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The Baltimore- raised writer talks politics, economics and Oprah.

“Radical Oprah.” I definitely think that if you are a Black woman in media to not pay homage to Oprah would be to dis-acknowledge the fact that she paved the way for so many of us Black women to see ourselves on major networks every day, doing what we love, and being paid really well for it, and having the chance to speak to dignified people from all around the world. And we are more than qualified to have those types of jobs too and do really well at them and be the best at them in our fields.



I think Oprah was — I would say Oprah was the first Black woman I experienced in my life that was on the television that I could see. She was on the television every day able to do what it is that she had studied to do in school. My mom and a lot of my friends' parents who are Black women did not get that luxury of doing their dream job and getting paid really well for it, and be amazing for that and be endorsed for that and have people back them up if they want.

Oprah to me was one of the first Black women I saw doing that, and having those



opportunities and being a Black woman, being a curvy woman and wearing her natural hair at times. And not having that assimilation into white beauty standards. “