



Why Every Single Black Man in America Needs to See SoulMate Film

A 2005 U.S. Census Bureau study shows that over 42% of African American women have never been married.

SoulMate Film is a timely documentary that discusses the concerns that African American women have towards this alarming trend. The movie contains individual interviews as well as group discussions with over a dozen physically attractive, professionally successful, and all too common single black women.

Some of the major topics of discussion include: • *Marriage after 40*

• *The dating game* • *Coping with loneliness* • *Secrets and lies in a Relationship*

Every woman featured in the documentary is around forty years of age and shares with the filmmaker their emotional and spiritual struggles to connect with a viable Black man.

The movie's writer/producer/director, Andrea Wiley, is no stranger to the film craft. Since leaving a job as an electrical engineer in 1993, Mrs. Wiley has worked as a writer for a number of hit television shows. Some of her credits include *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, *The Jamie Fox Show*, and *The Parkers*. Andrea Wiley has also served as writer/producer/director for a total of four films. After the success of her first documentary she founded Clean Heart Productions, a Christian-based, multi-media production company.

Mrs. Wiley is promoting her SoulMate Film by encouraging people to screen the DVD with groups of friends. The DVD is available for purchase at her site website www.soulmatefilm.com.

After receiving the DVD, I invited four of my closest, single, African- American male friends over to watch the movie. The purpose of having a "men's only" screening was so that we could talk uncensored and unfiltered about the different movie topics. All five of us guys beforehand were very skeptical of the movie. We assumed that the slant of the documentary would be that of another "Waiting To Exhale" movie in which Black women vilify Black men and blame them for their personal relationship struggles and woes. Well, we were wrong! Let me emphasize that again! For any men reading this, we were wrong; purchase the DVD today!

A number of the women profiled in the film admitted to personal mistakes, internal hang-ups, and prior bad mate selection as to why they are now currently forty and still single. The ladies explored their own commitment phobias, personal struggles with faith, and even career aspirations as items to reconcile before being compatible with any man. After hearing a number of heartfelt stories and discussions, the endearing message and lesson of the documentary is explored in the last fifteen minutes of the film.

Upon the conclusion of the documentary, the five of us guys continued into a three-hour discussion about love, marriage, and relationships. I, as well as all my friends, did not necessarily agree with all of the women's viewpoints regarding dealing with viable black men. But after viewing Soulmate Film we all gained a much deeper respect and appreciation for the struggles that a number of Black women are facing. Ultimately all of us men came to the conclusion that our African American women are hurting, and we owe it to them as well as ourselves to be the best men that we can be to protect the institution of Black marriage.

Furthermore, I would like to give kudos to Mrs. Andrea Wiley for shining a light on an important subject. SoulMate Film is a timely work that needed to be made. I commend the way that she presented a very dignified yet honest documentary that provides a glimpse into the hearts of Black women. This movie needs to be required viewing for every single Black man in America. I guarantee that after men finish looking into the hearts of the women in the film, they will be more mindful of how they handle the women's hearts that they date.

Five Thumbs Up For SoulMate Film.FYRP

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