial Services, arguing for the abolition of racist overdraft fees and other "junk fees" that extract wealth from Black women, our families, and our communities.

New Black Women Best House Resolution
LibGen endorsed the Black Women Best House Resolution, introduced by the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls (CCBW) co-leads on the heels of Judge Jackson’s confirmation.

Newest Op-Ed: Center Black Women Organizers in Anti-Monopoly Activism
And the newest op-ed in our #HearUs4Justice series, penned by LibGen Comms Director Kendra Bozarth, calls on the anti-monopoly movement to take their lead from Black women organizers and adopt the BWB framework.

Stay tuned on Twitter for much more to come from LibGen and many others on Black Women Best.

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