

I only bothered to bring it up because I *don't* think trying to change your mind is a hopeless effort. And I wouldn't expect you to put yourself in the same category that you put most other people with respect to stubbornness. If I see someone amenable to reason take what I think is a badly mistaken view on a significant issue, I feel obligated to address it. If you'd said you were an enthusiastic supporter of Hamas, I would have done the same thing.

I think a lot of the reason that you misunderstand BLM is that you've siloed yourself from objective information. I remember when I visited a couple years ago and there was a headline on CNN that said *Child Dies in Border Patrol Custody*, and you said, "Oh look, Border Patrol killed a kid," with a mock cheery tone suggesting this is just another day in Trump's America. Then of course more details were released and what actually happened is a father and daughter had trekked through the Chihuahuan desert—from Guatemala—with a group of migrants looking to exploit asylum protections (Mexico or Belize, the most proximate stable countries, is where they would go if they were genuine asylum seekers). When the group turned themselves in to Border Patrol at a remote outpost after reaching New Mexico, the daughter was sick and malnourished. Medical staff at the border station tried to save her, and had her airlifted to a hospital (never mind the tremendous expense) where she died of heart and liver failure. Her father said he had no complaints about the treatment they received and that she died despite Border Patrol's best efforts. But you've gotten so immersed in these outlets that they can post a headline like that and induce a Pavlovian response from you.

And this was before the absurdity of the Jussie Smollett case. No journalist who wasn't blinded to the point of idiocy by his political bias could have thought that was a genuine attack. (Imagine believing someone would go out at 2:00 a.m. on a 20-degree night, put a noose made of cheap nylon cord around a random black guy's neck (that he left on for forty minutes until police arrived at his apartment for his statement), pour bleach on him, then yell that this is MAGA country, in the city of Chicago, after doing him no actual physical harm. And not only that—the person decided to do this hate crime with a friend, who was also on board and partook in it.) CNN, MSNBC, CBS—all the outlets that you rely on to get your view of what's happening in the world—spent days touting that as the epitome of the Trump-emboldened "modern-day lynching." Jussie's friends Kamala Harris and Cory Booker peacocked over it and used it to hype their anti-lynching bill. They actually spent the Senate's time passing an anti-lynching bill in this day and age, as if lynching weren't already illegal). It turns out branding the Smollett incident a modern-day lynching was totally accurate, since the modern-day lynching is an utter hoax.

Then they ran the story about the Covington Catholic High School kids surrounding and taunting a poor Native American veteran on the National Mall. They crucified that kid after carefully selecting a snippet of video that could be interpreted in accordance with the BS narrative they wanted to push. But then the truth outed when extended video showed that the Native American, who'd lied about serving in Vietnam (but CNN reported he served there anyway), was actually the one who'd accosted the kids, walking over to them and banging a drum in the kid's face while the kid showed the restraint of saint. CNN had to pay him a big settlement recently.

And these are only the biggest scandals. Probably more insidious is just their standard spin and obfuscation that you don't even notice. Although it's hard not to notice Orwellian crap like this "Fiery but mostly peaceful protests" chyron:



You can't rely on mainstream media and not expect to have a horribly biased view of what goes on in the world, especially on politically charged topics like BLM.

I think you're also biased by not wanting to deal with the stress and aggravation of being at odds with the beliefs of your colleagues and the administration. I'm sure it's easier to just nod along when they subject you to implicit bias training and ask for your support of some BLM event.

I don't have these biases. I spent months writing out political policies for myself—many of which deal with topics relevant to BLM—with the sole goal of finding objective and just solutions. It involved a lot of research on topics the media and BLM reliably get completely wrong. I think it's important to be aware of mainstream reporting like CNN, but only for the reason I'd want to be aware of Pravda reporting were I living in Leningrad. I've found nowhere that reports unbiased news, and when there's some inflammatory story, like George Floyd's death or Jacob Blake's death or the subsequent protests, you can't find out the truth unless you watch the unedited videos, look at the actual coroner's report, etc. It's unconscionable to still believe CNN is giving you the full story, and that videos they show you aren't deceptively edited.

For an example of how wrong BLM is on their core narrative, let's look at the Jacob Blake shooting that resulted in those fiery but mostly peaceful protests where BLM (and I understand they aren't *true* BLMers like the ones you support) burned down several businesses and terrorized people. I've read multiple articles that encapsulate the shooting as merely a black man shot in the back. Here's an article teaser from Reuters, which itself isn't nearly as biased as other mainstream outlets:

Jacob Blake, the Black man who was shot in the back by a white police officer in Wisconsin last month, spoke out for the first time from his hospital bed as dueling demonstrations over racial justice and policing continued to roil a handful of U.S. cities.

That's how they describe Jacob Blake—a Black man shot in the back by a white police officer. They could describe him as a man shot while resisting arrest, or as a felon shot after a domestic disturbance with his ex-girlfriend, or as a man shot while reaching into his car after fighting with police, but they don't. So if you don't bother to do your research, you just read that article or see that headline and chalk it up as another black man shot in the back by a white officer. That headline has to pass several sets of eyes to get approved (and I've seen that exact description in several of their articles)—it's definitely intentional.

The facts of the case are that Blake's ex-girlfriend called police to report that he had come to her house and stolen her car keys. The responding officers were also informed that there was a warrant out for

Blake's arrest for felony sexual assault. They arrived on the scene and the officers claim that Blake resisted arrest and physically fought with them, putting one of them in a headlock. The officers discharged two tasers at Blake, but they were still unable to restrain him. You can see in the videos that Blake tussles with police on the ground on the passenger side of the SUV. Then he breaks away and walks around the SUV. At this point at least one officer notices that Jacob has pulled a knife out and yells at him to drop it. Another officer follows him with his gun drawn and pulls on Jacob's shirt to get him to stop, but Jacob continues and opens the driver's side door and reaches inside. Rather than see if he's going to pull a gun from under the seat, or turn around and slash the officer's throat with the knife since he now has nowhere else to run, the officer shoots Jacob. Pretty crystal clear case of justified use of force—armed felon, violently resisting arrest, non-lethal weapons were used but failed. What are the cops expected to do there? I guess BLM would demand—at least if the person resisting arrest is black—that the cops wait and see if he slashes the cop's throat first, or if he actually pulls out a gun from inside the car and starts shooting first. Here's an example of what happens when cops let that happen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccSM9RTbmS0>

And here are the Jacob Blake videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1uv7DU8Q2Y>

And a screenshot of the talon-shaped knife as he walks around the car, which was recovered on the floorboard of the car:



The following video is of someone who was killed by police in a legitimately egregious shooting. It happened after George Floyd's death, and before Jacob Blake's. The cops received a call for a noise complaint, where the caller said he could say it was physical if it made the cops get there faster. The dispatcher told them this, so they knew it was probably just people being too loud. (The narrator in the clip says the police thought it was a domestic dispute, but the full body cam footage contradicts that.) The girlfriend of the guy who was shot said they were just playing a video game. She also said he answered the door with a gun because some weirdo had knocked on their door late at night a few nights ago, and

the officers stood off to the side of the door so he couldn't see them through the peephole. You can see he never makes any threatening motion with the gun, and he instantly complies and tries to set the gun down when he sees that they are actually police: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryozrUEms5c>

But BLM didn't hold any protests for the guy in the above video. It's certainly a more egregious shooting than Jacob Blake's. But what matters to them isn't whether a shooting is justified, or whether there's a fair trial—what determines whether a shooting is riot-worthy is only the color of the skin of the person who was shot. We both know that there would have been riots and passionate reporting on the above shooting for days had the victim been black. Instead, I assume you never even heard about it. CNN et al. could have picked it up, but they don't like these stories, because CNN et al. side with BLM. And it dilutes BLM's narrative that blacks are persecuted by police if people see whites being persecuted by police in more egregious ways. BLM claims to be about police and justice reform because it sounds good and it dupes people into believing they're righteous, but their actions betray what they're really about. If they were about justice, they would make a distinction between the cases that are actually egregious (like Walter Scott's, although that cop was sentenced to 20 years), and shootings that are completely defensible. And they would wait until trials concluded and sentences were given before declaring injustice took place. And they wouldn't be blatantly racist.

This response isn't particular to only the thousands who go out harassing people at restaurants, looting, and vandalizing either. (And of course those aren't the *true* BLMers like the ones you support.) The NBA suspended their season for days to protest that Jacob Blake shooting. And several MLB teams canceled their games in protest. For a textbook justifiable shooting. And they said nothing of the white guy who got killed.

But what should be most persuasive to someone trying to assess whether there's any substance to BLM's central dogma is the overall statistics on the matter. You listened to that Sam Harris podcast that completely debunked that blacks are the victims of systemic prejudicial killings by police, and that illustrated what a difficult task it is to interact with violent criminals. It's tiresome to have to dredge up all the stats and examples to show to you again, but I guess it's necessary:

Blacks have killed 38% of the 537 cops killed on the job over the last ten years. Blacks also commit 53% of the murders in the US, and account for 37% of violent crime arrests. However, they're only 23% of police-caused deaths. The objective data show that blacks receive *preferential* treatment from police.

This is surprising only because so many people have been brainwashed on racial issues. I think this probably began many decades ago, with good intentions, in an attempt to foster integration. But it's since mutated into the demented tribalism of today, fueled largely by mainstream media. There have been several instances of fatal police misconduct against whites since BLM became popular, and they feature everything they needed to become well known: video of the incident, outrageous negligence, cops getting acquitted. But the media doesn't have specials about people killed in these instances, and BLM doesn't chant their names in the street.

Here's some of the body cam footage from Tony Timpa's death, who was killed in a manner remarkably similar to George Floyd: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_c-E_i8Q5G0

And some of the body cam footage from George Floyd's death:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjKjaCvXdf4>

(Watch them if you want, to get a sense of the crap cops have to deal with.)

A comparison of Timpa's death and Floyd's death: Timpa called 911 himself and said he hadn't taken his meds and had taken cocaine. Floyd had police called on him because he tried to use a fake \$20 bill at a convenience store. Timpa had been handcuffed by a security guard when police arrived and he was rolling around yelling "Don't hurt me!" on a patch of grass next to the street. Floyd was in the driver's seat of an SUV and obviously on drugs, so he was questioned and then walked to the police cruiser. Floyd refused to get into the cruiser because he said he was claustrophobic, and after a few minutes of bargaining, which resulted in the officers agreeing to slightly roll down the rear windows, officers forced Floyd into the car. Floyd scooted partially out the other side through the other door, which they'd opened to ease his claustrophobia. And before he was put on the ground, while he was still standing halfway in the car, he complained repeatedly that he couldn't breathe. Timpa was held facedown by officers for 14 minutes, during which he yelled repeatedly for help before losing consciousness around 11 minutes in. Floyd was held facedown by officers for 9 and a half minutes, during which he continued to yell repeatedly for help before losing consciousness around 5 minutes in. The cops in Timpa's ordeal joked around for a lot of it, even after he was put into the ambulance unconscious. The cops in Floyd's ordeal were impassive throughout. Timpa's autopsy found the cause of death to be stress from physical restraint and cocaine. Floyd's autopsy found the cause of death to be stress from physical restraint and methamphetamine and fentanyl. The cops in both instances seem to have followed protocols that allowed extended restraint with pressure to the side of the neck and the back of the torso on a prone arrestee. The cops in Timpa's incident lied about what happened before the footage was released, but all charges against them were dropped and they returned to work. If charges are dropped or all the cops are acquitted in Floyd's case, I suspect there will be more outrage from BLM and the media than there was for Timpa's.

The most egregious filmed incident in my opinion is Daniel Shaver's death. He was staying at a hotel, on a business trip with a pest control company. Someone called police because they saw him with an air rifle that was part of his pest control equipment. Several police then arrived outside his room and this happened (video is only five minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBuUx0jUKxc>

Obviously a sane policy would have been to just tell him to lie down with his arms extended and cops could walk over and cuff him. Or have him walk backwards with his hands behind his head. It's an unconscionable shooting. Notwithstanding, none of the officers involved even lost their jobs over it.

I think maybe the most egregious incident, although it wasn't filmed, was Justine Damond's death. She called police to report a potential assault because she heard a woman screaming near her house. Then when police arrived, she walked up to the patrol vehicle barefoot and in her pajamas, and the cop (who was black), reached over from the passenger seat and shot her through the driver's side window and she died. There's really nothing more to it—I guess the cops were spooked for some reason and afraid of getting ambushed, although it was an upscale neighborhood and they never even saw anyone until she approached the car.

But only a tiny fraction of the people who can name George Floyd or Michael Brown or Eric Garner could name Timpa or Shaver or Damond. The only reason that the media and BLM ignored the latter three's deaths is because of the color of their skin. That's not justice reform; it's racism. And it's pretty remarkable how race supersedes all other factors for BLM in these cases. They make heroes out of the scummiest members of black society because they're so obsessed with race. George Floyd moved to Minneapolis after serving a sentence for a home invasion robbery during which he pointed a pistol at a pregnant

woman's stomach. And again, he was arrested for trying to rip off a convenience store with a phony bill, while on drugs, and CCTV shows him ditching a baggie of drugs just before the cops walked him over to the cruiser and he refused to comply with orders to get in the back for five minutes. And there are murals of the guy all over the country. No murals of Timpa. Jacob Blake, same thing—huge rap sheet of crimes, outstanding warrant for sexual assault on the woman whom he'd just stolen the car keys from, resisted arrest by fighting police, pulled out a knife and then went for his car while guns were pointed at him. He's another hero, name chanted in the streets, professional sports canceled in his memory. Michael Brown had just robbed a convenience store and then was shot most likely while attacking an officer (although there's no video of the shooting). Eric Garner had been arrested *over thirty times* before he resisted yet another arrest and had to be forced down onto the ground because he wouldn't get into the squad car. Blacks should despise these people, because they're most of the reason that cops have adopted the attitudes and the tactics that result in unnecessary deaths. Instead BLM deifies them and encourages more anti-police attitude and behavior. When you analyze BLM's response to a shooting like Jacob Blake's, it becomes pretty clear that the society that BLM is protesting for is one where blacks simply don't have to face consequences for breaking the law. If a black person is being arrested, cops aren't allowed to restrain him, nor shoot him even if he's armed. The cops simply have to give up their lives and/or let the black person flee. That sounds like a mischaracterization, but it really isn't. What were the cops in the Jacob Blake incident supposed to do? They tried to tase him. BLM says you can't shoot him. You can't restrain him. You have to just let him go. And what happens when you track him down again? Same situation. They want a society where blacks don't have to follow laws. It's a total burlesque of a movement, and the fact that you and half the nation support it is astonishing.

And I should say something about the Breonna Taylor (whose family was just awarded \$12 million of taxpayer money) incident, since even I assumed that case would be an instance of clear misconduct when I saw the headlines for it: An innocent black woman killed during a no-knock police raid on the wrong house. I saw a follow-up headline that the suspect they'd wanted was already in custody when she was killed. After starting this email I figured I should look into it a bit more, and it turns out my extreme media skepticism needs to be calibrated higher still. Even with a default assumption that every alarming headline that I read from a major outlet is a gross misrepresentation if not an outright lie, I saw headlines and references to this story and thought there wasn't really any room for it not to be tragic misconduct. Every reference said the same thing: an innocent medical tech who was killed when the police did a no-knock raid at the wrong house. How could they get the wrong house? How could they not know the suspect was already in custody? What incredible negligence. And of course there's the frightening implication that it could happen to anyone. You're just sleeping in your house and police barge in with the wrong address, ready to kill you. I'd never really thought about no-knock raids before, but they certainly sound reckless after this instance. I guess they probably started doing them after all the times when they would knock and then drug dealers would flush evidence down the toilet and run out the back door, and it would spoil the entire investigation. But in light of this innocent woman who was killed, how can you not be outraged and call for reform and justice?

Turns out it wasn't the wrong house. Turns out Breonna wasn't innocent. Turns out the suspect wasn't in custody. Turns out it wasn't even a no-knock raid. Every alarming component of that headline was false. Breonna's address was listed because she was the girlfriend-turned-accomplice of the crack dealer they were after. Police had found a dead body in her rental car that she'd let the crack dealer borrow. The police also had video and tracking surveillance of the crack dealer going with Breonna to the crack house (where they'd found crack, fentanyl, guns, cash), and he'd borrowed her car to go there several times. He listed Breonna's address as his own with the bank he used, and had packages (likely containing drugs) delivered there, which she received and relayed to him. He'd called her two months prior to the raid after

being booked into jail, and he asked her to communicate with other drug dealers. (The calls are recorded.) So finally the cops have a mountain of evidence to execute the raid on the crack house, a couple adjoining addresses, and Breonna's place. They executed simultaneous raids on the four addresses. The warrants were originally for no-knock raids, but at least the raid on Breonna's was actually changed to an announced raid before it was carried out. Witnesses, including Breonna's (other) boyfriend, who was at the house with her at the time, say the police knocked loudly several times. The police claim they also announced themselves as police, and it would make no sense for them not to, although the boyfriend claims he never heard them. After the cops rammed the door, Breonna's boyfriend shot at the cops through the door. They returned fire, striking and killing Breonna.

But she's on the cover of Vanity Fair and has murals across the country, and 95% of people think it was just a no-knock raid at the wrong house that killed an innocent young black woman. No mention of the dead body in the rental car, receiving packages for her crack-dealer boyfriend, trips with him to the trap house, the fact that it was actually an announced raid where cops were fired on. The media is Pravda-tier at this point. You can read about details of the investigation that led to the raid here if you want: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/63943132/breonna-taylor-summary-redacted1>

Moving on, you brought up this notion that replacing police with social workers in some instances may be a good idea. Some cities do that--Eugene has social workers that get dispatched for emergency situations, I think—it's not an especially new idea. But it's all but a red herring in the context of BLM. In which of the above instances, or those of any other names you have heard chanted at protests, would it have been appropriate for a social worker to resolve the situation? Do you think Jacob Blake would have turned himself in had a social worker shown up? Do you think Eric Garner would have stopped selling cigarettes on the street if a social worker had told him to go home? These instances all deal with violent criminals who are being arrested. If they resist arrest from armed police, they sure as hell are going to blow off a social worker. In BLM's society where social workers show up to convenience store robberies, and unarmed traffic cops aren't allowed to run IDs for warrants, blacks don't get arrested for breaking the law. That society becomes dystopian very quickly.

And just so it isn't lost after enumerating the above incidents: Where is the evidence of police racism? I've certainly seen no trend of whites resisting arrests more than blacks. This makes the claim of systemic racism even more at odds with the stats above on the racial breakdown of police deaths and killings by race. It's also worth noting, as Sam Harris did, that when you correct for the race of the officer, whites are killed even more disproportionately.

You also said that blacks have been treated unfairly over the centuries in this country, as if this excuses the falsehoods and racism that BLM espouses today. (I don't know what point you could be making if not to in some way excuse BLM.) This sort of intergenerational blame game is awfully counterproductive, but since you and BLM insist on it, I'll address it. It basically demands legal benefits as a form of reparations, so I'll just link what Policy Improvements has to say about reparations: <https://policyimprovements.wordpress.com/reparations/>

The fact is that blacks have been a protected class, legally above whites, for my entire life. Even ignoring the transfer of hundreds of billions of dollars a year that flows from whites to blacks through taxes and public benefits, blacks are advantaged in hiring and school admissions to the point of absurdity. You know as well as I that a white version of [redacted] gets accepted to Harvard zero percent of the time. Look how many police chiefs around the nation—including in 7%-black Seattle and Portland—are black. We've had a black president for a lot more than 13% of my life. And blacks have had proportional representation on

the Supreme Court since the sixties. They receive more money per student than whites in public schooling, and in about every public assistance program you can think of. They're sacred in the media, and in movies. We now have diversity quotas that ensure that it doesn't matter if a white person is far more qualified for a board position at a corporation, or in an acting role, or as a television host—the board or movie or show must hire a black person instead. I defy you to find one commercial for every ten of the reverse that I can find where the person who plays the stooge is black and the protagonist is white. This Gillette commercial is an example of the anti-white racism that pervades media today. (My favorite part is when the black guy chides the libidinous white man for hollering at a woman on the street.) Again, blacks are literally a protected class legally and socially, and have been my entire life. And still whites are relentlessly condemned for racism.

There's also the ignorant notion that the difference in median income between blacks and whites is a manifestation of white supremacy. It's odd that white supremacy would have Indians and Asians enjoying vastly higher incomes than the whites themselves, as is the case in the US. Koreans and Filipinos who immigrated as poor families, and often resided in black neighborhoods, consistently rose in status above whites for median income in a single generation. It's also hard to square white supremacy with the fact that today Americans of Nigerian descent have higher income than Americans of British descent. Nigerians are certainly black enough for whites to notice, but I suppose the Nigerians' culture of education and work ethic instead of crime and entitlement exploits the white supremacist system. A white supremacist nation where the average white trails eighteen non-white ethnicities (including Ghanaians) in economic success, and where blacks have the highest median income in the entire world. And dupes still believe it.

Maybe I should also debunk this myth that the black crime rate is a function of poverty, in case you think that justifies any of BLM's false claims. The correlation in the data between income and violent crime isn't nearly as strong as the correlation in blackness and violent crime. You can take a map of poverty rates and overlay it with homicide rates, and it's spotty and doesn't quite fit. Overlay a map of black population rates with homicide rates, and it's dead on. And this is fairly obvious when you consider that there are about twice as many whites living below the poverty line as blacks, yet blacks account for over half of all murders. Or look at a place like West Virginia, where it's 95% white and the median income is the same as the national black median income, yet they have less than a quarter of the murder rate. (Although even that figure is skewed by the fact that blacks, who are 3% of the population, commit 20 to 30% of the state's murders.) When you correct for income, the problem of black violent crime persists.

But somehow you still buy the BLM story. And you nod along that there's this epidemic of racist violence against blacks, when the truth is that the racist violence overwhelmingly goes the other way. In 2018, instances of interracial violent crime (rape, assault, robbery) were 90% black on white: 59,778 v 547,948. And blacks murdered 514 whites, more than double the 234 blacks that whites murdered. But the media doesn't mention these facts either, or cover the incidents when they happen. Everyone saw that woman in Central Park who emphasized that the man she was calling the police on was black. Somehow they missed this story where four white people killed:

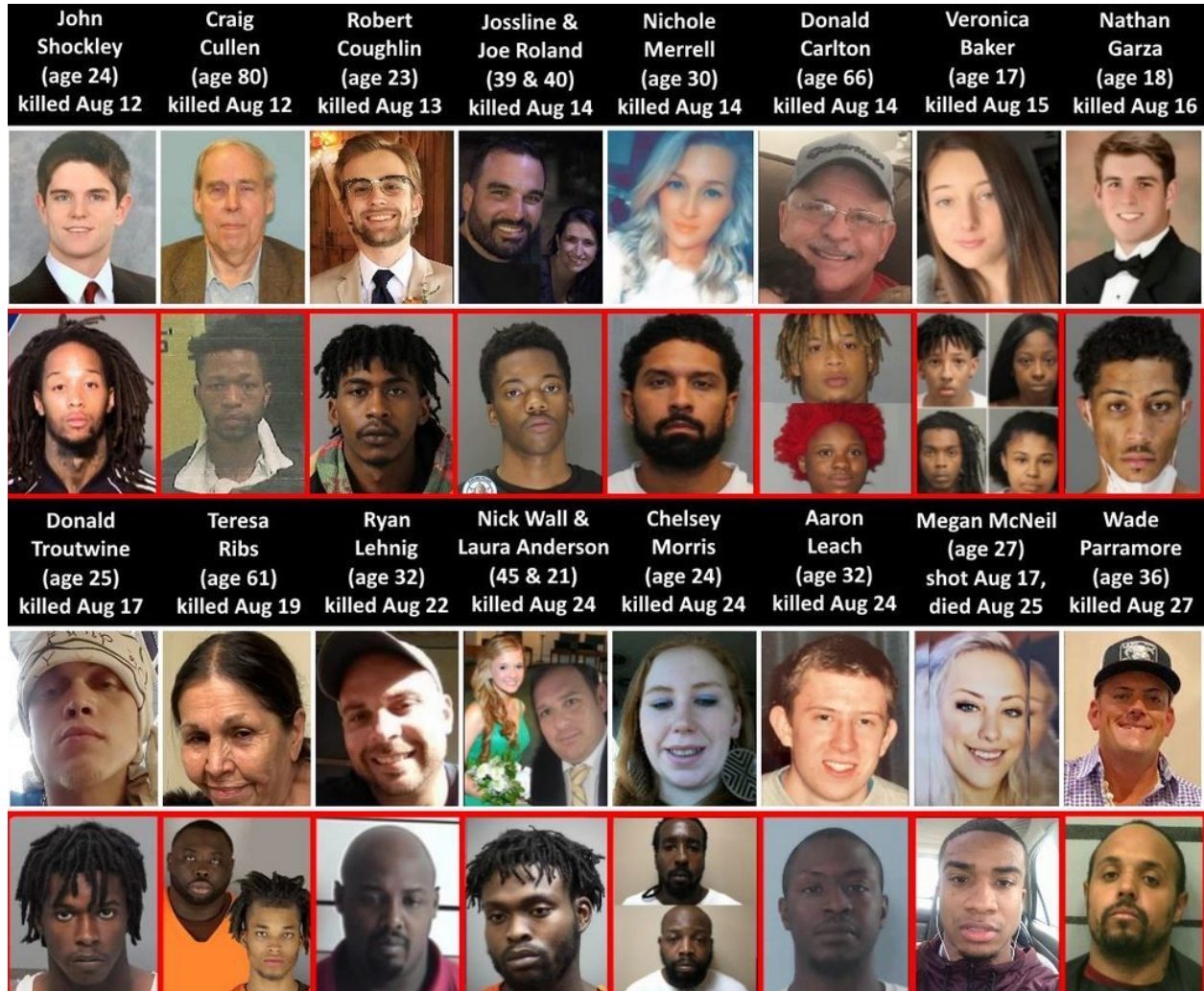
Confession: Accused Fresno spree killer wanted to 'kill as many white men' as he could



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We live in a time where a woman acting like a “Karen” is more of a racist scandal than a black man literally going around murdering random white people because he hates whites by his own admission. And here's a composite of just a few of the black-on-white murders that happened during only a two-week span preceding the Jacob Blake shooting. Not included is the murder where a black man shot his white neighbor's five-year-old son as the child was riding his bike in front of his house, which I assume you heard about, although I noticed BLM or Kamala Harris didn't have anything to say about it:



So bear the above in mind next time you see fists raised and chants of "They killin' us!" Real equality would mean whites raping and robbing and assaulting 500,000 blacks, and killing another 280, and taking \$400 billion from black earnings every year for the rest of my life just to get even. And real equality would mean an end to the tens of thousands of yearly diversity hires that prevent more-capable whites from getting jobs, and the explicit and implicit denigrating of "whiteness" taught in schools and shown in the media. And California would have to restore the line they recently struck from their constitution that affirms that the state will not discriminate on the basis of race. It's unbelievable to me that people think striking that line is a sign of progress.

We live in a country where people fake hundreds of hate crimes a year, with Smollett obviously the poster child, because the reality is that the demand for white racism far exceeds the supply. I've found that *most* of the time when I read about someone whose car was vandalized, or who had their hijab ripped off, it eventually comes out that they made it up. This website has catalogued 348 hoax hate crimes just since Smollett last year, and those are only what the guy who runs the site could find news articles for (<http://www.fakehatecrimes.org/>). Contrast this with the actual violent racism from BLM—a movement where you can expect to get sucker punched for holding a sign that says *All Lives Matter*. This is a movement that demands the supremacy of blackness in the statement that all lives matter, to the point

that you can expect they will bring violence on you for petitioning for true equality. What a coincidence that the person who murdered a Trump supporter in the street last month after his buddies shouted "We got one right here!" had a BLM tattoo on his neck. (But again, I know he wasn't one of the *true* BLMers like the ones you support.) Here's the video of that murder:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhHbkMHsjW0>

It's somewhat creditable that you condemn the violence and looting at BLM protests (although that's a pretty low bar), but I don't think you understand how inherent violence is to the movement. If a group of people stood in your doorway and didn't let you leave the house, lest they beat or kill you, that wouldn't be peaceful. When these groups illegally occupy a street and refuse to move, that's not peaceful. Any driver that refuses to have his freedom of movement restricted when the protesters illegally commandeer a street reliably gets his car smashed. No matter how patiently or carefully you try to maneuver through the illegally shut-down street, you're lucky if you aren't made the next Reginald Denny. We've seen that several times during these protests. Obey us or we'll put you in a hospital and be gleeful about it—that isn't peaceful. They carry signs saying *Silence Is Violence*, with the obvious implication that if you aren't vocally with them, then you are being violent to them and they will respond violently. For an idea of how mainstream the acceptance of violence has become, our District Attorney published a statement that he will no longer prosecute arrests for disorderly conduct, riot, harassment, or resisting arrest, and that assaulting an officer during a protest is very unlikely to result in a charge. (Official statement: <https://www.mcda.us/index.php/documents/policy-regarding-protest-related-cases.pdf/>) And despite the fact that it takes a hell of a lot to get arrested at a BLM protest, Kamala Harris, likely the next VP, tweeted, "If you're able to, chip in now to the MNFreedomFund to help post bail for those protesting on the ground in Minnesota." (<https://twitter.com/KamalaHarris/status/1267555018128965643>) When the VP nominee advocates releasing violent protesters as a blanket statement, you can't pretend the violence isn't mainstream.

And I don't think you've thought through your position that these illegal protesting methods are excusable because there are failings in our democratic system. Gerrymandering and other forms of corruption are a problem, but the solution isn't to take to the streets and wreck things. A system where policies change according to protests is so obviously worse than our current system even with all its failings. I also think you underestimate the current system. It's not like these rioters only went to the streets after being disappointed with attending city budget committee meetings and organizing vote drives and doing the things that reasonable people who understand how a democracy works do to effect change. These methods really work, and the system really works when people actually use it. Look how quickly gay marriage went from being illegal nearly everywhere (Obama opposed it when he was elected) to federally legal. Same thing with the changes in marijuana laws. There were no riots—for or against—because people understood that's not how democracy works. But in this new era of deranged tribalism, where everything's the end of the world, people as reasonable as you have come to adopting the notion that taking to the streets is an acceptable means to change current laws. Sorry you don't like the electoral college system—I don't like it either and I agree it's unfair—but that doesn't mean you get to stop cars in the middle of the street. And again, since it seems no one can fathom the simplest game theory, if you believe a group of aggrieved people should be able to change the laws and replace elected officials by protesting, you're just establishing a protestocracy, where instead of voting we go out and protest. That's a terrible system. If states with more than half of the electoral votes want to create a pact that all their votes will go to whoever won the popular vote, they're free to do so. But so far not enough have agreed. You can vote for a representative that will make it happen. But how would you like it if we finally got rid of the electoral college, and then a bunch of rioters and protestors bogarted the government and voters into changing it back? I don't imagine you'd support their methods.

If you think certain police reforms are a good idea (although as I said, the social worker idea wouldn't have precluded any of the headliner incidents), you can certainly support those without supporting BLM. It reminds me of the Hamas comparison—it's perfectly reasonable to oppose Israeli annexation of the Jordan Valley, but you sure as hell don't need to be a Hamas supporter to do so.

I browsed some of the websites of BLM in various cities, and their demands for reform are as delusional and ignorant as you should expect by now. On a couple of them, including Chicago BLM's "10 Demands," they call for the end of youth incarceration and the closure of all youth detention facilities. I may not have to explain to you how stupid this is, and how it testifies to the fact that BLM is pushing for a society where blacks can commit crime with no punishment, but I'll do it briefly. There are thousands of juveniles currently incarcerated for murder. There are about 15,000 juvenile robberies a year, the same number of vehicle thefts. Black juvenile crime is epidemic. Some jurisdictions tried putting juveniles in adult facilities; they tend to get raped, and they don't get the counseling attention they get in juvenile facilities. If you segregate them, you have created a juvenile facility. The only other alternative is not incarcerating them, which I trust you can see is a terrible solution—a kid in a foster home goes out and deals drugs and murders someone; his punishment: a ride back to the foster home and an admonishing before bed.

So I hope this email has shined light on enough of the lies and stupidity underpinning BLM that you'll drop your support of it. At its core, BLM is a racist black power movement. On the Los Angeles BLM website, they describe themselves as the "heir to the Black Power Movement." They want to boss people around and feel powerful, and they'll take as much money and property and political power as people will give them, and I'm sure most are deluded enough to believe their anti-white ethos is justified. They've stumbled into an era where millions of whites share their delusions because of decades of media and academic brainwashing that probably began as misguided altruism. Hopefully this email has disabused you of many of these racial delusions.

And I want to reiterate what I ended the last email with: This embrace of racial identity politics is not the way forward. Playing a black national anthem before the standard national anthem, like the NFL did for its opening game, enshrines division. If the goal is a society free of racial prejudice, where race is no more relevant than hair color is today, making race central to every person's social and legal identity is the dumbest move a society can make. Changing the state constitution to reestablish legal racial discrimination is not what racial progress looks like. The BLM society is one where race takes precedence over truth, and where violence and expropriation is just if done in the name of Black Power.

Please let me know if you still consider yourself a supporter of BLM, and what of its aspects or policies you support.