



Zaki Baruti

*Born September 27, 1947 Birthplace-Aberdeen, Mississippi, Given Name-Lavoy Reed
(Adopted Cultural Name Zaki Baruti in 1980) Raised in East St. Louis, IL
Parents-Columbus and Ann Reed, Oldest of 10
*Graduated from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (Major-History/Masters Education Administration--- As an Undergrad Served As Spokesperson for Black Student Union

*Former East St. Louis School District 189 Educator 33 years and Teacher's Union Activist For A Number of Years (2nd Vice President and Political Action Chairperson Local 1220 East St. Louis Federation of Teachers)

*Author of Two Educational Booklets *Challenge-The Building Of A Clean Prosperous Black Community Through Our Educational System As Opposed To The Conspiracy and Challenge Part 2-Can We Do It*

*Former Political Action Chairperson of the East St. Louis, IL Chapter of the Black United Front/ Distributor of the Black Panther Party Newspaper

*Democratic Party Candidate for Governor of Missouri 1984 and 1988 Endorsed by Minister Louis Farrakhan (Garnered 19% of the vote in 1988 in a State with only 10% Black registered voters) Green Party Candidate in 2000

*Former Co-Chair of the Coalition Against Police Violence and Repression, also Co-Chaired Micheal Brown Jr. Leadership Coalition/ Participated in Many Demonstrations in the Canfield Green Area Ferguson, MO

*Co-Founder of the Universal African People Organization (UAPO) Publisher of Quarterly Newspaper *The African News World* Host of Internet Talk Program *Conversation with Zaki Baruti*

*As Head of the UAPO Coordinated International Humanitarian Relief Efforts to (Namibia 1990- 70 Boxes of New Clothing), (Zimbabwe 2003-454 Boxes of Clothing and Medical Supplies), (Haiti 2004-540 Boxes of Food, Water, Clothing) (Ethiopia 2008- 9,000 Books To Fight Illiteracy), (Ghana 2015-10,000 Books to Build A Library), (Gambia 2026- 8,100 Books to Build a Library)

*Locally, in 2002 Donated Hundreds of Afrocentric Books to the East. St. Louis Public Library and to Normandy High School 2024 and 2025

*Married 50 Years-Brady/ Father of Four and Grandfather of Six

