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As we are less than 100 days to the November presidential election, probably the most important in the history of the United States, the Black community cannot afford to get caught up in entertaining foolish rhetoric and semantics.

In a recent interview with Black Enterprise Magazine, President Barack Obama is quoted saying, “I am not the president of Black America,” when asked how he responds to criticism that his administration hasn’t done enough to support Black businesses.

Immediately, some took to their soapboxes and decried him for even daring to articulate those words.

We can’t afford to nitpick everything he says.

No, Obama is not the president of Black America. He is the president of the United States of America, which encompasses a number of ethnic and special interest groups. And, yes, some have gotten their way with the president. At the same time, Obama has pushed for legislation that either directly or indirectly has major impact on the Black community, such as the HBCU funding without too much of a demand from us.

By forcing insurance companies to accept individuals with pre-existing conditions and Blacks leading in nearly every chronic-disease category, Obamacare will help a number of Blacks as well.

Some say he has failed to pander to the Black community as a voting block the same way he has for the Hispanic or Gay community… But, we ask, have the Black community organized and forced him to cater to our demands?

With Mitt Romney finally selecting a running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, we need to make sure our voter registration is in order, know the new voting guidelines, and get out in numbers to vote Obama back into office. And, if we feel like there's something more he should be doing for us, band together and hold his feet to the fire.

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It doesn't make sense to sit around all day and create list of what he hasn't done, or who he has done something for if we're still going to cast our vote for him. In doing so, the concern is that if we continue to hear the message of what he hasn't done, too many may feel compelled to not come out and vote at all. And, we certainly can't afford that to happen.