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Extra Credit

The Legacy of Professor Rod Bush

Dr. Bush was a radical educator whose elements of pedagogy reflected transformative education. Much his work centered around seeking egalitarian transformation of the capitalist system. He analyzed social movements, forms and expressions of black nationalism and power. He researched people formation, class formation, and studied much of W.E.B Dubois's work. Additionally, he studied Immanuel Wallerstein's work regarding World System's Theory resulting in him developing an international critique of systemic oppression.

As an educator he expressed that it was his moral authority to ensure moral development in his students. He believed that if those being educated were able to feel the importance of what was being taught, it would lead students to develop their own perspectives on social injustices and would provoke them to take action. With that being said, Dr. Bush specifically stressed the vitality of educating the black scholar. He conceptualized that black communities are unknowledgeable regarding the obscure injustices that they undergo. As a result, it is the duty of the black scholar to communicate with blacks about their experiences and how the structural order of systems and institutions play a role in their experiences.

In conclusion, we can honor Dr. Bush's legacy by developing our own perspectives on the social injustices happening in the world. Furthermore, we can take our education received and share it with our communities alongside taking the necessary action to fight against the injustices that plague our communities and society. Last but not least, we can model his love for people, which is what gives us the drive and burning desire to fight for people and stand against injustice.