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# MESSAGE TO AMERICA

Why America Must Legislate White Supremacist Groups As Terrorist Threats To National Security

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To convey that message, I need to make some distinctions I will be employing using personal pronouns in single quotes to denote particular groups. 'You,' in the current context refers to 'White British-Americans of Conscience' – i.e., those who need no convincing as to the despicable nature of White supremacy, but who might not altogether agree with my proposal as to what to do about it. 'They' or 'them,' denotes the 'other' – those White British-Americans without Conscience who are either White supremacists themselves, or consider that there are "very fine people" to be found amongst those groups.

There is also 'us' - 'we,' 'our' - in reference to my people. I am an ethnically and racially diverse person. My people are Black Americans; we survived the Middle Passage, slavery, reconstruction, the Black Codes, the KKK, public lynchings, mutilations, and the old and the New Jim Crow. My people are Jewish; we survived the Spanish Inquisition, the European pogroms, and the Nazi concentration camps. My people are Native Americans; we survived the Trail of Tears and the mass genocide and dispossession of British-American colonization. My people are Hispanic; we survived famine, untold violence and social repression promoted by Spanish colonialism, American imperialism, and fascist dictatorships sponsored and supported by American foreign policy. We are a diverse group, but we have something in common: no matter how we arrived here, regardless of our present circumstances, we have no other place to go. America is the 'last stop' for us – which means our backs are up against the proverbial wall. Keep that image in mind, for when your back is against the wall, it means that you have nowhere to go but forward - by whatever means necessary. And in doing so, have nothing to lose and everything to gain. 'We' will not sit idly by and allow the dark side of our respective histories to repeat themselves.

'We' also have something else in common. 'We' are tired of insults, denigrations, and threats upon our lives being discounted as mere articulations of White supremacist groups' rights under the First Amendment of the Constitution to freely express their ideology of hatred, discrimination, terror, and genocide. It needs to end. After all, the enemy of my enemy is my friend, and the friend of my enemy is my enemy. White supremacy is 'our' enemy. Those who take a passive stance against White supremacy are the friends of 'our' enemy.

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There is a blatant double-standard here that is discriminatory, *racist*, in its very essence. The purpose of freedom of speech is not merely to enact the liberty to ventilate whatever cerebral flatulence comes to mind. The purpose of expressing ideas and sharing them with other minds is to promote some manner of physical *act* or *activity*, of observable *behavior* in people other than ourselves. It is *immoral* – and *should be unlawful* in any civilized country – to extend any measure of legal protection to those whose communications – verbal, written, or otherwise – are deliberately intended to promote harm, death, or the abrogation of civil and human rights to either individuals or groups, particularly based on their gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or religious affiliation. On the contrary, these hate groups should be identified for what they are, terrorist organizations, and dealt with as such by the State.

The limitation of freedom of speech when it expresses a threat against human life is not a novel idea, even in American jurisprudence or legislation. For example, American law makes specific provisions for taking action against threats aimed at presidents of the United States – past or present:

Threatening the President of the United States is a felony under United States Code Title 18, Section 871. It consists of knowingly and willfully mailing or otherwise making "any threat to take the life of, to kidnap, or to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States." This also includes presidential candidates and former Presidents.<sup>1</sup>

Why? Why should the law penalize the 'mere' threat to a President? Simple, the law recognizes that *ideas* are engaged in and disseminated to promote future *actions*, and the best way to put an end to actions for which there are irreversible and criminal consequences, such as the taking of life, is to begin at the very expression of the intent to take that life. Why should a president be protected in a manner that an 'ordinary' citizen is not? Under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, are we not all entitled to "*equal protection of the laws*"?

In Canada, a highly civilized nation, Section 264.1 of the Criminal Code is quite explicit in protecting its citizens against death threats:

264.1 (1) Every one commits an offence [sic] who, in any manner, knowingly utters, conveys or causes any person to receive a threat

- a) to cause death or bodily harm to any person;
- b) to burn, destroy or damage real or personal property; or
- c) to kill, poison or injure an animal or bird that is the property of any person.2

The United States, however, due to the haziness of the First Amendment, is far more ambiguous in the protection it offers its citizens against death threats:

The First Amendment guarantees every person the right of free speech, but that right is not absolute. Some words "by their very utterance" cause injury or incite an immediate breach of peace, and they do not receive constitutional protection. Among the category of unprotected speech are "true threats," statements in which a speaker expresses a "serious" intent "to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Threatening\_the\_President\_of\_the\_United\_States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/section-264.1.html

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commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals." Even though statutes that punish unprotected speech have "never been thought to raise any Constitutional problem" and Congress has made it a crime to use interstate communications facilities to make "threats," the law governing this subject has been unclear.<sup>3</sup>

We need to make these laws clear, *crystal* clear. For 'us' – African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, and Jews – the very existence of groups such as the KKK or the Neo-Nazis, is a clear and present threat to our existence. These groups were founded precisely to intimidate and kill 'us.' As history has amply demonstrated, their ideology of hatred has nothing positive to offer any society. Collectively or individually they are responsible for more human suffering and death than all Islamist organizations combined.

As a nation, we have demonstrated our willingness and steadfastness to fight Al Qaeda and ISIS anywhere and everywhere on the planet. We have even spent billions of dollars and risked the lives of thousands of American soldiers to do so. That being the case, the central question, therefore, becomes the following:

Why are we allowing these clearly terrorist organizations to openly march, under the full protection of our Constitution, and flaunt their messages of hatred, discrimination, violence, and death against 'us' – full and equal citizens of this nation?

Or are 'we' truly 'full and equal citizens of this nation'?

The message that the events surrounding Charlottesville convey is abysmal. It means that the Constitution, the dominating Law of the Land, places the rights of those eager to express and disseminate their *promises to kill 'us' above and beyond our right to live a peaceful existence free from the threat of such violence*.

I realize that it is difficult for 'you,' White British-Americans — even those of Conscience — to comprehend how the mere presence of White supremacist symbols, make 'us' feel. For 'us' they are the closest things to real monsters that reality can muster. 'They' — the White supremacists — haunt our worst nightmares because for generations they have terrorized our wakefulness. 'They' inspire a visceral terror that is beyond your capacity to comprehend because there is nothing even remotely similar in your cultural history to match it. However, at a national level, there appears to be more at hand than just a lack of empathy towards 'us' in this regard — there also appears to be certain *sympathy* towards 'them.' Well, know this: From that terror, from that primal response to 'their' presence, to 'their' message, to 'their' history, to 'their' hatred arises in 'us' an anger, a rage so intense that it will one day obfuscate reason, override civilized restraint, and obliterate any sense of lawfulness or civility. The result can only express itself in *violence* — *a terrible and implacable violence that this country has not experienced since the Civil War*.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  http://www.heritage.org/the-constitution/report/true-threats-and-the-limits-first-amendment-protection

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In order to prevent such a calamitous development, my *Message to America* is as follows: 'us' and 'you' need to come together as a 'collective we' in taking whatever *legal* means necessary to enact new legislation, or alter existing one, to put these White supremacist groups where they belong: in the same category as Al Qaeda and ISIS, as a clear and present danger to national security of our nation. And then our 'collective we' need to ensure that we fight them *nationally* with the same determination as we combat these Islamist organizations abroad. To quote former President George W. Bush: "You are either with us or with the terrorists" — or as I prefer to say, "if you are not part of the solution you are the problem." There is no room here for the cowardly comforts of morally ambivalent neutrality.

I am personally in the process of initiating a petition to amend the Patriot/USA FREEDOM Acts so that all Ultra-Right, White supremacist groups - such as the Nazis, the KKK, and the Aryan Brotherhood – be classified as terrorist groups and hence prosecuted under the full extent of the Act. At present Section 802 of the USA PATRIOT Act (Pub. L. No. 107-52) defines "domestic terrorism" as follows:

A person engages in domestic terrorism if they do an act "dangerous to human life" that is a violation of the criminal laws of a state or the United States, if the act appears to be intended to: (i) intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping.<sup>4</sup>

Instead, I propose that the definition of "domestic terrorism" should be expanded to include those who profess an ideology which would inspire the above acts:

A person engages in domestic terrorism if they *profess and/or promote an ideology* 'dangerous to human life', should this *ideology* be explicitly intended to: "(i) intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping.

This small, yet meaningful change in the wording of the Act *should* place White supremacists groups together with organizations such as Al Qaeda or ISIS, thus precluding their presence – and political influence – in American society altogether. Our 'collective we' need not only deny them *any* and *all* protection under articles of the United States Constitution but bring about the full force of the law against them.

But this petition will likely not be enough. To protect ourselves, the 'collective we,' that is *moral*, and *responsible* citizens of America must come together. We must use all of our creative and intellectual resources to raise petitions; to organize peaceable marches; to write editorial columns and newspaper articles; to write letters to our political representatives, *and to share this essay with every contact at our disposal*. And we must do all of this with a single goal in mind: to *require* the government of our country to take all the necessary steps to forever exile White

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<sup>4</sup> https://www.aclu.org/other/how-usa-patriot-act-redefines-domestic-terrorism

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supremacist groups to that part of our ignominious and shameful history that continues to haunt our present, and threatens to deny our future.

Understand this: *America is at war within itself*, and has been since the first colonists arrived and methodically engaged in the ethnic cleansing of Native Americans and in the importation of African slaves to create a White European Christian Nation. It is a multidimensional conflict that should have been resolved at the conclusion of the Civil War – but was not. As a result, the ideology of hatred, terror, discrimination, and genocide that the South represented, continued to disseminate its evil venom insinuating itself in all levels and facets of American culture and society. Militarily speaking, the open hostilities involved in the Civil War ended on May 9, 1865. Ideologically, however, the Civil War persists to this day via social, political, and economic means. That is what the enduring tolerance of White supremacy reflects.

After the American Civil War, rather than ensure the South's political and ideological subjugation – as America did in Japan, for example – Northern British-America manifested a great empathy towards the fallen South. This empathy was no doubt due to their racial, *ideological*, and cultural affinities. After all, most Whites from the North could not have cared less as to the conditions of Black slaves in the South. It is this empathy for the South – or this lack of empathy for the former Black slaves – that prevented the North from taking a much stronger stance against the former military and political leadership of the Confederacy. As a point of comparison, no such quarter was granted, for example, to Native American nations defeated in battle. In Europe, at the close of the Second World War, German leaders responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity faced trial at Nuremberg between 1945 and 1946. Twenty-two Nazi leaders were tried, twelve were sentenced to death.

Nevertheless, rather than being tried for high treason and sedition, and thus treated in a timely fashion as the criminals they were, we are now – over a century and a half later – faced with the prickly task of mopping up the mess that the North's lack of ideological clarity and dubious moral resolve has left us.

To fully comprehend what the presence of Confederate monuments *truly* represents, in case there should be any doubt, we must first understand how many there are, when and where they were erected, who erected them and why. Let's begin with a historian's account of the matter:

The Confederate monuments in New Orleans; Charlottesville, Virginia; Durham, North Carolina, and elsewhere did not organically pop up like mushrooms. The installation of the 1,000-plus memorials across the US was the result of the orchestrated efforts of white Southerners and a few Northerners with clear political objectives: They tended to be erected at times when the South was fighting to resist political rights for black citizens. The preservation of these monuments has likewise reflected a clear political agenda. [...]

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Few if any of the monuments went through any of the approval procedures that we now commonly apply to public art. Typically, groups like the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), which claimed to represent local community sentiment (whether they did or did not), funded, erected, and dedicated the monuments. As a consequence, contemporaries, especially African Americans, who objected to the erection of monuments had no realistic opportunity to voice their opposition.

Most Confederate monuments were, in short, the result of private groups colonizing public space.

Over the past decade, Southern legislatures have passed laws requiring approval from state legislatures before any historical monuments can be moved, removed, or altered — thereby freezing those private decisions in place.<sup>5</sup> [Emphasis mine.]

How many are there, where, and when were they erected offers an opportunity to clarify the "political objectives" indicated above – political objectives which inspired all too many events such as the "Charleston Massacre" of June 17, 2015, a bloodbath which took place in Charleston, North Carolina. On that day, the then 21-year-old White supremacist Dylann Roof walked calmly into a predominantly Black church during the middle of their Bible study, sat down for an hour, then, calmly standing up announced, "*I'm here to kill black people*," before opening fire and killing nine Black men and women.<sup>6</sup>

Motivated by that tragic event, and clearly identifying the link between public Confederate symbols, White supremacy, and hate crimes, the Southern Poverty Law Center made a catalog of the place names and other symbols of the Confederacy in public spaces, across the U.S. As a result, in a study they concluded was "far from comprehensive," a total of 1,503 such memorials were identified. This included:

- 718 monuments and statues, nearly 300 of which are in Georgia, Virginia or North Carolina;
- 109 public schools named for Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis or other Confederate icons;
- 80 counties and cities named for Confederates;
- 9 official Confederate holidays in six states; and
- 10 U.S. military bases named for Confederates. [Emphasis mine.]

Furthermore, as the Southern Poverty Law Center study indicates,

Critics may say removing a flag or monument, renaming a military base or school, or ending a state holiday is tantamount to "erasing history." In fact, **across the country, Confederate flag supporters have held more than 350 rallies since the Charleston attack.** But the argument that the Confederate flag and other displays represent "heritage, not hate" ignores the near-universal heritage of African Americans whose ancestors were enslaved by the millions in the South. It trivializes their pain, their history and their concerns about racism — whether it's the racism of the past or that of today. And it conceals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "I've studied the history of Confederate memorials. Here's what to do about them," by W. Fitzhugh Brundage, Aug 18, 2017, Vox, <a href="https://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2017/8/18/16165160/confederate-monuments-history-charlottesville-white-supremacy">https://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2017/8/18/16165160/confederate-monuments-history-charlottesville-white-supremacy</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Racial Violence On The Anniversary Of The Charleston Massacre," by Keisha N. Blain, Updated Jun 14, 2017, The Huffington Post, <a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/racial-violence-on-the-anniversary-of-the-charleston us 593fe209e4b094fa859f1ba6">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/racial-violence-on-the-anniversary-of-the-charleston us 593fe209e4b094fa859f1ba6</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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the true history of the Confederate States of America and the seven decades of Jim Crow segregation and oppression that followed the Reconstruction era.<sup>7</sup> [Emphasis mine.]

In case your Civil War history is the result of a lax public education, and you are naïve or ignorant enough to actually believe that the real cause of the "War between the States" was simply "the independence of the Southern states" and not White supremacy, then, to paraphrase Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, let me allow education to interfere with your schooling with a brief selection of quotes from the Confederate leadership itself:

"We hold as undeniable truths that the governments of the various States, and of the confederacy itself, were established exclusively by the white race, for themselves and their posterity; that the African race had no agency in their establishment; that they were rightfully held and regarded as an inferior and dependent race, and in that condition only could their existence in this country be rendered beneficial or tolerable."

TEXAS DECLARATION OF CAUSES FOR SECESSION, FEBRUARY 2, 1861

"Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery — the greatest material interest of the world."

MISSISSIPPI DECLARATION OF CAUSES FOR SECESSION

"They assume that the negro is equal, and hence conclude that he is entitled to equal privileges and rights with the white man. If their premises were correct, their conclusions would be logical and just but their premise being wrong, their whole argument fails. [...] Our new government is founded upon ... the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery subordination to the superior race is his natural and normal condition." ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY CORNERSTONE SPEECH, MARCH 21, 1861

"A geographical line has been drawn across the Union, and all the States north of that line have united in the election of a man to the high office of President of the United States, whose opinions and purposes are hostile to slavery."

SOUTH CAROLINA DECLARATION OF CAUSES FOR SECESSION, DECEMBER 24, 18608

There can be no (intelligent) question as to the true ideological motives for the secession of the Southern states.

Returning to the issue of Confederate memorial symbols, it is clear that not only were they not limited to the Southern states, but that they are even prominent as the names of *U.S. federal military bases*. The Southern Poverty Law Center also identified two distinctive periods as to when Confederate monuments and other symbols became most prominent across America, outside of schools, government buildings, and even federal courthouses:

The first began around 1900, amid the period in which states were enacting Jim Crow laws to disenfranchise the newly freed African Americans and re-segregate society. This spike lasted well into the 1920s, a period that saw a dramatic resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan, which had been born in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "Whose Heritage? Public Symbols Of The Confederacy", page 5, The Southern Poverty Law Center, https://www.splcenter.org/sites/default/files/whoseheritage\_splc.pdf. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "Whose Heritage? Public Symbols Of The Confederacy", page 40, The Southern Poverty Law Center, <a href="https://www.splcenter.org/sites/default/files/whoseheritage\_splc.pdf">https://www.splcenter.org/sites/default/files/whoseheritage\_splc.pdf</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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The second spike began in the early 1950s and lasted through the 1960s, as the civil rights movement led to a backlash among segregationists.9

There can be no question as to what any public manifestation – in the form of memorial, celebration, etc. – of the South represents: *a tribute to White supremacy*. Removing statues and monuments is a feeble, although most necessary first step – one which will require innumerable legal battles as we learn that many Southern states have laws in place preventing such actions.

I say it is "a feeble but necessary step" because removing the statues will not remove the cultural conviction, entrenched for over a century and a half, that their cause – their *racist* cause – was *righteous and just*. If that were not the belief why would the statues have been permitted in the first place? That is the problem with not taking the proper steps and the proper time – and the proper time for a moral and just cause is always *now*. Keep that in mind as you mull over the merits of my petition to legally place White supremacy in the same category, and be viewed and treated with the same vehemence under the law as are Islamic terrorist organizations, such as ISIS and Al Qaeda.

After the removal of the Confederate statues, steps need to be taken towards rectifying the misguided perception of the righteousness of the Southern cause – an injudicious and *racist* viewpoint that has been allowed to fester for over a century and a half. Such steps should include ensuring that Southern history books cease to refer to the Civil War as the "War between the States" – a convenient euphemism that avoids the treachery and moral turpitude behind their cause. America as a whole must be required to accept the Confederate uprising for what it was: an immoral and illegal act that created untold misery and human suffering, leading to the unnecessary deaths of thousands upon thousands of American lives – on both sides. The South is far from recognizing this indisputable point – and the North has colluded to allow it:

Confederate Memorial Day is a state holiday in some states in the United States. It gives people a chance to honor and remember the Confederate soldiers who died or were wounded during the American Civil War during the 1860s. [...] Confederate Memorial Day is a state holiday in **Alabama**, **Florida**, and **Georgia** on the fourth Monday in April. In **Mississippi** it is observed on the last Monday in April. In **South Carolina** and **North Carolina** it falls on May 10.

Confederate Memorial Day is known as Confederate Heroes Day in **Texas**. It is held on January 19 each year. Only one day off is given to workers if it coincides with Martin Luther King Day.

In these areas, state offices are generally closed. However, Confederate Memorial Day is not a federal holiday and federal offices may be open. Some schools in states like Georgia are also open. Stores and other businesses may be open or closed according to local custom. Public transit services may operate to their normal or reduced schedules. There may be some

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Whose Heritage? Public Symbols Of The Confederacy", page 11, The Southern Poverty Law Center, <a href="https://www.splcenter.org/sites/default/files/whoseheritage\_splc.pdf">https://www.splcenter.org/sites/default/files/whoseheritage\_splc.pdf</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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minor road closures or congestion around war memorials or important battlegrounds. <sup>10</sup> [Emphasis mine.]

Missing from the above is Louisiana: "In total, eight states—Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas—still celebrate some Confederate holiday, although the nature of the celebration (and whether state workers get the day off) varies from state to state."<sup>11</sup> Eight states in which exalting the worthiness of their White supremacist cause is still central to their culture. *Shameful* is the only way to describe the complicitous permissiveness of a Federal Government for allowing these celebrations to take place and not taking legal measures to prohibit them.

It's about time Southern culture is forced to face the fact that their cause was not only ignominious but also dishonorable and treasonous. The best first step towards this necessary end is to enact legislation that will declare White supremacist groups terrorist organizations subject to the same legal scrutiny and penalty as Al Qaeda or ISIS and their members.

The South's cause, the preservation of chattel slavery as the cornerstone of its way of life, was immoral, evil, despicable, and monstrous. That is what the KKK was founded to defend; that is what White supremacy stands for, and that is what Confederate statues were erected to embody. That is what the Confederate flag represents, that is what Confederate Memorial Day – or its equivalent – celebrates – and that is what referring to the Civil War as "the War Between the States" subversively continues to disseminate. Over a century and a half after the fact, the South needs to be forced to recognize it *lost* the Civil War!

Biopsychocultural Theory<sup>12</sup> identifies European domination as the primary cause responsible for the historical and current social, economic, and political (cultural) maladaptation of both African American and Hispanic cultures alike. Succinctly put, the evolution of Hispanic and African American cultures and cultural identities was largely the result of psychological and cultural adaptations to the overall inhumane and despairing conditions imposed by colonialism and slavery, respectively – both historical representations of White supremacy. Social, economic, and political conditions in the United States and Latin America never progressed in a manner that would require these cultures to extricate themselves from their formerly adaptive values and beliefs and adopt new adaptive ones conducive to prosperity in the modern world. No efforts were made on behalf of their European-American oppressors to assist them in the process either. Much to the contrary, as far as the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Confederate Memorial Day in the United States, <a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/confederate-memorial-day">https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/confederate-memorial-day</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

<sup>11 &</sup>quot;8 States Still Have Holidays Celebrating The Confederacy," Think Progress, <a href="https://thinkprogress.org/8-states-still-have-holidays-celebrating-the-confederacy-886db691da54/">https://thinkprogress.org/8-states-still-have-holidays-celebrating-the-confederacy-886db691da54/</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For a primer on Biopsychocultural Theory read "Broken Arrow: The End of Western Liberal Democracy: Why America Is Imploding - And Why Europe Will Follow," 2016, MAMBA Ryu Publications.

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United States is concerned, after the Civil War conditions for Blacks in America did not significantly improve arguably until after the Second World War.

During that historical period between the Civil War and the end of the Second World War, Blacks in the South experienced the emergence of a new *legal* form of slavery, one enforced by the so-called Black Codes and the Jim Crow laws. This new "slavery by another name" was in many ways even more inhumane and hideous than the previous one. Few are aware of this history – much less of the enduring and deleterious effect it has had on African American culture. Seeing White supremacists march freely and spread their message of racism and hatred, their "rights" protected under the highest Law of the Land only serves to bring home another historical message of racism. Rogues dressed in clownish costumes did not deliver this message, but rather the highest representative of the Law of the Land of his time sporting the robes of his most illustrious office – the "Honorable" Judge Taney, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court:

...The question is simply this: Can a negro, whose ancestors were imported into this country, and sold as slaves, become a member of the political community formed and brought into existence by the Constitution of the United States, and as such become entitled to all the rights, and privileges, and immunities, guarantied [sic] by that instrument to the citizen? One of which rights is the privilege of suing in a court of the United States in the cases specified in the Constitution...

They [Blacks] had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect; and that the negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit. He was bought and sold, and treated as an ordinary article of merchandise and traffic, whenever a profit could be made by it. ...

And in no nation was this opinion more firmly fixed or more uniformly acted upon than by the English Government and English people. They not only seized them on the coast of Africa, and sold them or held them in slavery for their own use; but they took them as ordinary articles of merchandise to every country where they could make a profit on them, and were far more extensively engaged in this commerce than any other nation in the world.

The opinion thus entertained and acted upon in England was naturally impressed upon the colonies they founded on this side of the Atlantic. And, accordingly, a negro of the African race was regarded by them as an article of property, and held, and bought and sold as such, in every one of the thirteen colonies which united in the Declaration of Independence, and afterwards [sic] formed the Constitution of the United States...

... Upon these considerations, it is the opinion of the court that the act of Congress which prohibited a citizen from holding and owning property of this kind in the territory of the United States north of the line therein mentioned, is not warranted by the Constitution.<sup>14</sup> [Emphasis mine.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> A reference to Douglas A. Blackmon's Pulitzer-winning book "Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II," published by Anchor Books in 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> "Decision By Chief Justice Roger B. Taney,"

http://www.umsl.edu/virtualstl/phase2/1850/events/perspectives/documents/taney.html. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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And with this ruling, Judge Taney effectively extended slavery to all states of the Union, thereby practically, more than any other single party, forcing the stage for the American Civil War.

Nevertheless, keep the Judge's prophetic words in mind: "no rights which the white man was bound to respect" for they are etched in the hearts and minds of every Black American afforded the opportunity to have heard them. Taney's decision is, after all, White supremacy at its essence — expressed in a landmark ruling of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court interpreting the Constitution. Forgive me when I state that all too many of 'us' feel nothing but contempt for a Constitution, as well as any interpretation of the same that would give any quarter whatsoever to White supremacy in our society. 'We' have reasons not to be fans of the Supreme Court and the Constitution. After Judge Taney's ruling, the Supreme Court followed up with

[...] two important decisions which virtually crippled the establishment of Civil Rights for Blacks in the Supreme Court for over a century – not surprisingly making use of former Chief Justice Taney's argument in the *Dred Scott* case.

- 1873: *The Slaughterhouse Case*. The Supreme Court makes an important ruling in a 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment case, using an argument made by former Chief Justice Taney regarding the distinction between 'state' and 'federal' and also establishing the so-called "state action" doctrine in which only actions by the state itself could be prosecuted under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The Supreme Court rules that the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment only protects those rights guaranteed under "federal" but not "state" citizenship.
- 1875: *Cruikshank v. United States*. Using the previous case as a precedent, the Supreme Court reversed the convictions of several Whites who took place in the greatest massacre of Blacks in US history, stating that their actions had not been the result of "state action" and therefore not subject to the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The Supreme Court would then continue with a series of racist decisions that paved the way for and supported Jim Crow "separate but equal" laws which remained in effect for nearly a century until the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education*.

- 1876: In *United States v. Reese* the Supreme Court rules that the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment does not guarantee Blacks the right to vote.
- 1878: In *Hall v. Decuir* the Supreme Court rules that states cannot prohibit segregation on interstate public transportation.
- 1883: The Supreme Court rules that aspects of the Enforcement Acts of 1870-71 are unconstitutional. The court holds that *states* not *individuals* are constitutionally bound to respect the rights of Blacks.
- 1890. In *Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railway Company v. Mississippi*, the Supreme Court rules that states may permit segregation in public transportation.
- May 12, 1896: In *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the Supreme Court ruling establishes the "separate but equal" policy. Justice John Harlan, the sole dissenter, equated the Plessy decision with that of the *Dred Scott* case of 1857, predicting it would arouse racial hatred for generations; he was right. Much as being Jewish in Nazi Germany, the Plessy case also established the "one-drop" rule for being Black; that is, if one had an identifiable Black ancestor then one would be legally considered Black, regardless of the color of one's skin or the appearance of one's features. [...]
- 1900. The Supreme Court validates segregation in railroad cars even if travel is between states in which segregation is illegal.

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Between 1900 and the Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954, a desperately deprived people would engage in an epic battle for their dignity, self-esteem, and freedom; a battle in which their chains were firmly anchored by the racist rulings of an unjust Supreme Court system.<sup>15</sup>

As American history in particular demonstrates, legality is not a direct representation of morality – nor is illegality a necessary measure of immorality. If the Constitution does indeed protect White Supremacy, then the Constitution is wrong – and immorally so. After all, for centuries slavery in the United States was perfectly legal. Likewise, so was Hitler's Holocaust. The difference is that the last time I was in Germany at least, I didn't see monuments to the Third Reich or statues of Hitler.

"It is important to note," as I wrote in 'Mandated Report,' 16 "that the abolition of slavery did not imply equality between the races; that is a point which needs to be understood and which Abraham Lincoln himself made very clear in 1858:"

I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races, [applause]---that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will for ever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race...very frankly that I am not in favor of negro citizenship.<sup>17</sup>

Once more, White supremacy in its very essence, and in the words of "the greatest American president,"  $^{18}$  and issuer of the Emancipation Proclamation. And yet again, and on pain of being repetitive, what the events surrounding Charlottesville say to 'us' is that ideologically the Civil War was *lost*, and that Judge Taney's ruling in the Dred Scott case, as well as Lincoln's position regarding Blacks, were *never* – at a societal, political, economic, and most importantly, *cultural* level – *truly* overturned.

So indifferent has been White British-America to crimes against humanity committed against Blacks that lynchings took place as *public spectacles* – community entertainment – even during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries:

The number of African-Americans lynched in Southern states in the 19th and 20th centuries is significantly higher than previously detailed, according to a new report examining lynching in the United States.

The report is the latest in a series of attempts to document the true number of lynching victims in this country, an effort that dates back more than a century. While it is known that

<sup>17</sup> Lincoln's Fourth Debate with Douglas at Charleston, Illinois, September 18, 1858.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> "Mandated Report: America, Guilty As Charged," By Shodai Sennin J. A. Overton-Guerra, 2012, MAMBA Ryu Publications.

<sup>16 &</sup>quot;Mandated Report."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "The best US presidents, as ranked by presidential historians," by Jackie Bischof, February 19, 2017, Quartz, <a href="https://qz.com/914825/presidents-day-the-best-us-presidents-in-history-as-ranked-by-presidential-historians/">https://qz.com/914825/presidents-day-the-best-us-presidents-in-history-as-ranked-by-presidential-historians/</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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thousands of black Americans were lynched, the practice of "targeted racial violence" still has not been fully addressed, according to the report released Tuesday by the Equal Justice Initiative, a non-profit based in Alabama.

"Lynchings were violent and public acts of torture that traumatized black people throughout the country and were largely tolerated by state and federal officials," the report's summary states. "*These lynchings were terrorism*."

Researchers said they determined that 3,959 black people were killed in "racial terror lynchings" in a dozen Southern states between 1877 and 1950. The new number includes 700 people who were not named in previous works seeking to comprehensively document the toll, the authors wrote. Some of those previous studies were conducted at a time when lynching was still an ongoing phenomenon. [...]

(It is worth pausing here to note that while most discussions of lynching tend to focus on the South, it was by no means just a Southern phenomenon. A "significant" number of lynchings did occur outside this region, as Michael J. Pfeifer, a history professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, wrote in the introduction to the essay collection, "Lynching Beyond Dixie: American Mob Violence Outside the South." And when the U.S. Senate apologized in 2005 for not passing anti-lynching laws long before, admitting that the legislative body had repeatedly failed to make lynching a federal offense, the bill noted that lynching had occurred in nearly every state.) [Emphasis mine.]

After the Second World War ended, then began the struggle for Civil Rights. By the time this piece of legislation, recognizing Blacks as full citizens of this nation was signed into law the subhuman status of African Americans, socially and legally, had extended for *an entire century* after the abolishment of slavery. At the close of the Civil Rights Movement most White British-Americans conveniently assumed that racism, an institution that had been central to the social, political and economic – *cultural* – fabric of America for centuries – was a thing of the past. For them, racism was a somewhat distasteful part of the country's history, one against which we could simply turn the page and forget – and a clean social slate would begin: nothing more than combined willful ignorance, naïveté, and denial to the point of self-righteous stupidity.

The Civil Rights Act did not save 'us' from being used as human guinea pigs by a government-sponsored experiment known as the "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male" – a study that began in 1932 and continued for forty years until 1972. In 1992, the Civil Rights Act did not prevent White jurors from acquitting LAPD officers of the charges brought against them for their brutal – videotaped – beating of Rodney King. In 2014 it did not keep 18-year-old Michael Brown, unarmed, from being shot-at twelve times, wounded six times – the last bullet purportedly the fatal one. Years ago when I was a clinical psychology doctoral intern at the San Diego Girl's Rehabilitation Facility (GRF) a patient of mine at the time, a Black teenage member of the Crips, once made the following remark

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "Even more black people were lynched in the U.S. than previously thought, study finds," by Mark Berman February 10, 2015, The Washington Post, <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/02/10/even-more-black-people-were-lynched-in-the-u-s-than-previously-thought-study-finds/?utm\_term=.041987616317">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/02/10/even-more-black-people-were-lynched-in-the-u-s-than-previously-thought-study-finds/?utm\_term=.041987616317</a>, Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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regarding the futility of the Civil Rights Movement: "What good was it, James? What's changed? Can't you see they still have us all locked up?"

As the current era of mass Black incarceration – also known as the *New Jim Crow*<sup>20</sup> – reflects; as innumerable statistics proving institutionalized racism at virtually every level of American society manifest; as the presence of Confederate statutes dispersed throughout the country testifies; as the continued existence, tolerance, and even legal protection afforded to White supremacist groups demonstrates; and as Mr. Trump in the White House confirms, racism is alive and well in contemporary America. However, 'our' patience is not.

The problem is that racism is so much at the heart of White-British American culture that its extent is largely invisible to its members – even to those "of Conscience." 'We' have been subjected to continuous and unabated *racist ideological warfare* for centuries – *racist ideological warfare* which protection under the First Amendment of the Constitution serves only to proliferate and protect. However, one need not resort to historical or statistical arguments to drive this point home. A simple logical analogy will suffice – and if it doesn't, then you are an imbecile, a racist, or a sociopath – offense intended – either way, you are in dire need of a moral compass.

It is no secret that the ideological core of the White supremacist movement is racist and anti-Semitic to the extent of promoting so-called "crimes against humanity." A dictionary definition of a crime against humanity is "a deliberate act, typically as part of a systematic campaign, that causes human suffering or death on a large scale."<sup>21</sup> A valid question would be the following: are White supremacist groups guilty of committing "crimes against humanity"?

According to Article 7 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the answer is an unequivocal "yes":

For the purpose of this Statute, "crime against humanity" means any of the following acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack:

- a) Murder;
- b) Extermination;
- c) Enslavement;
- d) Deportation or forcible transfer of population;
- e) Imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law;
- f) Torture;
- g) Rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity;
- h) Persecution against any identifiable group or collectivity on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender as defined in paragraph 3, or other grounds that are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Reference to "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness," by Michelle Alexander, January 5, 2010, The New Press.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/crime\_against\_humanity. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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- universally recognized as impermissible under international law, in connection with any act referred to in this paragraph or any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court;
- i) Enforced disappearance of persons;
- j) The crime of apartheid;
- k) Other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health;<sup>22</sup>

By their very history as well as according to the ideology they currently continue to espouse, it is clear that White supremacist groups have engaged in, not just one, but *almost all* of the above acts identified by the ICC as crimes against humanity. Ideologically speaking it is their continued expressed desire to inspire others to do so.

Moreover, these groups have, from their very inception, nationally and internationally engaged in crimes against humanity against Blacks, Native Americans, and Jews to an extent unprecedented in human history. One could argue, for example, which was the most gruesome crime history has witnessed, the Holocaust, the Genocide of the Native American, or the Transatlantic Slave Trade? But I do not believe one could argue, successfully anyway, that there is a fourth candidate to dispute either of the three for the first, second or third places. Whichever order tickles your fancy they all have one thing in common: *they were all inhumane expressions of European White supremacy*.

Such is the extent of the crimes White supremacy has committed, commits, and wishes to continue to do so freely. That is its *sine qua non*, its most exclusive *raison d'être*. Consequently, there is no such thing as "*very fine people*" when it comes to White supremacists – they are nothing but cultural abominations, ideological sociopaths that need to be categorized and treated as such. In essence, what advocates of their First Amendment rights are defending is *White supremacists' inherent right under the Constitution to idealize, promote, and continue committing crimes against humanity – and to encourage others to do so.* 

What moral message do we send our children? How do we explain that our society allows some things that we consider to be "evil" to march freely and openly express their wickedness, while other things, scientifically known to not significantly harm, are heavily penalized – such as the possession of a few ounces of marijuana? How do we expect children to learn right from wrong under such moral duplicity? How do we expect those same children, when they grow up enough to recognize hypocrisy when they see it, to have any measure of respect for such a society?

Speaking of children, here comes the analogy, so please pay attention: Why is First Amendment protection not extended, for example, to child pornographers? Couldn't they make a solid argument that the object of their enterprise is an "art form" that somehow, for instance, "liberates the human mind from preconceived

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crimes against humanity. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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cultural taboos"? Why would the ACLU not argue in favor of their right to present their images under the protection of the First Amendment? Because as a matter of fact, they cannot:

Images of child pornography are not protected under First Amendment rights, and are illegal contraband under federal law. Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code, defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor (someone under 18 years of age). Visual depictions include photographs, videos, digital or computer generated images indistinguishable from an actual minor, and images created, adapted, or modified, but appear to depict an identifiable, actual minor. Undeveloped film, undeveloped videotape, and electronically stored data that can be converted into a visual image of child pornography are also deemed illegal visual depictions under federal law."<sup>23</sup>

We need no arguments that explain why the First Amendment doesn't protect child pornography. It shouldn't, and I would be outraged if it did. Aside from being a crime, child pornography is morally repulsive and abhorrent simply based on the psychological and physical damage it commits and incites others to commit, against the most innocent and defenseless members of our society: our children. Such heinous acts should not only be criminalized but should also elicit any society's deepest moral indignation.

What we seek are arguments as to why is evoking and promising to repeat crimes against humanity any less morally repulsive and abhorrent than engaging in child pornography? You see, for most of 'us' – Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans or Jews – it is not. Did children not die in the Holocaust? Were children not bought and sold like cattle as part of "our peculiar institution"? Were Indian children not murdered by White soldiers during the so-called "Indian Wars"? Throughout history, were children spared the monstrous effects of White supremacy? No, they were not. But they were 'our' children, not 'your' or 'their' children – therein lies the difference in our points of view. Hence, many White British-Americans will argue – and defenders of White supremacist's First Amendment rights – that there is no basis for comparison between child pornography and White supremacy. I disagree. There is indeed an objective basis for the comparison: criminal penalties.

Child pornography carries a stiff criminal penalty in America, between *fifteen to thirty years of imprisonment*, in addition to heavy fines. Since crimes against humanity are not defined in American jurisprudence but rather on an international level, we need to identify those acts defined within the United States that best correlate with crimes against humanity as identified by the ICC. The closest candidate is probably serial killing. What is the penalty for serial murder in America? Although the United States does not have an established penalty for serial killing, it is well recognized in these cases that each murder is penalized under the law as successive counts of murder in the first degree – at least that is my understanding. In

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> <a href="https://www.justice.gov/criminal-ceos/citizens-guide-us-federal-law-child-pornography">https://www.justice.gov/criminal-ceos/citizens-guide-us-federal-law-child-pornography</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

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such a case, each first-degree murder may carry a separate penalty of *life* imprisonment or the death penalty, depending on the state.

Fifteen to thirty years versus repeated counts of life imprisonment or the death penalty.

Now we have our basis for an objective comparison. Obviously, first-degree murder, particularly of a serial nature is penalized to a higher degree than child pornography. Indeed, it carries the two highest penalties any society can impose on an iniquitous human being: life imprisonment or death. Provided that mass murder is White supremacy's ultimate "end game" for the so-called "mud races" (i.e., 'us'), why does it not invoke at least a comparable – if not greater – moral outrage amongst White British-American society than child pornography itself? Why then could *anyone* advocate for the constitutional rights of White supremacists to promote their ideology and yet deny the "rights" of child pornographers to promote their wares? Why is White supremacy legally and morally tolerated while child pornography is not?

The answer is simple: Because when it comes to the issue of race, or the treatment of peoples who are non-Christian or non-White, White British-America, *as a culture*, is completely divested of any resemblance of a moral conscience – *after all White supremacy was the Law of the Land for centuries in America*. Although everyone can identify, or otherwise empathize with the victims of child pornography, White British-America simply cannot empathize with the historical plight of Blacks, Native Americans, Hispanics, or Jews. Hence, it cannot – again, I don't mean individually, but rather as a *culture* – ascribe the same degree of moral turpitude to crimes against humanity committed against 'us' as it does for crimes committed against other elements of society that *includes them*, such as child pornography.

While most White British-Americans are not directly responsible for the crimes committed by White supremacy, they profit from it in ways they are incapable of perceiving. They are direct beneficiaries of a social, political, and economic system in which the mere color of their skin affords them a shroud of privilege and protection denied to those of 'us' of color. They are indeed like the immediate family members of those who make fortunes on child pornography, whom, while not engaging in the trade itself, live fully advantaged lives off its ill-gotten gains. Hence the inherent tolerance, if not sympathy American society extends to the White supremacy cause. This is precisely why White supremacy has not been criminalized to the extent that its Islamist moral and criminal equivalent has – after all, were not most of the victims of 9/11 White British-Americans?

Not to seem insensitive or "unpatriotic," but compared to the millions of Africans and African Americans who suffered and died as a result of the slave trade; the millions of Native Americans who suffered and died during European colonialism; or the millions of Jews who suffered and died during the Holocaust, 3,000 fatalities is

minuscule in comparison. However, would anyone argue in favor of Al Qaeda's or ISIS' right to freedom of expression? Would they be allowed to hold marches in downtown Manhattan espousing their hatred of all Americans and their desire to kill even more? And if by some chance they were, and were then challenged by citizens outraged at their message, leading to a physical confrontation, would anyone say "there was blame on both sides"? Somehow I don't think so. In fact, I don't seem to recall any arguments in favor of Osama Bin Laden's "right to a fair trial" or to "due process" under American Constitutional law when he was finally located and killed on May 2, 2011. White British-America not only shows a racist and anti-Semitic bias in favor of their White supremacy but also suffers from "cultural amnesia," conveniently forgetting that a White supremacist perpetrated the worst act of terrorism on American soil before 9/11 — Oklahoma City, April 19, 1995. Why did America not pursue White supremacy after Oklahoma even remotely to the same extent it pursued Al Qaeda after 9/11?

What would happen, for example, should a Black organization rise and express itself in a manner that would make White British-Americans feel the least bit threatened – justifiably so or not – in a manner remotely resembling the way in which White supremacy threatens 'us'? No need to speculate. Those of 'us' old enough to have lived through the years of the Black Panther Party recall its history quite well. The Black Panther's major goal was the protection of Black community's from police brutality and harassment; the defense of Black neighborhoods from the influx, distribution, and use of illicit narcotics; and the establishment of community platforms such as the Free Breakfast for Children program. Nevertheless, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI declared them "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country." As such, Hoover then supervised the COINTELPRO – COunter INTELligence PROgram:

Within one year of the formation of the Black Panther Party, the FBI established a special counter-intelligence program called COINTELPRO, to neutralize political dissidents. Between the years 1956 and 1971, the FBI used the COINTELPRO program to investigate "radical" national political groups for intelligence that would lead to involvement of foreign enemies with these groups. This of course meant that the FBI specifically targeted American citizens. According to COINTELPRO documents, 5 groups were singled out for investigation - the Communist Party, the Socialist Workers' Party, White Hate Groups, Black Nationalist Hate Groups and the New Left. The Black Panther Party was specifically targeted and bore the brunt of the most damage.

According to FBI documents, one of the purposes of the COINTELPRO program was to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of the Black nationalists". They wanted to prevent the rise of a black "messiah" and Martin Luther King Jr. had been amongst the candidates until his assassination in 1968 when the attention shifted to Huey P. Newton. Of the 295 documented actions taken by COINTELPRO to disrupt Black groups, 233 were directed against the Black Panther Party. <sup>25</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "Hoover and the FBI," PBS, <a href="http://www.pbs.org/hueypnewton/people/people hoover.html">http://www.pbs.org/hueypnewton/people/people hoover.html</a>. Last accessed August 29, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> "COINTELPRO," PBS, http://www.pbs.org/hueypnewton/actions/actions\_cointelpro.html. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

And yet the FBI did so without any specific legal mandate: just another case of White British-Americans executing their brand of "justice" – not surprisingly very much in line with White supremacist ideals. It was White supremacy in *deed* if not in *thought*.

So much for the carrot in my (rational and moral) arguments as to why it is indispensable to lend every support possible towards forcing our government to expeditiously enact legislation which will categorize and treat White supremacists in the same manner as it categorizes and treats members of other terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda or ISIS.

Now for the stick; in case reason or morality do not move you, let's see if self-interest doesn't do the trick. Before I proceed, let me state unequivocally that the present monograph, in no way, shape, or form, is intended as an invitation to violence. It is not a call to arms; it is a rather desperate, yet dignified, cry for unity in pursuit of a legal response to *avoid further violence*. White supremacy, for centuries, has already been responsible for more violence than the mind can begin to fathom, we don't want more.

NOTICE: It is the expressed and most sincere goal of this "Message to America," that sufficient public outcry arise – especially amongst White British-Americans of Conscience – against White Supremacy and in favor of its criminalization, so that no one – not 'us,' not 'you,' nor anyone else – ever again be so disenfranchised from our society, its laws, and its moral customs, that he or she feels compelled to resort to violence in response to White supremacy's threatening presence, much less its immoral and cruel oppression. Thus, my explicit goal is to inspire the necessary actions to prevent the need, justification, or even excuse for violence in the face of White supremacy in our nation.

Stating the violent consequences of not engaging in a particular action is not the same as inciting those consequences, no more than a physician is responsible for his prognosis of a disease should the patient reject the treatment plan presented. On the contrary, it is well within a physician's purview, as well as their explicit responsibility, to inform their patients of all the consequences of refusing a given treatment plan. Likewise, I would be remiss in my duty as an educated and responsible citizen of this country to not submit to public scrutiny my views on what I consider the increasingly likely effects of disregarding my previous arguments and not engaging in the necessary actions to bring about the criminalization of White supremacist organizations. The dire consequences that I foresee can be summarized in two words: escalating violence.

Escalating violence perpetrated or incited by whom? There are numerous national institutions or organizations which will no doubt, under our present, highly racialized social and political environment, be involved in violent conflict with one

another. I will first identify and then briefly elaborate on the five which I believe to be the most outstanding as far as perpetuating or instigating future violence:

- 1) **President Trump**, which although is not an organization does represent the institution of the presidency of the United States.
- **2) The Ultra-Right**, comprised of such despicable groups as the Ku Klux Klan, White supremacists and White Nationalists, Nazis and Neo-Nazis, and Neo-Confederates.<sup>26</sup> Despite their different labels, they all share a common message of the subjugation and genocide of the "mud races" essentially anyone who is "non-Aryan," and non-Christian.
- 3) The Antifa or "Anti-Fascists."
- 4) Russia.
- **5) Gangs**, neighborhood-based as well as national and transnational gangs.

We have already begun to witness the effect that racist rhetoric coming from the institution of the Presidency can have on some of these national organizations. What is important to keep in mind is that the remaining four organizations listed do not act in a vacuum, but rather share relationships of an interrelated and interdependent nature with one or more of the others. Hence, the synergistic relationship they have with each other is such that the heightened activity of one may have a positive feedback effect on others, thus resulting in an overall exponential escalation of violence on a national scale.

What I mean by this is that whereas they can be described *individually*, they cannot be seen as acting – or reacting – independently. For example, as President Trump continues to publically demonstrate his support for Ultra-Right, White supremacist groups, this will have a positive (heightened) effect on their recruitment numbers and their public standing. The more the Ultra-Right comes to life the more violent confrontations with Antifa activists we will experience. Sooner or later, Black Lives Matter members will enter the fray which will lead to renewed public hostilities between Blacks and White police. On its own, this has the potential to escalate into race riots across the country. Russia, as I describe below, is already doing an excellent job fueling pro-Ultra-Right sentiment in the U.S. through its cybergenerated ideological warfare. Additionally, Russia may very well commit to another level of subversion against our country, as I mentioned earlier, by sponsoring new extremist ideologies (as we did in Afghanistan against the former USSR with the jihadi movement) or by subsidizing presently existing groups with propaganda, funds, and weapons. In any case, Russia will no doubt continue to proceed with its commitment towards the destabilization of America.

**1. President Trump:** There can be no doubt that Trump was fully aware of the incendiary effect of his comments in support of White supremacy and the Ultra-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> "The 'Far Right' in America: A Brief Taxonomy," by Matt Ford, January 22, 2017, The Atlantic, <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/01/far-right-taxonomy/509282/">https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/01/far-right-taxonomy/509282/</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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Right in general after the Charlottesville incident. He was even more cognizant of the consequences of his recent pardon of former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, known for his career-long abuse of authority in terrorizing and violating the civil and constitutional rights of Hispanic residents of Maricopa County.

I cannot do justice to the extent of the ex-Maricopa County Sheriff's crimes. A few quotes and a summary just cannot begin to capture the degree of criminality and injustice he has committed against Hispanics, many if not most, were innocent of the crimes of which they were being accused. I, therefore, recommend one of the many articles I have reviewed, and which I believe stands out in its intention to convey just how much of a monster Joe Arpaio is. The recent Current Affairs article by Nathan J. Robinson is fittingly titled 'Wait, Do People Actually Know Just How Evil This Man Is?,' and was available online on August 26 2017. If you really want a deep insight into the extent of President Trump's perverse psychopathology, you will go out of your way to read it. I warn you – if you have any human empathy at all, you will find both Arpaios' actions, as well as President's Trump's pardon, to be truly sickening.

While it is obvious that Trump is playing to the sentiments of his electoral base, speculations as to whether he seeks to start a "race war" or a "civil war" abound. Martin Longman from the Washington Monthly writes on August 23, 2017:

The president committed to pardoning former Sheriff Joe Arpaio last night during his campaign rally in Phoenix, Arizona. It wasn't the only news he made, but it was the thing that stuck out most for me. There's a substantive case to make about why Arpaio doesn't deserve a pardon. The ACLU points out that in addition to defying a court order to stop racially profiling Latinos and placing himself in contempt of court, Arpaio has a record of abusing his public office, coddling sexual predators, and creating inhumane conditions for his prisoners and doing harm to their health. In truth, even the briefest glance as his Wikipedia page should convince you that the man is a scoundrel and a charlatan in addition to being one of the most brutal racists to hold public office in the last four decades.

On July 31, 2017, Arpaio was found guilty of criminal contempt of court by District Judge Susan Bolton. Bolton explained that Arpaio had failed "to ensure his subordinates' compliance" with court directives by "directing them to continue to detain persons for whom no criminal charges could be filed." Therefore, the judge found, Arpaio had "willfully violated an order of the court." She set his sentencing hearing for October.

The president claimed last night that Arpaio is guilty of nothing more serious than "doing his job." [...]

Trump seems to be ping-ponging between taking the most pro-Nazi position available to him and denying that he has done so, but last night he did three things that made it appear that he thinks his political survival depends on rallying racist support to his besieged banner.

The first was his verbal commitment to pardon Arpaio. The second was his promise to cause a government shutdown if he doesn't get his border wall paid for not by the Mexican government (as promised) but by our own. And the third was maybe the most disturbing, to me, of all. Trump told his assembled supporters that people are trying to take away "our

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culture." [...] When the president speaks about "our culture," he clearly means the culture of those who celebrate the Confederacy.<sup>27</sup>

Robin Wright's August 14, 2017, article 'Is America Headed for a New Kind of Civil War?' is quite sobering in that she even cites probabilities of the event transpiring over the next several years:

A day after the brawling and racist brutality and deaths in Virginia, Governor Terry McAuliffe asked, "How did we get to this place?" The more relevant question after Charlottesville—and other deadly episodes in Ferguson, Charleston, Dallas, St. Paul, Baltimore, Baton Rouge, and Alexandria—is where the United States is headed. How fragile is the Union, our republic, and a country that has long been considered the world's most stable democracy? The dangers are now bigger than the collective episodes of violence. "The radical right was more successful in entering the political mainstream last year than in half a century," the Southern Poverty Law Center reported in February. The organization documents more than nine hundred active (and growing) hate groups in the United States.

America's stability is increasingly an undercurrent in political discourse. Earlier this year, I began a conversation with Keith Mines about America's turmoil. Mines has spent his career—in the U.S. Army Special Forces, the United Nations, and now the State Department—navigating civil wars in other countries, including Afghanistan, Colombia, El Salvador, Iraq, Somalia, and Sudan. He returned to Washington after sixteen years to find conditions that he had seen nurture conflict abroad now visible at home. It haunts him. In March, Mines was one of several national-security experts whom *Foreign Policy* asked to evaluate the risks of a second civil war—with percentages. **Mines concluded that the United States faces a sixty-per-cent chance of civil war over the next ten to fifteen years.** Other experts' predictions ranged from five per cent to ninety-five per cent. **The sobering consensus was thirty-five per cent.** And that was five months before Charlottesville.

"We keep saying, 'It can't happen here,' but then, holy smokes, it can," Mines told me after we talked, on Sunday, about Charlottesville. The pattern of civil strife has evolved worldwide over the past sixty years. Today, few civil wars involve pitched battles from trenches along neat geographic front lines. Many are low-intensity conflicts with episodic violence in constantly moving locales. [...]

President Trump "modeled violence as a way to advance politically and validated bullying during and after the campaign," Mines wrote in *Foreign Policy*. "Judging from recent events the left is now fully on board with this," he continued, citing anarchists in anti-globalization riots as one of several flashpoints. "It is like 1859, everyone is mad about something and everyone has a gun."

To test Mines's conjecture, I reached out to five prominent Civil War historians this weekend. "When you look at the map of red and blue states and overlap on top of it the map of the Civil War—and who was allied with who in the Civil War—not much has changed," Judith Giesberg, the editor of the *Journal of the Civil War Era* and a historian at Villanova University, told me. "We never agreed on the outcome of the Civil War and the direction the country should go in. The postwar amendments were highly contentious—especially the Fourteenth Amendment, which provides equal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> "Trump wants to Lead a Race War," by Martin Longman, August 23, 2017, Washington Monthly, <a href="http://washingtonmonthly.com/2017/08/23/trump-wants-to-lead-a-race-war/">http://washingtonmonthly.com/2017/08/23/trump-wants-to-lead-a-race-war/</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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protection under the law—and they still are today. What does it mean to deliver voting rights to people of color? We still don't know."28 [Emphasis mine.]

Thirty-five percent chances of a civil war in the next ten to fifteen years – estimated five months before Charlottesville? Russian roulette offers better odds than that. I disagree, however, with the pundits' estimates on the probabilities of a Civil War taking place in America. For all practical intents and purposes, as I have emphasized earlier, the Civil War never ceased, it only mutated from a series of well-defined military fronts to an extensively national ideological one. Charlottesville, however, changed all of that. The ongoing conflict has mutated once again, adapting itself to our modern times. What will ensue, if massive immediate action is not taken, is an increase of sporadic, and progressively more violent events along not just on geographical boundaries, but also on ideological and legal fronts as well. The question is, how many of 'you' – and of 'us' – are willing to do what is necessary to act now and keep the violence from escalating beyond the point of no return?

It is not exactly difficult to predict Trump's end-game, which aside from increasing his present power base, quite likely includes finding a way to extend his control over the White House beyond established legal terms. Of all the potentially available measures of assessing Trump's true personality, as I stated above, none compares to his pardon of ex-Sheriff Arpaio. It goes far beyond demonstrating Trump's disdain for the Constitution, or his general disregard for the Federal Judicial System. It reveals more than any clinical assessment of his personality could. Only a true *psychopath*, an individual with a complete lack of empathy, could dismiss the enormous human suffering, and even death, a *sociopath* like Arpaio inflicted upon Hispanics – *fellow human beings* – under his jurisdiction for nearly a quarter of a century – only to conclude that he was "just doing his job."

**2. The Ultra-Right:** These are Trump's foot soldiers. If America does not bring closure to the Civil War by bringing the full weight of the law upon White supremacy and its advocates we can expect many more 'Charlottesvilles' – and *worse*. White supremacists, reassured and emboldened by their new advocate in the White House, will in all likelihood markedly increase their public profile. Behind them are the dark days of a Black President. A new "White age" has dawned and with that new White age a series of escalating confrontations between White Supremacists and their opponents from all walks of society.

These confrontations will incite more clashes between advocates of Black Lives Matter and White police. Just imagine, given the current racialized climate of our Nation, what the response around the country would have been had Heather Heyer –

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Is America Headed for a New Kind of Civil War?," by Robin Wright, August 14, 2017, The New Yorker, <a href="https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/is-america-headed-for-a-new-kind-of-civil-war">https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/is-america-headed-for-a-new-kind-of-civil-war</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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the 32-year-old legal assistant from Virginia who died in the Charlottesville car attack – been *Black* instead of White. Most certainly the ensuing degree of Black civil unrest and even riots would have pitted Blacks against White police, placing even more lives at risk – and all because of America's lack of moral integrity when it comes to White supremacy.

Undoubtedly White British-America was astonished when the whirlwind of the Black Lives Matter controversy led Micah Xavier Johnson, an Army Reserve Afghan War veteran, to ambush members of the Dallas Police Department on July 7, 2016, killing five officers and wounding another nine. 'You' were probably equally dismayed by the fact that Johnson stated *he only wanted to kill White people*, particularly police officers. Do the words "I just wanted to kill White people" ring a bell? They should, for they mirror White supremacist Dylann Roof words – "I'm here to kill black people" – just before opened fire on a Black Bible study group a year earlier on June 17, 2015: action – reaction.

While White British-America may see in Johnson's actions extreme depravity and lawlessness, many of 'us' see something quite different. 'You' see the law as fair and just. Quite to the contrary, 'we' needed laws to protect 'us' from unfair and unjust laws, but without the popular – read "White" – will to enact those laws at a social level, at a cultural level, 'we' remained victims of the same. Law enforcement for 'you' represents order, peace, liberty, and safety. 'We' experience law enforcement as repressive figures of corruption, injustice, violence, and death. In Micah Xavier Johnson many Black Americans see the desperate actions of a man who is fully aware of the statistical realities of what it means to be Black in a country where one in three Black men are arrested, sentenced, and imprisoned – quite likely unlawfully – in their lifetimes. Johnson felt, as so many of 'us' feel, trapped behind enemy lines in a country in which any and every encounter with a White police officer is a potential death sentence. Micah Xavier Johnson risked his life to fight terrorism abroad to protect the freedom of all Americans, only to return to a country where his people are continuously denied their freedom and are subject to White supremacist terrorism.

What is quite surprising, baffling really, is that Micah Xavier Johnson's actions are the exception and not the rule in more encounters between Blacks and the police granted the degree of racism inherent in America's legal "justice" system. Rest assured that a higher public profile on the part of White supremacists will only serve to normalize Johnson's response: expect many more 'Johnsons' and expect many more dead police officers if you allow White supremacists to continue to make themselves and their ideology more accessible. This is the result of a social, political, and economic – cultural – inevitability White British-America has been fashioning for centuries. 'You' and 'they' have sown the wind of White supremacy for centuries – and if 'you' don't help 'us' finish winning the Civil War once and for all, 'you' shall also reap its whirlwind. Just how many police departments nationwide can afford losses of five, or maybe more, officers in the apprehension of a single Black suspect?

## **3.** The Antifa: According to the Economist, Antifa is an "amorphous group" which "takes on fascists":

The word Antifa has its roots in Anti-Fascist Action, a name taken up by European political movements in the 1930s. These groups, especially in Germany, were a failed attempt by the left to unite against the threats of fascism and nazism. The end of the second world war and the chaos of occupied Germany briefly revived them as organised [sic] alliances of socialists and communists who went after prominent Nazis and engaged in political activism, before being shut down by occupying powers. Antifa resurfaced in the late 1980s in Europe, particularly in East Germany, as loose networks of radical activists came together in reaction to neo-Nazi and right-wing skinhead movements. The decade also marked the Antifa's entrance onto the American stage in the form of the Anti-Racist Action, a network which originated in 1987 with the Baldies, a multi-racial crew in Minneapolis, leading to the creation of other groups across the country to fight neo-Nazis. Where the first iteration of Antifa groups based their actions on rhetoric and political activism, the later groups organized [sic] to fight on the streets.

Antifa's organization [sic] (or lack thereof) is reminiscent of Anonymous: there is no hierarchy or central platform, and anyone can claim the title and set up a local branch. The decentralised [sic] character of Antifa and lack of theoretical basis ensure appeal to all "antifascists", but also make it difficult to pin down what exactly it is they oppose. They usually condemn racism, sexism, homophobia and often capitalism. Some are anarchists. But a defining characteristic of Antifa is that they aim to oppose fascism "by any means necessary", including the use of violence. This leads to violent protests and altercations with the police or with right-wing extremists.<sup>29</sup>

For the record, I do not condone the Antifa movement – but for reasons I will elaborate upon shortly, I cannot condemn it either. It has been primarily the combined apathy, ignorance, and self-righteous arrogance of 'you' – White British-Americans of Conscience – that have brought all of us – 'us,' 'you,' and 'them' – to this point in our history. Content with your reality TV shows, weekend barbeques, and spectator sporting events, 'you' – and consequently the federal government – have turned a convenient blind eye to the Sheriff Arpaios of 'our' past and present, and the horror which White supremacy has assailed upon 'us' for centuries. Otherwise, this essay would be a work of fiction rather than an accurate representation of historical details and contemporary facts.

Trump in the White House is a monument to 'your' silent acquiescence to 'our' torment and torture over centuries. And now 'you' are suddenly in shock, *now* when the chickens are coming home to roost, and the fascist monster of White supremacy has finally transcended 'your' veil of denial and has threatened 'your' comfort, 'your' security, and 'your' social conscience. The violence perpetrated by the Antifa on White militant hate groups is *insignificant*. I emphasize 'insignificant' because it is truly meaningless compared to the physical, social, economic, and psychological violence those same White supremacist groups have perpetrated upon 'us' for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> "What is Antifa?," by V.J., July 29, 2017, The Economist, <a href="https://www.economist.com/blogs/economist-explains/2017/08/economist-explains-11">https://www.economist.com/blogs/economist-explains-11</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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centuries. The Antifa movement is simply an expression of the cumulative desperation that some 'your' Left-wing members of American society manifest at 'your' lack of *real* involvement in the major social issues of our country and time.

This brings me to a final ideological point I want to make about violence in response towards White supremacist organizations in particular. I am fully aware that there are some of 'you,' many perhaps, who are completely convinced that violence is never a solution. "Violence begets violence," or "those who live by the sword, die by the sword." That is easy to say when you are not on the front line of a battle field facing death from your enemy's drawn sword. It is easy to say if you are not a Black about to be lynched by the KKK. It is easy to say if you are not a Native American trapped on a reservation about to be murdered in the night by Federal soldiers. It is easy to say if you are not a Jew about to be rounded up and lead to the gas chamber. It is easy to say if you are not a Hispanic illegally arrested to be tortured or even killed by likes of an ex-Sheriff Arpaio. 'Yours' is the "moral high ground" – or so you like to say to yourselves. I have another term for you: cowardly hypocrite.

The truth of your position is entirely disingenuous and duplicitous. In reality what you mean is that while you yourselves may not be willing to engage in violence, you are more than happy to live in a country with the most powerful military in history is ready, willing and able to inflict violence on any other nation for your protection. Were you in protest when our country invaded Iraq and Afghanistan in retaliation for 9/11? No, you were not – at least not actively, so that your voice could be heard and your will could carry political momentum. Did you raise your voice in righteous indignation when our Navy SEAL death squad executed Osama Bin Laden – without "due process of law"? Again, no, you did not.

You assert your refusal to personally resort to violence as a banner to your alleged moral superiority, and yet you would be entirely indisposed to live in a society devoid of police officers who would readily resort to violence in the protection of your person, your family members, and your property. I'm sure that many of the residents of Maricopa country Arizona who voted ex-Sheriff Arpaio into office year after year after year never killed a proverbial fly. However, they stood by and allowed him to humiliate, torture, and even kill an untold number of human beings on their behalf – or did they even see them as human beings? And 'you' and 'yours' have happily lived in a nation which has inflicted physical and psychological violence upon 'us' for centuries. What you *truly* mean when you state that "*there is no excuse for violence*," or a similar statement to that effect, is that as long as the violence is perpetrated by *others* on *your behalf*, in *your self-interest* and accordance with *your principles*, then it is perfectly acceptable – otherwise, it is not.

Now, for you die-hard Liberals, who insist that violence is never the answer, let me put a scenario before you as a test of your moral maturity – and cowardly hypocrisy. Adolf Hitler initiated a series of military and social actions – stemming

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from his White supremacist, Nazi ideology – which resulted in the deaths of 60,000,000 (sixty-million) people, or more, worldwide.<sup>30</sup> <sup>31</sup> <sup>32</sup> Imagine that the technology of your time has developed a time travel machine and transports you to a period before Hitler's rise to power in 1933. You are suddenly facing him in the quiet of his office; a gun in hand, chamber loaded, and hammer cocked. Your mission is to terminate Hitler, save the lives of over sixty million people, and be teleported back home in time for dinner. Do you press the trigger or do you remain on your moral high ground and condemn sixty million or more innocent fellow human beings to an unnecessary death?

Let me offer another scenario – no science fiction involved this time. You are in the privacy of your home with your wife, or significant other, your children, and your beloved pet; additionally, close relatives are visiting for the weekend. In other words, practically everyone (and everything) you most love in the world is gathered that night beneath your roof. A man suddenly breaks into your house, gun in hand. You know his intentions because a man fitting his exact description has recently terrorized your town, breaking into households, raping the women, and then killing every living being present. As he advances towards you, he unexpectedly trips and falls to the floor, and the gun conveniently slides to your feet. *Do you pick it up and shoot him or do you allow him to proceed to rape and kill your family?* 

If you have never been in a course that required you to discuss questions analogous to the above, then you should sue your High School for negligence in providing you with a socially deficient education. In either of the above cases, your inaction would in and of itself, be responsible for undesirable future actions. In life there is no such thing as neutrality, especially when faced with unequivocal evil:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out — because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out — because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak for me.

#### - Martin Niemöller

It's about high time Liberals did more than just "speak out"— and I do conclude that the vast majority of White British-Americans of Conscience are Liberal— in more than just self-righteous indignation over news articles while sipping your morning Starbucks. It's about time 'you' began to *inform* yourselves, took the *red pill*, stepped outside the *Matrix*, and opened up that closed, shallow, and limited White British-American mind of yours, allowing some crude truths about reality to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> "How Many People Died in World War 2?," History on the Net, <a href="http://www.historyonthenet.com/how-many-people-died-in-world-war-2/">http://www.historyonthenet.com/how-many-people-died-in-world-war-2/</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> "Research Starters: Worldwide Deaths in World War II," The National WWII Museum, <a href="https://www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/student-resources/research-starters/research-starters-worldwide-deaths-world-war">https://www.nationalww2museum.org/students-teachers/student-resources/research-starters/research-starters-worldwide-deaths-world-war</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> "World War II casualties," <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World War II casualties">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World War II casualties</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

penetrate and start maturing your worldview. It's about time 'you' truly saw yourselves reflected in the society 'you' have contributed to sustaining. It's about time you saw this society for what it is: one so entrenched in institutional racism that 'you' are completely numb and indifferent to the pain, suffering, and even death it continues to cause millions of 'us' on a daily basis.

### What is "institutional racism"?

Institutional racism is defined as racism perpetrated by government entities such as schools, the courts or the military. Unlike the racism perpetrated by individuals, institutional racism has the power to negatively affect the bulk of people belonging to a racial group.

While individual Americans may harbor racist feelings about certain groups, racism in the United States would not have thrived if institutions hadn't perpetuated discrimination against people of color for centuries. The institution of slavery kept blacks in bondage for generations. Other institutions, such as the church, played roles in maintaining slavery and segregation.

Racism in medicine has led to unethical medical experiments involving people of color and to minorities still receiving substandard treatment today. At present, a number of groups—blacks, Latinos, Arabs and South Asians—find themselves racially profiled for a variety of reasons. If institutional racism isn't wiped out, there's little hope that racial discrimination will ever be erased in the United States.<sup>33</sup>

'You' are as blind to institutional racism as 'you' were to the ascent of Donald Trump in his bid for the presidency of the United States. 'Your' blindness originates in the same cause: you have been acculturated to refuse to acknowledge the dark side of your society, no matter how obvious that dark side is. Why? Because deep down inside you fear that your indifference to 'our' suffering may be indicative of your own racism – of your particular version of White supremacy. What's the real difference between White Liberals and White Conservatives in this regard? Simple: White Conservatives *own* their racism, they acknowledge their belief in White supremacy. Perhaps not as openly as Donald Trump, or the Ultra-right, but there is a reason Donald Trump won the election on a racist platform: American culture and society, as I demonstrated in the first half of this essay, is still racist at its very core. As the US News article, titled 'Institutional Racism Is Our Way of Life,' clearly states, "Endless studies and reports show that racism exists, whether we want to believe it or not":

Let's start with **pre-school**. Black pre-schoolers are far more likely to be suspended than white children, NPR reported. Black children make up 18 percent of the pre-school population, but represent almost half of all out-of-school suspensions.

Once you get to **K-12**, black children are three times more likely to be suspended than white children. Black students make up almost 40 percent of all school expulsions, and more than two thirds of students referred to police from schools are either black or Hispanic, says the Department of Education.

Even **disabled black children** suffer from institutional racism. About a fifth of disabled children are black – yet they account for 44 and 42 percent of disabled students put in mechanical restraints or placed in seclusion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> "What is the definition of institutional racism?," by Nadra Kareem Nittle, December 29, 2016, ThoughtCo, <a href="https://www.thoughtco.com/examples-of-institutional-racism-in-the-u-s-2834624">https://www.thoughtco.com/examples-of-institutional-racism-in-the-u-s-2834624</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

When **juveniles hit the court system**, it discriminates against blacks as well. Black children are 18 times more likely to be sentenced as adults than white children, and make up nearly 60 percent of children in prisons, according to the APA. Black juvenile offenders are much more likely to be viewed as adults in juvenile detention proceedings than their white counterparts.

In the **workplace**, black college graduates are twice as likely as whites to struggle to find jobs - the jobless rate for blacks has been double that of whites for decades. A study even found that people with "black-sounding names" had to send out 50 percent more job applications than people with "white-sounding names" just to get a call back.

And **it gets worse the higher up the pay scale you go**. For every \$10,000 increase in pay, blacks' percentages of holding that job falls by 7 percent compared to whites.

The disparities exist in our **neighborhoods and communities**. About 73 percent of whites own homes, compared to just 43 percent of blacks. The gap between median household income for whites (about \$91,000) compared to blacks (about \$7,000) is staggering, and that gap has tripled in just the past 25 years. The median net worth of white families is about \$265,000, while it was just \$28,500 for blacks.

A black man is three times more likely to be searched at a traffic stop, and six times more likely to go [to] jail than a white person. Blacks make up nearly 40 percent of arrests for violent crimes.

Blacks aren't pulled over (and subsequently jailed) more frequently because they're more prone to criminal behavior. They're pulled over much more frequently because there is an "implicit racial association of black Americans with dangerous or aggressive behavior," the Sentencing Project found.

The numbers get ridiculous in certain parts of the country, the project found. On the New Jersey Turnpike, for instance, blacks make up 15 percent of drivers, more than 40 percent of stops and 73 percent of arrests – even though they break traffic laws at the same rate as whites. In New York City, blacks and Hispanics were three and four times as likely to be stopped and frisked as whites.

#### But the disparities become appalling in court.

If a black person kills a white person, they are twice as likely to receive the death sentence as a white person who kills a black person. Local prosecutors are much more likely to upgrade a case to felony murder if you're black than if you're white.<sup>34</sup> [Emphasis mine.]

White Liberals – White British-Americans of Conscience – live in happy denial of this reality. For 'you' ignorance is bliss. It allows you to comfortably continue to live in this illusion you see as a "good America." "Sure we did some bad things in the past, but that was the past; certainly nothing Civil Rights and Affirmative Action didn't remedy." That allows you to sleep at nights, to spend your free time watching reality TV shows, playing video games, and having friends over for your weekend barbeques. Most importantly, it allows you to continue buying into political slogans such as "America is great because it is good."

However, what fundamentally distinguishes Liberals from Conservatives – White British-Americans of Conscience from those without – is simple: for Liberals White supremacy is bad – even as they turn a blind eye to it. For Conservatives, it is not. For Conservatives, White supremacy is the necessary means to maintain "their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> "Institutional Racism Is Our Way of Life," by Jeff Nesbit, Contributor, May 6, 2015, U.S. News, <a href="https://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/at-the-edge/2015/05/06/institutional-racism-is-our-way-of-life">https://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/at-the-edge/2015/05/06/institutional-racism-is-our-way-of-life</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

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culture." The same culture to which President Trump referred to in his Arizona speech on August 22nd, 2017, when he addressed the removal of Confederate monuments: "They're trying to take away our culture. They are trying to take away our history."35 From the Conservative point of view, the downturn in America's standing in the world is a direct consequence of the rise of new Liberal ideologies, such as multiculturalism, which together are eroding White supremacy's social, political, and economic standing in America. This perspective is 'their' denial; it's what keeps 'them' from taking a hard look at what is fundamentally wrong with themselves, and the country at large. (If you truly have the intestinal fortitude to go down that rabbit hole then read 'Mandated Report' and especially 'Broken Arrow,' otherwise, don't.) From the Liberal point of view, however, if White supremacy is still institutional in America, then how can America be 'good'? And if America is not 'good,' then what does that say about 'you'? What does it say about American culture? What does it say about the Constitution? If the Constitution is the ultimate law of the land and if racism and White supremacy are institutional in our society, then what role has the Constitution, its interpretation, and application been in contributing to this state of affairs?

The truth is America never was good. It was founded on White supremacy and continues to operate ubiquitously on that overriding evil premise. Neither the Civil Rights Movement, nor Affirmative Action, have changed that reality – they couldn't when the dominating culture, and hence the nation's society, have always been steeped in racism. This is what the likes of Sheriff Arpaio dynasty of terror and crime prove; this is what the federal government's inability – or disinterest – in truly bringing him to justice for over two decades proves; this is what his presidential pardon proves, and this is what Trump in the White House proves. Liberal America's denial of this reality is the primary reason why it was *completely* incapable of seeing the rise of Trump throughout the Republican primaries and then through the presidential election – much less formulating an adequate strategy to defeat him. You can't fight the opponent you refuse to see.

I am *not* condoning violence. Much to the contrary: I am offering 'you' – and 'us' – the only viable *anti-violence* option available against 'them' and most importantly, against that for which 'they' stand. Forcing the federal government to declare White supremacist groups as terrorist organizations on a par with Al Qaeda and ISIS, is the first step towards chopping the legs out from under Trump and his fascist plan for making America White – and Ultra-conservative. Failure to pull out all the stops in this regard only serves to further Trump's agenda.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> "Donald Trump's 57 most outrageous quotes from his Arizona speech," by Chris Cillizza, August 23, 2017, CNN, <a href="http://edition.cnn.com/2017/08/23/politics/donald-trump-arizona/index.html">http://edition.cnn.com/2017/08/23/politics/donald-trump-arizona/index.html</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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What has historically given Conservatives the edge over Liberals is that the former have a much clearer definition of who they are and hence of who their enemies are: both 'you' and 'us.'

Liberals, on their other hand, and their "can't we all just get along" attitude refuse to acknowledge, on principle, even the existence of an enemy – until it's far too late. That is what allowed the rise of Hitler, and that is what allowed the rise of Donald Trump. Understand this in no uncertain terms: While 'they' are no doubt the enemy, the greatest enemy this country has faced has always been 'your' persistent denial of reality.

Whoever first said "it takes two to fight," never met a bully. All it takes to start a fight is for one person to decide to assault the other — it's just that when the other doesn't respond, we call it a "thrashing" rather than a "fight." Liberalism in America has allowed 'us' to be thrashed, and even worse, for centuries — not because we lacked the will to fight back, we often did, but we lacked the power to do so effectively. As far as the Antifa is concerned, most of 'us' feel that it's about time a faction of the White British-American population stood up to White supremacy and did *something* — which is far more than 'you' in your denial have done.

To paraphrase Martin Niemöller, since 'they' were not coming for 'you', 'you' conveniently remained silent, hiding behind your "Liberal principles," convincing yourselves that platitudes like "First Amendment Rights" and "Freedom of Speech" gave them the moral and legal right to spew their venom, whitewashing (pun intended) your cowardly hypocrisy and converting it into what 'you' interpret as a morally dignified stand. It does not, and it is not. It is no more an admiral moral stand than allowing Hitler to continue to live to cause the deaths of dozens of millions of people, or allowing an intruder to live so he can proceed to rape and kill your loved ones – ostensibly while you watch.

When you are part of a country's ethnic majority, you have a responsibility to *act*. What is my position regarding the Antifa movement? I find it disgraceful, *heart-wrenching*, that those young Americans – *kids really* – when recognizing this growing evil in our society, feel that they have no choice other than to place themselves in harm's way, risking life, limb, and liberty, in a desperate attempt to accomplish what the rest of Liberal society has been too blind, too cowardly, or both, to meaningfully confront. According to Mark Bray, a historian at Dartmouth College and author of 'Antifa: The Antifascist Handbook,' the Antifa "reject turning to the police or the state to halt the advance of white supremacy. Instead they advocate popular opposition to fascism as we witnessed in Charlottesville." <sup>36</sup> I cannot blame them for not turning to the police: in America, law enforcement is, and always has

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> "'They have no allegiance to liberal democracy': an expert on antifa explains the group," by Sean Illing, August 25, 2017. Vox, <a href="https://www.vox.com/2017/8/25/16189064/antifa-charlottesville-activism-mark-bray-interview">https://www.vox.com/2017/8/25/16189064/antifa-charlottesville-activism-mark-bray-interview</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

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been, the primary instrument employed towards the maintenance of White supremacy and fascism in our society. Just ask *White* Utah nurse Alex Wubbels, who on July 26, 2017, was unlawfully arrested for doing her job:

The body camera video from a Salt Lake City police officer in an emergency room at University of Utah Hospital was rife with tension.

For almost 21 minutes, the video showed the officer, Jeff L. Payne, and a nurse, Alex Wubbels, locked in a battle of wills.

Officer Payne demanded that she draw blood from a sedated patient as part of an investigation into a car crash. Ms. Wubbels steadfastly said hospital policy did not allow it because it did not meet one of three criteria: The person was not under arrest, and the police had neither a warrant nor the patient's consent. She said she had checked with several hospital administrators and managers who supported her position.

The officer continued to accuse Ms. Wubbels of interfering with a criminal investigation. "If I don't get to get the blood, I'm taking her to jail," he said, adding later: "I either go away with blood in vials or body in tow. That's my only two choices."

Ms. Wubbels put her boss, Brad Wiggins, on speakerphone and he told Officer Payne, "Sir, you're making a huge mistake" by threatening a nurse. With that, Officer Payne said, "We're done," and moved to take Ms. Wubbels into custody.<sup>37</sup>

That is precisely the type of police brutality that 'we' have experienced for centuries, and that President Trump's pardon of ex-Sheriff Arpaio endorses. The only difference, and what is bringing such outrage, is that now, thanks to Trump's rise to power, it is also openly directed towards *White* people who oppose fascism when applied to them – towards 'you.' The very existence of the Antifa in America is a living testament to Liberalism's failure to apply the power vested in the People to have acted *morally*, *responsibly*, *courageously*, and *decisively* against White supremacy in the first place. To be succinct, the problem with a Liberal democracy is that it inevitably gets the government it deserves. Frankly, if 'you' don't respond to my 'Message' then all you accomplish is to prove that *White British-America of Conscience deserves Trump*.

Concerning the Antifa movement, an even greater disgrace is that the government has taken the initiative to declare Antifa domestic terrorists, a move so obviously reminiscent of the FBI's COINTELPRO initiative, and fatal determination, to eliminate the Black Panthers in the late sixties and seventies:

Federal authorities have been warning state and local officials since early 2016 that leftist extremists known as "antifa" had become increasingly confrontational and dangerous, so much so that the Department of Homeland Security formally classified their activities as "domestic terrorist violence," according to interviews and confidential law enforcement documents obtained by POLITICO.<sup>38</sup>

<sup>38</sup> "FBI, Homeland Security warn of more 'antifa' attacks," by Josh Meyer, September 1, 2017, POLITICO, <a href="http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/01/antifa-charlottesville-violence-fbi-242235">http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/01/antifa-charlottesville-violence-fbi-242235</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> "Utah Nurse Handcuffed After Refusing to Draw Patient's Blood," by Christopher Mele and Daniel Victor, September 1, 2017, The New York Times, <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/01/us/utah-nurse-arrested-blood.html?mcubz=1">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/01/us/utah-nurse-arrested-blood.html?mcubz=1</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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In case the double-standard was lost on you, beat up a few White supremacists and fascists and suddenly the State labels you a terrorist. On the other hand, belong to an organization that for centuries has been responsible for crimes against humanity, in the order of hundreds of millions of victims, inspires murder in *recent* history such as Timothy McVeigh in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, or Dylann Roof in Charleston, North Carolina, and instigates the murder of millions more, and you are... *what*? According to a federal judge, you are "*not a threat*":

Brandon Russell is capable of making a bomb - and he admitted doing so.

Officials believe he also participated in neo-Nazi chat rooms where he threatened to kill people and blow up places.

Investigators found guns, ammunition and white supremacist propaganda in his bedroom, court records say. A framed photograph of convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was on his dresser.

Prosecutors believe those reasons should keep Russell behind bars while he awaits trial on federal charges. A judge, however, disagreed and decided that Russell can be released on bond. [...]

McCoun, the federal judge, said in the ruling that Russell's purchase of the rifles and ammunition is concerning, but he did not believe it was enough to deny his request for a bond. Russell, a member of the Florida National Guard, also does not have any arrests or criminal history, and relatives have agreed to allow him to stay with them as he waits for trial. There's also no evidence that Russell used or planned to use the explosive he created, the judge wrote.<sup>39</sup>

Of course, we all stock-pile explosives as a hobby – don't 'you'? Sarcasm aside, last time I checked the only person charged with murder during the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12, 2017, was James Alex Fields Jr., a self-proclaimed Nazi,<sup>40</sup> "deeply into Adolf Hitler and white supremacy."<sup>41</sup> Fields was not, after all, marching with the Antifa that tragic August 12, 2017, Saturday but with *Ultra-right protestors*. To be more specific, like a photograph taken that same day confirms, he was rallying with 'Vanguard America' – despite the fact that the organization falsely denies any ties whatsoever to Fields. Vanguard America is none other than a White supremacist group "whose manifesto declares that 'a government based in [sic] the natural law must not cater to the false notion of equality.'"<sup>42</sup> What the existence of the Antifa movement is forcing Liberal America – 'you' – to do is to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> "Neo-Nazi with explosives and framed photo of Timothy McVeigh is not a threat, judge rules," by Kristine Phillips, June 12, 2017, Independent, <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/neo-nazi-brandon-russell-explosives-bombs-white-supremacy-timothy-mcveigh-threat-magistrate-judge-a7785236.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/neo-nazi-brandon-russell-explosives-bombs-white-supremacy-timothy-mcveigh-threat-magistrate-judge-a7785236.html</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> "Teacher, ex-classmate describe Charlottesville suspect as Nazi sympathizer," by Steve Almasy, Kwegyirba Croffie and Madison Park, August 15, 2017, CNN, <a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/12/us/charlottesville-car-crash-suspect-idd/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/12/us/charlottesville-car-crash-suspect-idd/index.html</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> "Ohio Man Charged With Murder In Fatal Car Attack On Anti-White Nationalist March," by Joe Ruiz, August 13, 2017, NPR, <a href="http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/08/13/543176250/charlottesville-attack-james-alex-fields-jr">http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/08/13/543176250/charlottesville-attack-james-alex-fields-jr</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> "What We Know About James Alex Fields, Driver Charged in Charlottesville Killing," By Jonah Engel Bromwich and Alan Blinderaug. The New York Times, August 13, 2017, <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/13/us/james-alex-fields-charlottesville-driver-.html?mcubz=1">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/13/us/james-alex-fields-charlottesville-driver-.html?mcubz=1</a>. Last accessed September 1, 2017.

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ultimately come to terms with the failure of American Liberal democracy altogether.

Not many people recognize just how many Americans there are fully trained by our military forces and intelligence services to organize and direct insurgency operations. Although their training is specifically intended for operations on foreign soil, there is absolutely nothing which would impede any number of such individuals – frustrated by what they perceive as the system's inability to rectify itself and cure the growing cancer within, exasperated by the overwhelming apathy and ignorance of the majority of our civilian population – from easily forming paramilitary organizations of their own, putting their training into effect on national soil. Given the current polarized social and political climate created by President Trump, such movements wouldn't be lacking in recruits willing to do far more damage than just causing fist fights to disrupt Ultra-Right marches. Just remember the power behind the NRA and of America's gun culture in general. Moreover, there are likely far more Americans than you might imagine – especially, but not exclusively, from the Ultra-Right – who would see it as their patriotic duty to do so.

Most Americans, in fact, *do* justify violence. As I stated above, the existence of police and armed forces make that point quite implicitly. In fact, violence is an integral part of our American culture. We have such legal defenses as "justifiable homicide," according to which the taking of another life is defensible under the law. Political hawks refer to "just war theory," which deals with the historical, ethical, and even theological arguments as to when and how war should be waged – war being on a par with the epitome of violence. We have the "war on terror," a clear example of our nation's interpretation of a "just war," according to which we *justifiably* take violence to the enemy abroad so that the enemy does not repeat the violence it has inflicted unto us.

Moreover, we have a familiar historical event, one that is dear to 'your' hearts, which explicitly describes the circumstances according to which violence against the State is *morally* and *legally* not only justified but *required*. Welcome to the Preamble to the U.S. Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under

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absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. [Emphasis mine.]

The above three paragraphs were redacted precisely to present a reasoned argument as to why *violence against the government* – in this case in the form of a war of independence – was not only necessary in some cases, but also a *moral imperative*.

Disregarding for the moment issues such as the lack of universality of the Declaration of Independence's racial intent – or that of the existence, or not, of a Creator, etc. – the first paragraph establishes the rights to which human beings are entitled as the fundamental premise of the subsequent arguments and conclusion. Humans are entitled to "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Those three rights, together with "equality," (from "created equal") constitute undeniable facets, "unalienable truths," of the Human Condition that any legal and moral government must protect – even though the American Supreme Court denied those rights to 'us' for centuries.

The second paragraph is a reference to what is known as "social contract theory." Social contract theory essentially states that individuals *consent* to surrender specific rights and liberties, as well as to undergo certain obligations, to partake of membership in a given society, which in exchange for its citizen's subservience delivers certain guaranteed ("unalienable") rights and privileges. Should the "Government" fail to deliver these "unalienable" entitlements, it is not just the right, but the *duty* of 'the governed' to "alter or abolish" said Government in pursuit of another that will, in fact, comply with its obligations.

What are the obligations of Government? Any legitimate government's duty is to provide its citizens with "Safety" in addition to equality in the opportunities for "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The second paragraph, therefore, establishes two premises: the moral conditions and obligations according to which a Government is legitimate as well as the rights, and duty, of the governed to overthrow such Government, should it fail to uphold its end of the social contract.

The third paragraph is the conclusion that serves to justify the American War of Independence. It first recognizes that the business of overthrowing a Government is not to be taken lightly and that in all matter of fact "mankind" [sic] is far more likely to tolerate a Government abusive of its rights – "while evils are sufferable" – then to rise against it. However, the final sentence at the end of that paragraph is what is critical, for it establishes the ethical conclusion which required the violence inevitably associated with any war of independence. This sentence, in principle, states that when a people are subjected to "a long train of abuses and usurpations" by a Government intent on reducing them by "design" to be subjected to a state of "absolute Despotism," it becomes that people's "right," indeed "their duty," to

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"throw off such Government" and avail themselves of a new one that will better represent their rights and interests.

Thomas Jefferson, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, had the following words in mind when he wrote it: "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty."

We are standing on *hallowed ground* – and at the same time on *very thin ice*. On the one hand, no citizen of the United States can convincingly argue against the "unalienable" validity of the Preamble's argument, of its premises, or of its conclusions. These phrases are what legitimated the government of the United States to come into being in the first place. Moreover, those phrases contained in these three paragraphs are some of the most well-known in the English language, the most powerful in American history, and arguably amongst the most important in the history of our species. These phrases are the basis upon which the United States becomes a nation and its 'peoples' – or at least its White 'peoples' – became "*We the People*." As long as White supremacy terror is allowed to operate legally, protected by the Constitution, 'we' – 'us' – will still be waiting to become part of "*We the People*."

On the other hand, we are forced to recognize the revolutionary nature of those very same words, both in their content as well as their intent. Let's carefully consider the following two sentences which succeed the previous three paragraphs of the Preamble:

Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

The rest of the Declaration of Independence lists the "Facts" according to which "the present King of Britain" has incurred in a "history of repeated injuries and usurpations" according to which he sought, as "direct object," "the establishment of an absolute Tyranny."

Any number of sectors of our society, not just the American minorities of color under centuries of White British-American White supremacy, could easily interpret the Trump administration and our history of White supremacy, or a challenge to White supremacy, as "the King of Great Britain." Either of these perspectives could be the final straw that opens before them a path of violence against our government or even against our society.

From 'our' particular standpoint, especially that of African and Native Americans, when considering the historical, social, economic, and political reality 'we' have encountered over the last four centuries under White supremacy, the applications of the same premises and logic as present in the Declaration of Independence are

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potentially explosive. Again, the self-same arguments that justified the use of violence against the British crown almost two and half centuries ago, could equally be used to employ violence against the current government of the United States.

I am counting on 'you' – and on 'us' – to put out these sparks before they become an implacable flame.

Nevertheless, there can be no "reasonable doubt" that the government of the United States, as well as White British-American society itself, guided by its complicity with, or tolerance for, White supremacy, have engaged for centuries in "a long train of abuses and usurpations" evincing "a design to reduce" 'us' "under absolute Despotism." That is what slavery represents. That is what segregation represents. That is what the reservation system represents. That is what the continued tolerance and protection under the law of White supremacy represents. That is what the resurgence of White supremacy as a manifest feature of our twenty-first-century society represents. That is what President Trump's defense of White supremacy represents. That is what has given rise to the Antifa movement, and could very well if White supremacy is not legally exterminated at its roots, give rise to much worse. President Trump, we have reason to believe, is counting on it.

'You' – White British-Americans of Conscience – however, represent the best chance, perhaps the *only chance*, to change the course of history, and to lead 'us' – all of us – away from the present brink of disaster. 'You' have a unique opportunity and to take charge of the future of our country by taking a decisive step, a leadership role, towards putting an end to its past by using your social, political, and economic position of privilege in our American society in changing our present and liberating our future. 'You' can bring new hope to the nation uniting most Americans in a clear battle of good against evil, bringing into effect a new era of empowerment and unity to the moral and responsible citizens of our nation.

Nevertheless, you cannot hope to do so without taking responsibility for your complicity in our present highly racialized circumstances. 'You' have *historically failed to act as moral citizens of a liberal democracy* and take a stand against the evils of White supremacy. As a result, by way of 'your' passive acquiescence, 'you' have implicitly conspired with 'them,' – the White British-Americans complicit with White supremacy – in putting a White supremacist in the White House. 'You' are guilty as charged. 'We' most definitely are not.

Regrettably, the outcome I am proposing in my 'Message to America,' will not resolve all of the crucial problems facing our nation; America will still be in the ICU as far as the social, political, and economic disaster we are facing. But it will represent an indispensable move in the right direction towards saving all of us – 'us,' 'you,' and even 'them' – from the abyss. I agree with Abraham Lincoln: "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be

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because we destroyed ourselves." We are on the brink of doing just that, destroying ourselves.

**4. Russia:** America does not exist in a vacuum. As the last superpower standing it has quite a few enemies around the world; powerful, meticulous, implacable enemies willing and more than capable of exploiting any of our nation's visible weaknesses to their benefit. We should not be surprised; after all, we wrote the book on foreign interventionism. During Operation Condor,<sup>43</sup> in the southern cone of Latin America, from the late sixties until the late eighties we engaged in the assassination of democratically elected presidents and backed fascist dictatorships more suited to our corporate and political goals. In Central America, during the eighties and nineties, we organized insurgency movements and civil wars, aiding and abetting genocide. In Afghanistan, during the eighties, we trained insurgents such as Osama Bin Laden and financed an entire religious-militant uprising with the intent of contributing to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

And so we just caught Russia's hand in the cookie jar, tampering with our presidential elections. "American intelligence agencies have concluded that the Russian government interfered with the 2016 presidential election to try to help Mr. Trump. Investigators want to know whether anyone on Mr. Trump's team was part of that process."44

As if Russia's capabilities in this regard were not concern enough, it is the massive scope of Russian cybernetic intrusions that should truly worry us:

Russian hackers were meddling with the 2016 US election right from the start of the campaign season.

Former FBI director James Comey testified before a Senate Intelligence hearing on Thursday, a month after President Donald Trump fired him on May 9. The hearing, centered on Comey's conversations with President Trump, comes amid the FBI's investigations into potential campaign ties with Russia that continue to haunt the commander-in-chief.

Allegations of Russian influence on the US presidential election stretch all the way back before the midyear Democratic National Convention, when hackers spear-phished officials and released documents through WikiLeaks.

Revelations about Russian hackers continued to surface through the months leading up to and following the November election. That includes the top-secret NSA report leaked on Monday, detailing how nation-state actors launched cyberattacks against an election software company, whose technology was used in eight states, and tried spear-phishing election officials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> "Operation Condor conspiracy faces day of judgment in Argentina court," by Uki Goñi, Thursday 26 May 2016, The Guardian, <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/26/operation-condor-trial-argentina-court-death-squads">https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/26/operation-condor-trial-argentina-court-death-squads</a>. Last accessed September 3, 2017.

<sup>44</sup> "Trump Associate Boasted That Moscow Business Deal 'Will Get Donald Elected'," by Matt Apuzzo and

<sup>&</sup>quot;"Trump Associate Boasted That Moscow Business Deal 'Will Get Donald Elected'," by Matt Apuzzo and Maggie Haberman, August 28, 2017. The New York Times, <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/28/us/politics/trump-tower-putin-felix-sater.html?mcubz=1">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/28/us/politics/trump-tower-putin-felix-sater.html?mcubz=1</a>. Last accessed August 31, 2017.

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During Thursday's testimony, Comey said he first became aware of Russia-connected meddling in the late summer of 2015, around the time Trump announced he was running for president.

"There was a massive effort to target government and nongovernmental agencies, like nonprofits," Comey said. He noted that there could be hundreds, and possibly more than 1,000 officials who were targeted in the cyberattacks from Russia. $^{45}$ 

We can obviously expect more such operations to destabilize our nation according to foreign interests in the same manner in which America has done over and over again for the last half century or so.

The FBI has also identified Russia as perpetrating what can best be described as cybernetic ideological warfare against our country:

Russia's army of media influencers, social media bots and trolls has increasingly amplified alt-right and far-right narratives in the United States since the 2016 presidential election.

Russia's efforts to push propaganda and disinformation, experts say, are nothing new and extend beyond the U.S. to nations in Europe. But they have seemed to evolve in recent months, increasingly infiltrating and engaging with alt-right and far-right Americans online.

Moscow's aim is widely viewed as exploiting divides and sowing distrust of democratic institutions, the latter a conclusion reached by the U.S. intelligence community in its initial investigation of Russia's interference in the presidential election, including overt efforts to push propaganda.

"Promoting content that is divisive – that is the ultimate goal here," said Lee Foster, manager of information operations analysis at FireEye iSIGHT Intelligence. [...]

"The long view of the Russian active measures program is chaos and disunity among the American government," Clint Watts, a former FBI agent and cybersecurity expert who developed the Hamilton 68 dashboard, told NPR earlier this month.<sup>46</sup>

The effects of Russian cybernetic go way beyond destabilizing the U.S. government. They extend towards destabilizing the entire country. Furthermore, whether Trump is Russia's designated puppet to bring down the U.S. or whether Trump has had any personal complicity with Russia in destabilizing our nation for his agenda has been so far been extremely difficult to prove. There are some things that we do know, but they are circumstantial at best. For example, Trump has deliberately made efforts to downplay any evidence concluding Russia's involvement in tampering with our presidential elections, even to the point of being deliberately misleading. We are certainly no longer surprised with President Trump's blatant disregard for the truth. Quite the contrary, his proclivity for misrepresenting facts

<sup>46</sup> "Russia's propaganda machine amplifies alt-right," by Morgan Chalfant, August 26, 2017, The Hill, <a href="http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/348054-russias-propaganda-machine-amplifies-alt-right">http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/348054-russias-propaganda-machine-amplifies-alt-right</a>. Last accessed August 31, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> "Comey: Russian hacking 'massive effort' against US elections," by Alfred Ng, June 8, 2017, CNET, <a href="https://www.cnet.com/news/james-comey-donald-trump-russian-hacking-massive-effort-against-us-elections/">https://www.cnet.com/news/james-comey-donald-trump-russian-hacking-massive-effort-against-us-elections/</a>. Last accessed August 31, 2017.

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and events to outright lying has become his personal brand. Speaking in Poland on July 6, 2017,<sup>47</sup> Trump stated that

only "three or four" of the United States' 17 intelligence agencies had concluded that Russia interfered in the presidential election — a statement that while technically accurate, is misleading and suggests widespread dissent among American intelligence agencies when none has emerged.

The "three or four" agencies referred to by Mr. Trump are the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the F.B.I. and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, all of which determined that Russia interfered in the election. [...]

The reason the views of only those four intelligence agencies, not all 17, were included in the assessment is simple: They were the ones tracking and analyzing the Russian campaign. The rest were doing other work. [...]

Asked about Russia's election meddling during a news conference on Thursday in Poland, Mr. Trump repeated his familiar refrain that "it could" have been Russia or other countries that interfered in the election, and then appeared to suggest that there was hardly an intelligence community consensus on the matter. [...]

But there is no evidence that significant uncertainty or dissent exists across the intelligence community, simply because not all 17 were involved in the assessment of Russian interference.<sup>48</sup>

Why President Trump would deliberately misrepresent America's intelligence communities findings regarding Russia's involving in tampering with our presidential elections if he is not somehow complicitous with their efforts on his behalf has been of great concern to many Americans, both inside as well as outside the government.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that whatever his involvement has been with the Russian government, he most certainly has managed to cover his tracks. This past spring Politico writer Michael Crowley attempted to reveal the entangled "web of connections" between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. His efforts reveal indirect ties between both presidents involving several of Trump's administrative officials; Trump's former National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn; various of Trump's campaign advisors; Trump's former campaign manager, Paul Manafort; various of Trumps' business connections; Trump's business associate Felix Sater; as well as members of Trump's own family.<sup>49</sup>

While even Crowly himself agrees that none of these ties are "inherently damning," nevertheless, we are left with the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> "17 intelligence organizations or 4? Either way, Russia conclusion still valid," by Lauren Carroll, July 6th, 2017, PolitiFact. <a href="http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2017/jul/06/17-intelligence-organizations-or-four-either-way-r/">http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2017/jul/06/17-intelligence-organizations-or-four-either-way-r/</a>. Last accessed August 31, 2017.

<sup>48</sup> "Trump Misleads on Russian Meddling: Why 17 Intelligence Agencies Don't Need to Agree," by Matthew

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> "Trump Misleads on Russian Meddling: Why 17 Intelligence Agencies Don't Need to Agree," by Matthew Rosenberg, July 6, 2017, The New York Times, <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/06/us/politics/trump-russia-intelligence-agencies-cia-fbi-nsa.html?mcubz=1">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/06/us/politics/trump-russia-intelligence-agencies-cia-fbi-nsa.html?mcubz=1</a>. Last accessed August 31, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> "All of Trump's Russia Ties, in 7 Charts," by Michael Crowley, March/April 2017, Politico, <a href="http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/03/connections-trump-putin-russia-ties-chart-flynn-page-manafort-sessions-214868">http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/03/connections-trump-putin-russia-ties-chart-flynn-page-manafort-sessions-214868</a>. Last accessed August 31, 2017.

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- 1) The certainty that a former superpower was willing and able to successfully interfere with the most critical of our nation's democratic processes our presidential elections.
- 2) A President whose loyalty to our national best interests is, at best, enshrouded in uncertainty, or at worst, is guilty of conspiring against our nation with a foreign power our former Cold War nemesis.

President Obama had already initiated sanctions against Russia for its cyberattacks intended to interfere with our elections:

Today, I have ordered a number of actions in response to the Russian government's aggressive harassment of U.S. officials and cyber operations aimed at the U.S. election. These actions follow repeated private and public warnings that we have issued to the Russian government, and are a necessary and appropriate response to efforts to harm U.S. interests in violation of established international norms of behavior.

All Americans should be alarmed by Russia's actions. In October, my Administration publicized our assessment that Russia took actions intended to interfere with the U.S. election process. These data theft and disclosure activities could only have been directed by the highest levels of the Russian government. Moreover, our diplomats have experienced an unacceptable level of harassment in Moscow by Russian security services and police over the last year. Such activities have consequences. Today, I have ordered a number of actions in response.

I have issued an executive order that provides additional authority for responding to certain cyber activity that seeks to interfere with or undermine our election processes and institutions, or those of our allies or partners. Using this new authority, I have sanctioned nine entities and individuals: the GRU and the FSB, two Russian intelligence services; four individual officers of the GRU; and three companies that provided material support to the GRU's cyber operations. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury is designating two Russian individuals for using cyber-enabled means to cause misappropriation of funds and personal identifying information. The State Department is also shutting down two Russian compounds, in Maryland and New York, used by Russian personnel for intelligence-related purposes, and is declaring "persona non grata" 35 Russian intelligence operatives. Finally, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are releasing declassified technical information on Russian civilian and military intelligence service cyber activity, to help network defenders in the United States and abroad identify, detect, and disrupt Russia's global campaign of malicious cyber activities.<sup>50</sup>

Despite the above sanctions, Russia continued with its cyberattacks against our nation. These unrelenting attacks resulted in Congress, on July 22, 2017, reaching an agreement for further sanctions against Russia.<sup>51</sup> In light of the suspicion of President Trump's complicity with Russia, he had no political option but to approve

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> "Statement by the President on Actions in Response to Russian Malicious Cyber Activity and Harassment," by President Obama, Office of the Press Secretary, December 29, 2016, The White House, <a href="https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/29/statement-president-actions-response-russian-malicious-cyber-activity">https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/12/29/statement-president-actions-response-russian-malicious-cyber-activity</a>. Last accessed September 3, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> "Congress Reaches Deal on Russia Sanctions, Setting Up Tough Choice for Trump," by Matt Flegenheimer and David E. Sanger, July 22, 2017, The New York Times, <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/22/us/politics/congress-sanctions-russia.html?mcubz=1">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/22/us/politics/congress-sanctions-russia.html?mcubz=1</a>. Last accessed September 3, 2017.

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the sanctions recommended by Congress. The result has been an escalation of diplomatic reprisals exchanged between both countries:

The Trump administration has retaliated against Russia for expelling American diplomats by shuttering Russia's oldest consulate in the United States along with two annexes, the latest sign of tensions between Washington and Moscow rising despite Trump's public desire for warmer relations.

The closures were positioned by the State Department as done in the spirit of "parity," and administration officials have underlined the ultimate goal of improving relations with Russia. Moscow, however, has reacted by accusing the U.S. of escalating tensions, leaving the door open for further retaliation.

The development is the latest in Trump's rocky relationship with Russia, one that has been consistently viewed in the context of the ongoing investigation into potential collusion between Trump's presidential campaign and Moscow during the 2016 election.

Trump critics have hailed the new restrictions on Russian diplomats, which come as a response to a Russian order in July that the U.S. cut diplomatic personnel in the country to 455. That Russian order was itself a response to new penalties imposed on Moscow over election interference. [...]

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov pledged Friday that Russia "will have a tough response to the things that come totally out of the blue to hurt us and are driven solely by the desire to spoil our relations with the United States." <sup>52</sup>

We can rest assured that Russia will make do on its promise.

**4. Gangs:** The 'wild card.' No doubt foreign forces other than Russia – such as North Korea, or even China – as well as criminal organizations such as Mexican drug cartels, are presently seeking to exploit our current racial and political discord for their self-interests. One such potentially exploitable resource is American gangs. According to the FBI,

Some 33,000 violent street gangs, motorcycle gangs, and prison gangs with about 1.4 million members are criminally active in the U.S. and Puerto Rico today. Many are sophisticated and well organized; all use violence to control neighborhoods and boost their illegal moneymaking activities, which include robbery, drug and gun trafficking, prostitution and human trafficking, and fraud. Many gang members continue to commit crimes even after being sent to jail.<sup>53</sup>

However, the FBI's estimate could be grossly overly conservative. According to a 2015 study by Sam Houston University, there were "over one million juvenile gang members in the U.S., more than three times the number estimated by law enforcement":

Law enforcement severely undercounts juvenile gang members, with national estimates at 300,000, less than one-third of what was found in the study. The reason, Pyrooz said, is because "law enforcement uses a top-down strategy, recording older and more criminally-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> "Trump ramps up Russia tension with consulate shutdown," by Morgan Chalfant, September 2, 2017, The Hill, <a href="http://thehill.com/policy/defense/348914-trump-ramps-up-russia-tension-with-consulate-shutdown">http://thehill.com/policy/defense/348914-trump-ramps-up-russia-tension-with-consulate-shutdown</a>. Last accessed September 3, 2017.

<sup>53 &</sup>quot;Gangs," https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/gangs. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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involved youth as gang members, which ignores younger and more peripherally gang-involved youth, all of whom are captured in the bottom-up strategy we use in this study."54

That could very well proportionally place the estimated number of gang members at potentially 4.2 million, not 1.4 million. This is an even more important reason to take even a brief look as at what role America's gangs could be persuaded to play in our nation's current polarized racial and political environment – recently instigated by President Trump, and historically propitiated by Liberal America's failure to act decisively against White supremacy. First, let's consider the most recent estimates as to the racial/ethnic demographic breakdown of gangs in America. Table 1 will serve as an approximation as to their potential racial/political impact:

Table 1: Race/Ethnicity of Gang Members, 1996–2011. Source: National Gang Center <sup>55</sup>				
Year	Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	White	All Other
1996	45.2	35.6	11.6	7.5
1998	46.5	33.6	11.8	8.0
1999	47.3	30.9	13.4	8.4
2001	49.0	33.7	10.3	7.0
2002	47.0	35.7	10.4	6.9
2004	48.7	37.8	7.9	5.7
2005	50.1	32.6	9.5	7.7
2006	49.5	35.2	8.5	6.8
2008	50.2	31.8	10.5	7.6
2011	46.2	35.3	11.5	7.0

Four things can be readily observed from Table 1:

- 1) From 1996 to 2011, reported demographics for gang membership in America have remained quite stable.
- 2) From the racial/ethnic demographic stability reported over a 15-year period, we can assume that these same statistics can be accurately used to estimate gang racial/ethnic demographics today.
- 3) Hispanic or Latino gangs, together with Black or African American gangs, consistently constitute over 80% of the gang presence in America, whereas White gangs remain at about 11%.
- 4) Non-Whites 'us' constitute nearly 90% of American gang membership; this means that any gang-related racial/ideological motivated activity would most likely favor participation in, or collaboration with, *any* anti-White supremacy movements.

Now let's consider some other pertinent details regarding gang activity in America, as reported in the 2015 FBI National Gang Report (NGR)<sup>56</sup>, which divides gangs into street gangs, prison gangs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> "Juvenile gang members in US top 1 million, new study finds," source: Sam Houston State University, ScienceDaily, <a href="https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/02/150212131817.htm">https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/02/150212131817.htm</a>. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> "Race/Ethnicity of Gang Members," National Gang Center, 2011, https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Survey-Analysis/Demographics. Last accessed September 2, 2017.

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- 1) Gangs "continue to form partnerships with other criminal organizations in order to widen their networks; thus, gangs have connected with Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations (MTCOs), sex trafficking rings, and extremist groups. Gangs are also increasing their use of technology social media in particular in order to spread their message and recruit new members. Every criminal avenue gangs pursue perpetuates the cycle of securing power, which translates to money, and vice versa" (page 8).
- 2) "Approximately one-third of jurisdictions report an increase in threats to law enforcement. The attacks that were carried out against law enforcement and judicial officials over the past two years were violent and brazen" (page 9).
- 3) "Gangs continue to foster partnerships with MTCOs. Survey respondents identified more than 96 gangs involved in cross-border crimes. Sureños, Barrio Azteca, and Tango Blast rank as the top three most criminally active gangs along the US/Mexico Border, while the Sinaloa Cartel emerges as the MTCO with the most gang ties" (pages 9-10).
- 4) "Approximately 26 percent of jurisdictions and 44 percent of prison facilities report that gang members joined domestic extremist groups. A mutually beneficial arrangement, extremists use gangs to spread their doctrine, while gangs turn to extremists to increase membership and facilitate collaboration with other criminal organizations. Gangs also refer to extremist ideology to respond to perceived injustices and to enact social change" (page 10).
- 5) "Survey respondents indicate that over the past two years known or suspected gang members from over 100 jurisdictions have applied for positions or gained employment with the US military, law enforcement agencies, corrections facilities, and within the judiciary. Employment with the US military ranked as the most common, followed by corrections, law enforcement, and the judiciary" (page 10).
- 6) "Traditionally all-white OMGs and predominantly African American OMGs were both identified as associating with white supremacist groups and black separatist groups, respectively. Some gang members may also adhere to antigovernment ideologies, for example claiming sovereign citizen status to escape criminal charges or indictment" (page 31).
- 7) "Over the past two years, gangs have increasingly adopted and incorporated black separatist extremist ideologies, using these teachings to advance the gang, justify criminal activities, or create new organizations" (page 31).
- 8) "Driven by their belief in their superiority, white supremacist groups attempt to recruit gang members with similar ideologies. White supremacist groups work with gangs to facilitate illegal activity and to advance their cause" (page 31).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> "The 2015 National Gang Report (NGR)," The National Intelligence Gang Center, <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/national-gang-report-2015.pdf/view">https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/national-gang-report-2015.pdf/view</a>. Last accessed and downloaded September 2, 2017.

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- 9) "FBI reporting and survey data results reveal some gang members embrace anti-government philosophies and refuse to recognize the authority of the US Government. Gang members often learn anti-government tactics while incarcerated. Once released, gang members continue to use the tactics during interactions with law enforcement in attempts to circumvent legal recourse" (pages 31-32).
- 10) "Military-trained gang members pose a serious threat to law enforcement and to the public. They learn combat tactics in the military, then return home to utilize these new skills against rival gangs or law enforcement. Military training of individual gang members could ultimately result in more sophisticated and deadly gangs, as well as deadly assaults on law enforcement officers. Additionally, military members' access to weapons and their perceived ability to move easily across the US border may render them ideal targets for recruitment. Survey responses indicate that members of all gang types have been reported to have military connections or training" (pages 33-34).

We can arrive at least to three very important conclusions: 1) gangs are already fully exposed to groups or organizations espousing various extreme ethnic and political ideologies. 2) Hispanic or Latino gangs are increasingly becoming connected to Mexican cartels, so-called "Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations" or MTCOs. Finally, 3) gangs are becoming increasingly integrated into the military, law enforcement, and even the judiciary, to the extent that most gangs count on members with military combat training.

Gangs represent perhaps several million socially disenfranchised orphans of American society, the vast majority of which are Blacks or Latinos. These represent potentially several million urban guerrilla warriors many of which *seek meaning in their lives* by resorting to extremist ideologies. Blacks and Hispanics, which although quite disparate culturally, and often at violent odds with each other, share a common hatred for everything and anything related to White supremacy.

Given the proper incentives – ideological, financial, or both – how long before members of these gangs, well represented throughout every urban and rural community in the United States, recognize the futility of killing each other over real estate they will never own. What if Russia – or even Mexican drug cartels, or both combined – promoted this "insight" by resorting to an analogous ideological strategy against America that America used against it in Afghanistan? How long before some, many, most, or even all decide, as Micah Xavier Johnson did, that 'blue looks better splattered in red'? The difference for us is that, while the former USSR could simply abandon the war zone and retreat within its borders, we cannot. The Civil War we never finished could very well be reignited without battle lines but at every street corner, bus stop, school, university campus, or government installation.

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Impossible, or even implausible? Think again. How many gang-bangers have 'you' known? How many have 'you' spoken to? How many have shared with 'you' the secret intimacies of their wishes, dreams, and fears? After all, gang-bangers have no reason to be loyal to a society in which socioeconomic and political circumstances beyond their control sentenced them to a life of crime two generations before they were born. Even if not concocted by a foreign power or a drug cartel, given our present circumstances, how long before a *national* ideology emerges that would unite significant members of local, national or even transnational gangs? What are the chances that such a union would be in a violent cause against a society that currently sentences them to prison in mass for selling a product which that very same society can't stop consuming – while at the same time giving White supremacists a "Constitutional pass" to promote *genocide*?

Could 150,000 full-time and part-time police officers combined nationwide really contend with a unified gang offensive? In such a case, how long before President Trump would be "forced" to suspend *habeas corpus* and declare martial law – with the full support of a Republican-controlled House and Senate?

These are not the sixties, today's gangs are not the Black Panthers, and Hoover's former tactics won't work against them. They are far too powerful, far too numerous, and far too interconnected into our social institutions. However initiated, once a civil insurgency movement begins, who will put the genie back into the bottle? What will America be like in its aftermath? Is America willing or even able to kill or incarcerate one million or more *American* insurgents?

Indeed, if America does not mobilize to *finally win the Civil War* and thus put White supremacy where it belongs – in prison or underground – violence will no doubt escalate throughout our nation to a degree unprecedented in our modern history. As White supremacy experiences facets of our society or even government resisting its advances, such as by taking down its monuments, memorials, and statues, it quite possibly might resort to increasingly more blatant acts of terrorism than it has in the past, perhaps even matching or surpassing the terrorist attack on Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. As the causalities mount – especially amongst *White British-Americans* – even the ethically prevaricating majority who at the moment has trouble understanding the moral and criminal equivalency between White supremacists and Adolf Hitler, will ultimately come around.

However, the 'collective we' need to move fast. Currently, the supporters of White supremacy are in motion, ready to apply 'their' collective muscle in support of a petition to "Define Antifa and Black Lives Matters as terrorist organizations, arrest and detain those funding them." 57 Should they succeed, the full force of the Antifa

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> "Define Antifa and Black Lives Matters as terrorist organizations, arrest and detain those funding them," Created by M.L. on April 20, 2017, We the People, https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/define-antifa-

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and the Black Lives Matter organizations would have no choice but to enter into direct conflict with the State, precipitating exactly the conditions I have described above and am trying to prevent – and which only serve to further President Trump's true agenda. You have already read the experts and their predictions regarding the probabilities and time frame for another Civil War – *five months before the Charlottesville clash*. Those predictions are no longer necessary: Charlottesville marks the beginning. It's is up to the 'collective we,' bring this country from the abyss. We either press the by all the *legal* means necessary 'trigger' *now* or suffer the unbearable consequences.

Eventually, anti-White supremacy terrorist legislation will come into effect. That is inevitable. The gangrenous limb of White supremacist groups must be amputated from the national body – at any cost. What is also inevitable is what will transpire until it has. The question is: how much human suffering and death has to transpire before it happens? Will the grass grow before the donkey dies? What will remain of America after our enemies without pick the carcass of what 'they' – our enemies within – have killed with their blind hatred and ruthless bigotry?

For those of you who seek at least some merit in my arguments, I strongly suggest that as a first step you put your social networks to good use and see to it that 'Message to America' goes viral. You must share 'Message to America' with every one of your contacts, place it in every Facebook group to which you have access, and make every effort to extend hard copies to your political representatives at the state and the federal levels.

There will be plenty of 'you' and 'us' who may agree with my reasoning, see value in my arguments, and yet due to apathy and self-centered convenience continue to do nothing. I remind 'you' and 'us' of the immortal words of Edmond Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

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Shodai has established his scholarly objectivity when it comes to sensitive issues of race and ethnicity, especially as they relate to culture, religion, and socioeconomic status in America. In his recent book, 'Broken Arrow: The End of Western Liberal Democracy: Why America Is Imploding – And Why Europe Will Follow,'58 he has gone on record as being highly critical of many aspects of Black and Hispanic cultures. This critique extends to features vital to their cultural and religious identity, several of which have been statistically identified as major maladaptive impediments to their present and future social and economic prosperity.

Always impartial when it comes to issues of racism, culture and socioeconomic status, in his book 'Mandated Report: America, Guilty As Charged,' Shodai extensively documents his own experiences with American racism and corruption. These experiences are both of a violent, personal nature as well concerning his extensive dealings with our Family Court system. Additionally, he traces the history and as well as the everlasting cultural effects of racism in this country, and how it negatively impacted every aspect of our national cultures, White culture especially. In doing so, he effectively predicted the crisis we are in now, not five years after 'Mandated Report's' publication in 2012. The book's final sentence regarding America's future looms ominously: "Rome is burning, and there is no Exit Strategy out of Hell."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Available on Amazon.com as well as Barnes and Noble, and other bookstore outlets.