

Dr. Mikhail Vishnevkiy's article, "On the Influence of the African-Americans on the U.S. Policy toward Africa", provides a brief historical survey of the impact of African Americans on United States Policy towards Africa from the period of the Civil War to the present. It also examines the promotion of the African American trade and economic relations with some African countries like Ghana and South Africa. The author considers the possibility of reparations and the future role of African Americans in influencing U.S. policies toward Africa as they unfolded at the 2001 UN Conference in Durban, South Africa. According to the author, the former colonial powers and the US Administration were able to avoid any decisions on these critical issues because of the disunity of the African and African Diaspora delegates. Nevertheless, he strongly believes that the "Black Capitalism of African Americans in the US" is enhancing the political resources of African Americans, which in turn, could have a positive future economic impact on Africa.