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The Theme Of This Event, As
Presented By The *Washington Post*,**

Was An Invitation To Support The Imperial Democratic Party; What A Betrayal Of The Magnificent Millions Showing They Are Ready And Willing To Fight

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This Washington Post article presents the massive turnout as organized and led by Clinton hacks only interested in identify politics and who have nothing whatever to say about the key issue underlying the election: the class of oligarchs that own and rule America vs. growing working class rage.

If accurate, that is a stupid disaster that will not harm one hair on Trump's head.

That's the same dismal empty bullshit that lost the Democratic Party the election. They have learned nothing and forgotten nothing, leading people who want to resist Trump into their hopeless dead end.

Of course the Democratic Party will not rally us to launch class war against U.S. ruling class oppressors. They are part of the U.S. ruling class oppressors.

With the blood soaked Imperial Wall Street Clinton faction and the reactionary Wall Street Trump faction in a ruling class cage fight splitting the government wide open, our class has got a chance to gain serious ground, provided we stay out of the cage.

This event is an invitation to join the rotting corpse of the Imperial Democratic Party inside the cage.

What a slimy betrayal of those magnificent millions in the streets today showing they are ready and willing to fight. In the coming days, they will chose, and become, more effective leadership. Class warrior women will take front and center.

It's time to give class warfare a chance.

January 21 By Perry Stein, Steve Hendrix and Abigail Hauslohner, Washington Post/

Millions of women gathered in Washington and cities around the country Saturday to mount a roaring rejoinder to the inauguration of Donald Trump one day earlier.

The historic protests of a new president packed cities large and small — from Los Angeles to Boston to Park City, Utah, where celebrities from the Sundance Film Festival joined a march on the snowy streets.

In Chicago, the demonstration was overwhelmed by its own size, forcing officials to curtail its planned march when the crowd threatened to swamp the planned route.

In Washington, there was confusion about whether the hundreds of thousands of demonstrators jamming the Mall had grown too large to formally march to the White House.

Janaye Ingram, in charge of logistics for the Women's March, went to the microphone Saturday afternoon to announce that the actual marching would still happen — just not using the original route.

"We are marching, and we are using Constitution Avenue," she told the massive gathering. And the Women's March twitter account declared: "We are marching! We are marching straight ahead toward the Washington monument to the ellipse! #WomensMarch".

The Washington organizers, who originally sought a permit for a gathering of 200,000, said Saturday that as many as a half million people participated, dwarfing Friday's inaugural crowd.

More than 470,000 people had taken Metro by 1 p.m., a weekend ridership record. (By 11 a.m. on Inauguration Day, 193,000 trips had been taken.)

Similar mass gatherings were reported around the country.

In Chicago, after 150,000 demonstrators swamped downtown blocks, officials cancelled the march portion of the event.

In Los Angeles, a police spokesman said authorities had begun to temporarily close some of the side streets beyond the scheduled perimeter of the march to accommodate the size of "the crowds spilling over into adjacent streets."

"We are doing our best to facilitate because they are squeezing into every street right now," said Capt. Andrew Nieman of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Boston transit system added extra trains to accommodate tens of thousands of protesters. There were huge crowds in New York, Miami, Denver and Seattle. People also gathered to condemn Trump in more than 70 planned sister marches in Paris, Barcelona, Melbourne and cities around the world.

Marina Knight, a 43-year-old executive assistant, and her 9-year-old daughter were two of the tens of thousands marching in London Saturday.

"This is her first march," Knight said, referring to her daughter. "It's the first time we felt it was vital to march. I feel the rights we take for granted could go backwards, and we owe it to our daughters and the next generation to fix this somehow."

In Washington, demonstrators came from around the country, sometimes sleeping on the couches of people they had never met before. Many said they wanted to take the most public possible stand against Trump, a candidate and now president whom they said routinely insults women and the issues they care about.

But the gathering also provided a balm for many eager to immerse themselves in a like-minded sea of citizens who shared their anxiety and disappointment after Democrat Hillary Clinton's historic bid for the presidency ended in defeat.

Clinton tweeted her gratitude as the rally got under way at 10 a.m., telling them: "Thanks for standing, speaking & marching for our values @womensmarch. Important as ever. I truly believe we're always stronger together."

Feminist icon Gloria Steinem, 82, who was among the first speakers, looked out over the huge crowd and exulted, "This is the upside of the downside. This is an outpouring of democracy like I've never seen in my very long life."

Marchers choked Metro lines. Inbound trains were packed with pink-hatted protesters, and the transit agency reported parking lots full at several stations by early in the day.

Around the Mall, the sound system struggled to reach everyone in the massive crowd. Marchers said far more portable toilets were needed. Some stores in the area had been stripped of poster board.

"You won't get in. We can't move," said one woman on the phone from an overrun spot near American Indian Museum. She advised other marchers to seek other spots along the planned route.

Though the marchers were mostly female and white, men and people of color also joined the crowd. Cynthia English, a 61-year-old Jamaican-American living in Florida, said she wanted the new president to know that women will be fighting during his presidency to ensure that the country and laws treat them equally. She was with her daughter and marching for her two granddaughters in that hope that no future president feels comfortable making lewd comments about women.

"I don't want this to happen to them 20 years from now, so I am making my mark now," English said. "Why are we the ones that bring people into this world, and we are treated the worst? We should be treated with respect."

The crowd was buoyant, even joyous. Many held up signs — "I Am Very Upset!" and "Love Trumps Hate" and "Bridges Not Walls" — while others took videos of the moment on their cell phones. Every few minutes, a rolling roar swept over them, echoing through the concrete concourse. D.C. police said they had made no march-related arrests, compared to more than 200 when protesters created chaos in downtown Washington.

Judith Snyder-Wagner was among the Saturday throng. The 67-year-old former fundraising consultant said she has sensed a shift in the rural, blue-collar community near Canton, Ohio, where she lives with her wife, Joy. A neighbor mowed a piece of grass along their property line and put up a Trump sign facing their home. Someone recently drove through the neighborhood flying a Confederate flag.

"We've been afraid," Judith Snyder-Wagner said, her voice quavering. She was limping up the sidewalk on Independence Avenue. She has had both her knee and hip replaced, and she held a cane in one hand and a poster in the other. "We just feel like we're going to lose our civil rights."

The couple boarded a bus at 1 a.m. Saturday in Ohio and will head home less than 24 hours later. “We needed to feel inspired,” Joy Snyder-Wagner said, looking around. “And we do.”

Trump’s election was the wakeup call that progressives needed, said Erin Edlow, 28, the membership director of the Virginia Beach Young Democrats. She was in town with her sister to demonstrate her support for LGBT and immigrant rights.

“Democracy is not a spectator sport,” she said.

The march has turned into the weekend’s star-studded event, with celebrities including Janelle Monáe, Scarlett Johansson and Ashley Judd making appearances.

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) introduced herself as a proud “chick mayor” and implored the Republican majority in Congress to stop meddling in the District’s local lawmaking.

Activist filmmaker Michael Moore ripped The Washington Post in half, noting the headline “Trump Takes Power” and declaring “I don’t think so.” Actress America Ferrera declared that “our new president is waging a war” on the values that define the country with “a credo of hate fear and suspicion of one another.”

“It’s been a heart-rending time to be both a woman and an immigrant,” said Ferrera, whose parents are from Honduras. “Our dignity, our character, our rights have been under attack.”

“But the president is not America,” she said. “We are America.”

The demonstration’s organizers have embraced an imperiled liberal agenda, in sharp contrast to much of what Trump laid out for his presidency. The platform calls for ending violence against women, workers’ rights, reproductive rights, environmental justice, immigrant rights and more.

But a group of anti-abortion women also came, beseeching the larger march to recognize their variety of feminism. Whether or not to include the conservative viewpoint sparked controversy in the days before the march.

Anti-abortion women said they have been excluded.

Siobhan Rooney, 32, drove from Philadelphia this morning to march for women’s rights. For her that includes the rights of their unborn children.

“We are in the same page on so many issues. It’s just this one issue,” she said.

With a golden retriever service dog, Fargo, by her side, U.S. Army veteran Khai Willson walked toward the marchers with a sign in her hand: “I served for better than this.”

Willson said she is well positioned to influence Trump supporters who might be otherwise difficult to persuade: She’s white, middle class and a veteran.

"I have a lot of privilege," said Willson, now a freelance copywriter. "I have to use that to engage with people."

John Fisher, a 34-year-old locksmith from Grand Rapids, Mich., drove more than nine hours with his wife Kara Eagle.

I'm here to support my wife," said Fischer. "I don't care who you are, women impact your life and there's no reason why they shouldn't have the same rights as men."

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Clinton Or The Republican Ones Behind Trump”

“None Of Them Offer Ordinary People A Handle To Recognize The Capitalist System As The Problem Rather Than The Despicable Character Of Donald Trump”



01/17/2017 by Bruce A. Dixon, Black Agenda Report managing editor Bruce A. Dixon

Mocking, protesting and ridiculing Big Cheeto before and after inauguration will be big fun. But storms of ridicule did not drive Ronald Reagan or Dubya from office.

Mockery that only undermines the legitimacy of evil persons rather than the capitalist system makes us nothing more than the warm up for Corey Booker or whoever Democrats nominate next. Left messages, memes and hashtags need to eviscerate Trump but also to educate people.

#StopTheHate. #DumpTrump. #BeUngovernable. #StopTrump #NotMyPresident – as if any of them ever was. Show up and show out in DC this week, or in your own home town. If there’s no march or demo near you, get on social media (and the phone) and organize one. Sure. We at Black Agenda Report are down with all that. It’s pretty much necessary. But dumping Trump and stopping the hate are far from sufficient. Why?

Our brother and friend Cornel West published a piece last week that spelled out the popular fallacy. He was talking about Obama, but he could have meant the next president too. Cornel said that “character is destiny,” as if we were ruled by replaceable characters rather than a replaceable system.

The truth is that if Hillary was being sworn in Friday instead of Big Cheeto we'd still be spending half the nation's wealth yearly on a murderous global military empire with over a thousand overseas bases. We'd still be bombing seven countries and operating networks of global torture, kidnapping and secret prisons. If Hillary was president the US would still have the two biggest air forces on the planet, the first being the USAF, the second being the US Navy.

#StopTheHate. #DumpTrump. #BeUngovernable. #StopTrump and #NotMyPresident and most of the meme stashes and joke repositories do not scare the Pentagon because they offer no door for people to recognize, let alone question the system, not the personalities it throws up.

They DO allow the lazy and credulous among us to imagine as Democrats tell us, that "character is destiny," and Democratic operatives to reinforce that message.

But if a Democrat were installed in the White House till 2020 the black unemployment rate would be about the same as it's been the last half century, about double the white rate.

If a Democrat were in the White House hundreds of thousands with full time jobs would still be homeless and millions more an arbitrary paycheck from it.

If a Democrat were in the White House we'd still have 2 million plus people in prisons and jails, mostly black and brown, and gentrification of inner cities and privatization of public education and public resources would continue apace. Big Pharma and Big Insurance, military contractors and corporate media monopolies and parasitic hedge funders would get still fatter off privatized nature, racketeering and theft of the commons.

#StopTheHate. #DumpTrump. #BeUngovernable. #StopTrump and #NotMyPresident don't scare the Democrat billionaires who backed Clinton or the Republican ones behind Trump.

None of them offer ordinary people a handle to recognize the capitalist system as the problem rather than the despicable character of Donald Trump.

If somebody other than Trump were being sworn in the banksters who targeted millions of low income families with predatory loans and were rewarded with bailouts while the homeowners got millions of evictions – thieves would still be too big to fail or jail.

Median black family wealth, as consequence of the housing meltdown fell from a tenth to a twentieth the median for white families. Thousands of water shutoffs per week would continue in Detroit, Baltimore and other places.

#StopTrump and marches with big puppets don't encourage us to remember any of that.

Nearly 95% of all the jobs created in the Obama era were part time and/or without benefits. Does anybody believe Hillary "America is already great!" Clinton has any problem with that?

Employers steal more of workers wages than the total of all armed robberies, and annually force millions of workers to declare themselves “independent contractors” ineligible for unemployment and other benefits, and not counted among the unemployed when their jobs end or they are fired. That’s one of the reasons the White House can claim a phony 4.5% unemployment rate when only 66% of the eligible workforce is employed and the real rate may be in the 20-25% range.

#StopTheHate. #DumpTrump. #BeUngovernable. #StopTrump and #NotMyPresident don’t invite us to dive into any of the crimes committed by Democrats, only into the character of Trump.

Even #SaveOurHealthCare allows Democrats to pretend that the Affordable Care Act was NOT a blanket full of holes that offered skimpy expensive insurance NOT health care to only half the uninsured and fat subsidies to Big Insurance and Big Pharma.

It doesn’t lead us to fight for #SinglePayer which Obamacare was actually engineered to prevent.

If we aim to build a movement that cannot be co-opted by Democrats again and again, our hashtags, memes and messages have to educate our people, not just eviscerate Trump.

Sure denouncing and hitting the streets to make fun of Big Cheeto is just that. It’s fun, and maybe therapeutic too. But as good as they make us feel, storms of ridicule failed to drive Ronald Reagan or George W. Bush from office, and our scorn of Reagan didn’t prevent two presidents Bush or Clinton either. Our mocking of “W” didn’t hold Obama accountable either.

Big protests, especially the permitted kind that take place on weekends, marching through canyons of empty office buildings, sometime with hilarious puppets, some of us being chased by police are routine, almost traditional pageantry by now.

Mass protests don’t have magical powers.

Ten million people hit the streets the weeks before Bush unleashed bombs over Baghdad, and those bombs still fell.

Even street actions without permits are not going to trigger anything like general strikes and uprisings. We just are not there yet. And even Hillary Clinton has learned how to use the word “intersectionality” in a sentence.

These are the limitations of #StopHateDumpTrump and a hundred other hashtags, petitions and meme stashes.

Donald Trump is already the most unpopular president in US history, and he hasn’t even been sworn in.

Fixating on Trump’s despicable statements and personal history doesn’t help us target the system that produced him and the next ones after him.

Worst of all are Democrat stooges, especially black ones like John Lewis and Donna Brazile, who claim without need of any proof, that the Russians hacked the presidential election to install the Donald. These folks are clearly fronting for another, equally reprehensible faction of the US ruling elite, one that knows it can make a lot more money off a cold or hot war with Russia than they do off the shadowy “war against terror.”

It’s crystal clear that Democrats need us to limit ourselves to throwing figurative and personalized rocks at Big Cheeto.

When Democrats focus on impeachable offenses they trot out his conflicts of interest, but not the mass surveillance state, the drone wars and the many other offenses he will share in common with Democratic occupants of the White House.

So while mocking Donald Trump is big fun, just like it was with Reagan and “Dubya” Bush, we gotta go deeper.

If we aim to change the system and not just the personalities, our hashtags, memes, activism and messaging must do more than just mock the persons and selected stands Trump and his minions.

We have to attack the positions he shares with Democrats.

Ridicule is indispensable, but targeting persons doesn’t change systems.

We need to educate while we eviscerate. If we can’t do that, we’re just warming up crowds for Corey Booker or the next Democrat.

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“While The Trump Presidency Poses Grave Dangers, So, Too, Do Those Who Are Increasingly Unhinged In Their Flailing, Slapdash, And Destructive Attempts To Undermine It”

January 12, 2017 by Glen Greenwald The Intercept [Excerpts]

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January 12, 2017 "Information Clearing House" - "The Intercept" -

In January, 1961, Dwight Eisenhower delivered his farewell address after serving two terms as U.S. president; the five-star general chose to warn Americans of this specific threat to democracy: “In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.

The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.”

That warning was issued prior to the decadelong escalation of the Vietnam War, three more decades of Cold War mania, and the post-9/11 era, all of which radically expanded that unelected faction's power even further.

This is the faction that is now engaged in open warfare against the duly elected and already widely disliked president-elect, Donald Trump.

They are using classic Cold War dirty tactics and the defining ingredients of what has until recently been denounced as "Fake News."

Their most valuable instrument is the U.S. media, much of which reflexively reveres, serves, believes, and sides with hidden intelligence officials.

And Democrats, still reeling from their unexpected and traumatic election loss as well as a systemic collapse of their party, seemingly divorced further and further from reason with each passing day, are willing — eager — to embrace any claim, cheer any tactic, align with any villain, regardless of how unsupported, tawdry and damaging those behaviors might be.

The serious dangers posed by a Trump presidency are numerous and manifest.

There are a wide array of legitimate and effective tactics for combatting those threats: from bipartisan congressional coalitions and constitutional legal challenges to citizen uprisings and sustained and aggressive civil disobedience.

All of those strategies have periodically proven themselves effective in times of political crisis or authoritarian overreach.

But cheering for the CIA and its shadowy allies to unilaterally subvert the U.S. election and impose its own policy dictates on the elected president is both warped and self-destructive.

Empowering the very entities that have produced the most shameful atrocities and systemic deceit over the last six decades is desperation of the worst kind.

Demanding that evidence-free, anonymous assertions be instantly venerated as Truth — despite emanating from the very precincts designed to propagandize and lie — is an assault on journalism, democracy, and basic human rationality.

And casually branding domestic adversaries who refuse to go along as traitors and disloyal foreign operatives is morally bankrupt and certain to backfire on those doing it.

Beyond all that, there is no bigger favor that Trump opponents can do for him than attacking him with such lowly, shabby, obvious shams, recruiting large media outlets to lead the way.

When it comes time to expose actual Trump corruption and criminality, who is going to believe the people and institutions who have demonstrated they are willing to endorse any assertions no matter how factually baseless, who deploy any journalistic tactic no matter how unreliable and removed from basic means of ensuring accuracy?

All of these toxic ingredients were on full display yesterday as the Deep State unleashed its tawdriest and most aggressive assault yet on Trump: vesting credibility in and then causing the public disclosure of a completely unvetted and unverified document, compiled by a paid, anonymous operative while he was working for both GOP and Democratic opponents of Trump, accusing Trump of a wide range of crimes, corrupt acts and salacious private conduct.

The reaction to all of this illustrates that while the Trump presidency poses grave dangers, so, too, do those who are increasingly unhinged in their flailing, slapdash, and destructive attempts to undermine it.

Most important of all, the legitimate and effective tactics for opposing Trump are being utterly drowned by these irrational, desperate, ad hoc crusades that have no cogent strategy and make his opponents appear increasingly devoid of reason and gravity.

Right now, Trump's opponents are behaving as media critic Adam Johnson described: as ideological jelly fish, floating around aimlessly and lost, desperately latching on to whatever barge randomly passes by.

There are solutions to Trump.

They involve reasoned strategizing and patient focus on issues people actually care about.

Whatever those solutions are, venerating the intelligence community, begging for its intervention, and equating their dark and dirty assertions as Truth are most certainly not among them.

Doing that cannot possibly achieve any good, and is already doing much harm.

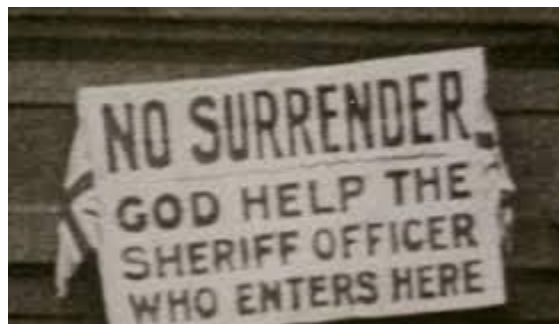
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**Militant Women Take The Lead:
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“Thousands Of Signs Went Up In Windows Declaring, ‘We Are Not Removing’”



Working class women played key role in 1915 Glasgow rent strike



Working class women and men organised physical defence against the lackeys of the landlords

December 16, 2016 by Marianne Kemp, Redline [New Zealand] [Excerpts]

With the partial commodification of state housing – mainly through the imposition of market rents – and the growth of precarious and low-paid work, along with bare existence-level benefits, state house tenants face very hard circumstances. In the early 1990s Auckland state housing tenants, with the assistance of the Communist Party, formed the State House Action Committee and fought back through rent strikes and occupations.

It can also be helpful to learn about and reflect on previous struggles by working class tenants in both private and state sector rental housing.

This means state housing tenants today can draw inspiration and lessons from earlier struggles against private landlords as well as against the capitalist state as landlord.

One of the most dramatic and significant struggles by working class tenants, certainly in the English-speaking world, took place in Glasgow in 1915.

Last year, then, marked the 100th anniversary of this struggle, one of whose most notable features was the role played by working class women.

At the start of the First World War, private landlords owned about 90% of housing in Glasgow. Much of the accommodation for working class families was in tenements, with crowded conditions and a lack of fresh air and sanitation.

Often there was only one toilet to an entire row of tenements. Glasgow was the most over-crowded city in Britain.

These already-bleak conditions were worsened by the war. For instance, the war drew thousands more workers into the city to meet the greater demands for labour in engineering, the shipyards and the munitions industries. The city's population rose by 70,000 between 1912 and 1914, but only 2,000 new homes were built.

Landlords had a field day – as the demand for accommodation soared, rents could be substantially increased.

Workers had to pay these exorbitant rents or become homeless.

A section of tenants, however, refused to pay the rising rents. Some of them were then evicted.

As a result, working class women swung into action, creating tenants' associations such as the South Govan Women's Association and the Glasgow Women's Housing Association and a number of local women's housing associations.

Tenants refused to be evicted and other tenants rallied around them. Where sheriff's officers tried to enter local working class areas, they found their way blocked and eviction attempts were met with physical blockades. By October 1915, some 30,000 tenants were involved in the rent strike.

As the attempts at eviction stalled, landlords resorted to the courts, in particular small debts courts. They argued for rents to be deducted directly from the wages of their tenants.

When 18 tenants, including prominent activists in the tenants' movement, were dragged into court, workers held one of the city's largest-ever demonstrations, with 10,000 people taking part.

Strikes broke out in several shipyards. Thousands of signs went up in windows declaring, "We are not removing".

Fearful of the spread of working class militancy in the context of war, the government intervened to get the charges against the 18 dropped. The government also rushed in legislation to restrict rent rises.

In the face of a threatened general strike, the government's new legislation said rents were to stay at their pre-war level until six months after the end of the war.

Women who identified with Marxism were in the forefront of much of the tenant organising.

These included Agnes Dollan, Helen Crawford and Jessie Stevens, all of whom were members of the leftwing ILP (Independent Labour Party) and Mary Barbour, who stood on the far left of the early British Labour Party. Barbour was perhaps the most prominent leader of the Tenants Defence Association.

In the war industries, where so many of the men worked, strikes were illegal and penalties for industrial action were severe.

While working class women also worked in war industries, they were often involved in other industries – for instance, by 1916 about 18,500 women worked in the overall metal industries in the Clydeside area – and many worked in only part-time employment or were forced to be full-time housewives.

Barbour, therefore, concentrated on organising working class women. Meetings took place in backstreets, backyards and kitchens.

Women began acting as sentries, looking out for the arrival of Factors or bailiffs, ringing bells when the hated landlords' agents were spotted.

Upon hearing the bells, the women who were at home would gather anything that could be used – flour, rotting food, wet clothes – to hurl at the Factors.

“This struggle,” noted Helen Crawford, “brought great masses of women together.” The struggle took place on such a scale that labour historian James Smyth has suggested, “it may well have been the most successful example of direct action ever undertaken by the Scottish working class.”

In 1919 new legislation was passed to provide council housing for manual workers across Britain.

This class struggle, with working class women in its vanguard, helped improve the lives of workers across the whole country.

Through this and other struggles led by Marxists and syndicalists, Clydeside became known as ‘Red Clydeside’ and remained for decades one of the most militant working class areas in Britain.

POLICE WAR REPORTS

Police Caught Killing Mentally III Disabled Man: “James Hall, 47, Is Legally Blind, Mentally III, And Now Dead” “Executed By Police Officers With The Fontana Police Department”

January 19, 2017 by Matt Agorist, Free Thought Project [Excerpts]

Matt Agorist is an honorably discharged veteran of the USMC and former intelligence operator directly tasked by the NSA. This prior experience gives him unique insight into the world of government corruption and the American police state. Agorist has been an independent journalist for over a decade and has been featured on mainstream networks around the world.

Fontana, CA — James Hall, 47, is legally blind, mentally ill, and now dead — after being executed by police officers with the Fontana Police Department. The execution happened in a convenience store and was captured on the store’s surveillance cameras. The video also contradicts the lies police told to justify killing him.

Hall, who suffered from schizoaffective disorder — a combination of schizophrenia symptoms and mood disorder — was in the midst of an episode when police were called out to a convenience store during the early morning hours of November 22, 2015.

Police say they were responding to reports of a possible armed robbery. However, James Hall never robbed anyone and the video shows he was merely browsing the store when 5 police officers swarmed him.

The cops, who were clearly not trained in deescalating situations with mentally ill people, began yelling at him, pointing guns, and had their attack dog at the ready. All of these provocations served to only further Hall’s fears, so he refused to come out.

Several minutes pass before officers opened fire and sicced the dog on Hall, sending him into an utterly panicked state.

As the Daily Mail reports:

“According to their lawsuit, Hall had been acting ‘peacefully’ when he encountered a group of Fontana PD officers outside the Chevron gas station at around 4.15am.

“But the officers, the suit says, escalated the encounter and eventually ‘deployed lethal force’, killing Hall.

“The suit states that one of the officers fired a shot at Hall as they entered the store and then deployed the police dog. “Hall became ‘startled’ and ran to the rear of the store where he ‘cowered’.

“The suit states: ‘The Defendant officers cornered Decedent Hall in the rear of the convenience store, brandishing firearms, including an assault rifle. “As the Defendant officers continued to surround Decedent Hall, one of them opened fire on him, and Decedent Hall fell to the ground.”’

If you read the official police account, Hall charged officers with a knife and they were forced to kill him. However, according to Hall’s family and the video, Hall was cornered and cowering when he was killed.

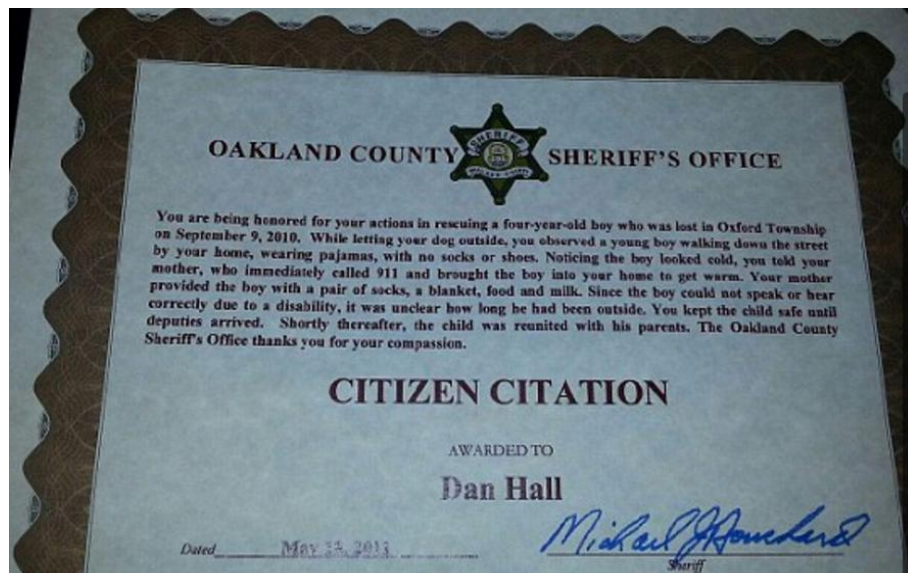
According to the lawsuit, Hall had been acting peacefully prior to being confronted by police. At no time had he harmed anyone or attempted to rob the store.

The family also questions the police claim of armed robbery, as Hall had been outside the store until police arrived and frightened him.

Prior to this run-in with police, Hall had never been in trouble with the law. He was well known throughout the neighborhood for his “peaceful nature” and residents were aware of his disabilities, according to the lawsuit.

“James was not observed by family, friends, or those who knew him as having violent tendencies because of his mental illness,” the lawsuit read.

In fact, a few years prior to being killed by cops, Hall was given an award by cops. In 2010, Hall was awarded a Citizen Citation from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office for assisting in the rescue of a four-year-old autistic child.



The lawsuit goes on to accuse the Fontana police of “operating a culture whereby the use of excessive force is encouraged.” It then accuses the force of failing to conduct an “unbiased investigation” into Hall’s death. Judging from the absence of punishment for any of the officers involved in killing Hall, his family is spot on.

“The video puts the lie to the obviously falsified police account of what happened. In fact, this was an execution,” said Mark Geragos, whose firm is representing Hall’s relatives.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

Democracy, true democracy, is never superceded. It is the first thing that a revolution establishes..

-- C.L.R. James; Notes On Dialectics

As Far As The Eye Could See



Photo by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
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Organizers in Portland, Oregon are now saying that 100,000 people showed up in the rain for the Women's March on January 21, 2017. This picture was taken from the Morrison Bridge, one of many bridges that crosses the Willamette River that runs through Portland. The crowd was nearly as large as on the other side of the bridge. It was unbelievable, the largest gathering of people since I have lived in Portland for the past 40 years. It may be the largest gathering in the history of the city.

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One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

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"I was beaten bloody by police officers. But I never hated them. I said, 'Thank you for your service.'" --Congressman John Lewis

The people who fought against Jim Crow segregation in the 1960s were quite literally risking their lives. The list of martyrs is a long one. Activists of that era are rightly respected and their courage must not be forgotten or taken for granted.

But as congressman John Lewis proves, their actions at that time should not provide dispensation from critique in the 21st century.

Lewis is the latest target of president-elect Donald Trump's attacks but that shouldn't give him a pass either.

Despite his early history, Lewis now exemplifies everything that is wrong with the Congressional Black Caucus, the Democratic Party and the black misleadership class. The caucus was once known as "the conscience of the Congress." Those men and women were always among the most left leaning members and could be counted on to reliably fight against domestic injustice and imperialism abroad. They were unafraid of their party leadership or of presidents either.

But all that changed when they were targeted by big money contributors like the rest of their congressional colleagues.

After years of unsuccessfully attempting to make inroads among black Americans the right wing realized their error. They began to promote compliant corporatist candidates for office and to target people like Cynthia McKinney and Earl Hilliard for defeat. The result is now a CBC that is a shell of its former self.

Instead of providing inspirational leadership to their constituents CBC members are now mere lackeys for the corporate wing of the Democratic Party.

They said nothing when Barack Obama made grand austerity bargains with Republicans, or used sanctions, jihadists and drone warfare to kill in Somalia and Libya, or when he refused to prosecute killer cops.

Only one of them, Keith Ellison, chose to support Bernie Sanders instead of Hillary Clinton, and CBC's lobbying arm gave her a hearty and undeserved endorsement.

Lewis stood out among all the genuflectors. Having been dubbed a "civil rights icon" his opinions are given undue weight and he uses them to uphold the corrupt establishment.

Not only did the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation endorse Clinton but Lewis chose to give the hapless Sanders a very public beat down. Sanders used his own youthful movement activism as a political calling card but Lewis dismissed him. He claimed he knew nothing about Sanders but did know the Clintons who were great friends of black people.

The effort to discredit Sanders was so obvious and the claims about the Clintons were so outrageous that Lewis was forced to back track and clarify his comments.

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But, like the rest of the black misleaders, Lewis never stopped stomping on the mildly reformist Bernie Sanders.

Sanders signature proposal of providing free university education was rejected out of hand by the civil rights icon. “I think it’s the wrong message to send to any group. There’s not anything free in America. We all have to pay for something. Education is not free. Health care is not free. Food is not free. Water is not free. I think it’s very misleading to say to the American people, we’re going to give you something free.”

Of course all of those things should be free. That statement alone exposed Lewis as a rank opportunist.

We don’t know what went through his mind at the moment he was beaten by cops but it doesn’t matter now.

He used his experience to win a congressional seat and all the trappings that come with it, including giving paid speeches at Goldman Sachs.

Trump won the old fashioned way. He went right to the heart of white American angst about immigration and white survival and the economic insecurity that they feel they should not suffer.

But he is in over his head.

Trump is not only a political novice but he is thin skinned and oafish. In the case of Lewis he has turned an ordinary Democratic Party hack into a victim of the man half of the country hates.

Lewis opined that he wouldn’t attend the inauguration because he deemed Trump “illegitimate.” He reached this conclusion not because Trump lost the popular vote or stacked his cabinet with generals or appeals to outspoken white supremacists.

Lewis is giving the new president the cold shoulder only because he believes that Russia interfered in the electoral process. This canard has the stamp of approval from the Democratic Party and their minions in the corporate media.

This Russophobia proves Democratic allegiance to empire and kills several political birds with one stone. The United States scores propaganda points in its endless fight against any nation that opposes their hegemony. Russia is also used to explain away the Democrats’ defeat and distract their members who won’t call the leadership to account like they ought to do.

The NSA and CIA and FBI do for Barack Obama what they do for every president. When presidents want to make the case for war or domestic oppression they tell the intelligence agency to say that there is WMD in Iraq or an imminent threat from the black liberation movement.

Intelligence agencies are used as a tool of propaganda to get the public buy in to the state's actions. The movement that spawned Lewis was the primary victim of COINTELPRO, the program used to discredit and even to kill people who fought against the system as Lewis did. The movement was crushed by the deep state but 50 years later, one of its "icons" parrots their every word.

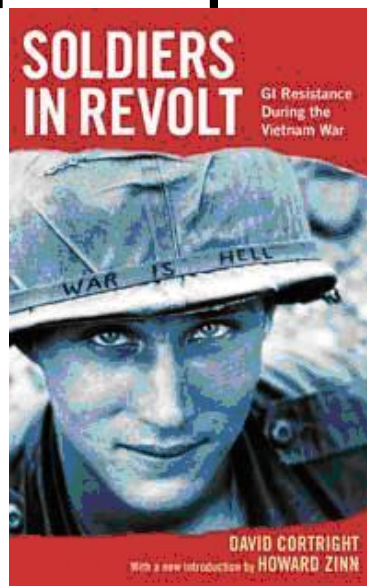
The black misleaders feed at the trough of the party establishment and their benefactors in corporate America.

Their lives and livelihoods depend on keeping the status quo alive. Lewis is a predictably bland Democrat who uses his past as a cover to commit the worst of Democratic Party wrong doing.

It shouldn't matter what Trump thinks of Lewis.

If this phony contretemps is any indication we'll have four years of foolishness ahead of us. Any mediocre politician will be elevated to sainthood status if the defensive and paranoid president attacks. John Lewis has certainly earned his iconic status this week. As Inauguration Day approaches he presents a teachable moment. The lesson is to ignore the likes of Lewis and his ilk. They are no friends of black people and are undeserving of our support, even if Donald Trump attacks.

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