

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Resolution No. 2021-004

### **Regarding Systemic Racism & Police Violence and Equality & Justice and How we Get from One to the Other**

**WHEREAS**, the Minneapolis Police use force against Black people at 7 times the rate of Whites (1-2); and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans are two-and-a-half times as likely as White Americans to be killed by the police (3); and

**WHEREAS**, about 1 in every 1,000 Black men can expect to be killed by police (4); and

**WHEREAS**, Racism is a public health issue and ‘police brutality must stop’ medical groups say (5-6); and

**WHEREAS**, some of America’s first laws were explicitly designed to subjugate Black people (7-9) and some of our first law enforcement units were the slave patrols tasked with capturing and returning people who had escaped from slavery (10-11)); and

**WHEREAS**, police in the South were responsible for enforcing segregation while allowing and sometimes participating in lynching and anti-black terrorism (12-13); and

**WHEREAS**, the broken windows programs of law enforcement fueled the saturation of police in low-income communities of color and gave way to policies like stop-and-frisk (14); and

**WHEREAS**, at the peak of the stop-and-frisk policy in 2011 of the nearly 700,000 stops recorded in New York city, the vast majority were of Black (52.9%) and Latino (33.7%) people (2); and

**WHEREAS**, funding of the police including its militarization has increased, while funding for social services has decreased (15 - see Law and Order vs Social Welfare diagram); and

**WHEREAS**, many racist thoughts are still publicly acceptable (16 - see pyramid diagram); and

**WHEREAS**, for the first time a majority of whites (71%) and of all Americans (76%) believe that racial and ethnic discrimination is a “big problem” (17).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** First and foremost, Black and other minority lives matter.

**Section 2:** Therefore, progress needs to be made on the pyramid of needs shown above, all of racism should be eliminated so that all races are treated equally. In order to reach this conclusion, the following is suggested to the legislatures of both the State of Oregon and the US Congress:

- a) Fundamental health intervention teams that don't need a police response, such as the CAHOOTS program, begun in Eugene OR, but which is now being expanded to larger cities such as Denver, CO.
- b) Create a national police misconduct registry.
- c) Decrease the militarization of the police, for example armed forces equipment such as tanks, machine guns, etc.
- d) Mandate the use of police body cameras.
- e) Eliminate or decrease and strictly mandate the use of choke holds.
- f) Acknowledge that we as a group and as individuals will strive to educate ourselves about how we are innately racist and what we can do overtly act as if we are a nation built on the espoused ideals of inalienable and universal rights.
- g) Pass reforms and laws that ensure that Black people cannot be killed by armed agents of the state without review and appropriate consequences, for example, eliminate qualified immunity and ensure that reviews are done by a civilian oversight board.
- h) Review progress on laws and other changes annually and update to reflect the ongoing thinking in our country.

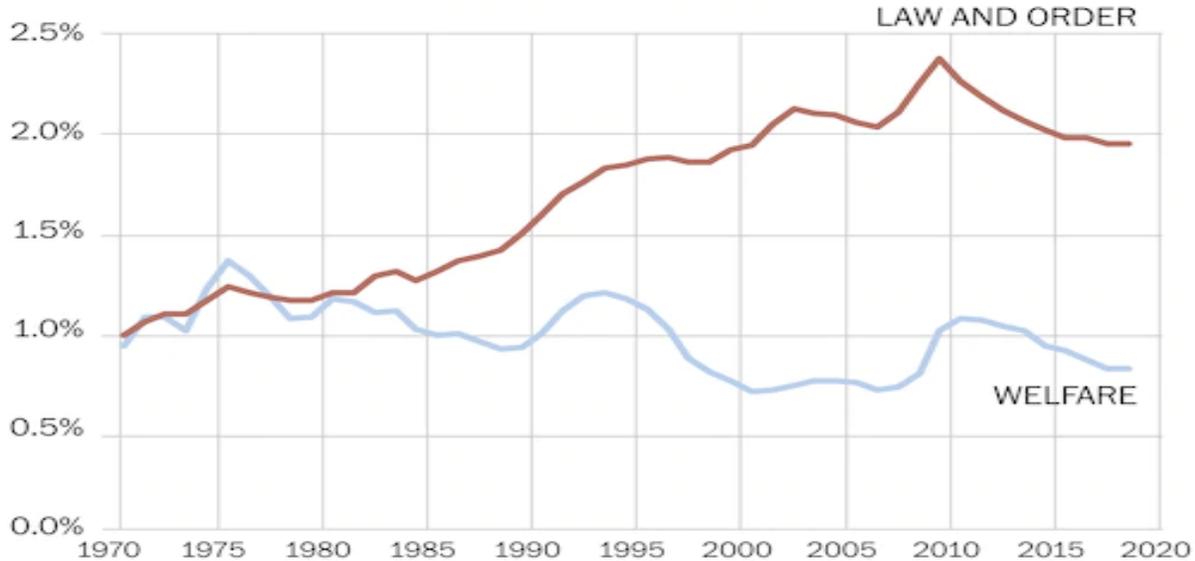
**Section 3:** We recognize that the discussion is ongoing, but rather than wait for support to solidify on a couple of options, we want to voice our support for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people.

**Section 4:** Furthermore, we recognize that these changes may be difficult, but to quote President Johnson, "they must be faced, and they must be dealt with, and they must be overcome; if we are ever to reach the time when the only difference between [Black and White Americans] is the color of their skin."

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES:**

**Law and order versus social welfare**

Public spending on law and order (police, prison and courts) versus welfare (TANF, food stamps, supplemental social security) as share of national income



Source: The Triumph of Injustice by Saez and Zucman THE WASHINGTON POST  
 Note: Includes federal, state and local government spending

**Overt White Supremacy (Socially Unacceptable)**

- Lynching
- Hate Crimes
- Blackface The N-word
- Swastikas Neo-Nazis Burning Crosses
- Racist Jokes Racial Slurs KKK

**Covert White Supremacy (Socially Acceptable)**

- Calling the Police on Black People
- White Silence
- Colorblindness
- White Parents Self-Segregating Neighborhoods & Schools
- Eurocentric Curriculum
- White Savior Complex
- Spiritual Bypassing
- Education Funding from Property Taxes
- Discriminatory Lending
- Mass Incarceration
- Respectability Politics
- Tone Policing
- Racist Mascots
- Not Believing Experiences of BIPOC
- Paternalism
- "Make America Great Again"
- Blaming the Victim
- Hiring Discrimination
- "You don't sound Black"
- "Don't Blame Me, I Never Owned Slaves"
- Bootstrap Theory
- School-to-Prison Pipeline
- Police Murdering BIPOC
- Virtuous Victim Narrative
- Higher Infant & Maternal Mortality Rate for BIPOC
- "But What About Me?"
- "All Lives Matter"
- BIPOC as Halloween Costumes
- Racial Profiling
- Denial of White Privilege
- Prioritizing White Voices as Experts
- Treating Kids of Color as Adults
- Inequitable Healthcare
- Assuming Good Intentions Are Enough
- Not Challenging Racist Jokes
- Cultural Appropriation
- Eurocentric Beauty Standards
- Anti-Immigration Policies
- Considering AAVE "Uneducated"
- Denial of Racism
- Tokenism
- English-Only Initiatives
- Self-Appointed White Ally
- Exceptionalism
- Fearing People of Color
- Police Brutality
- Fetishizing BIPOC
- Meritocracy Myth
- "You're So Articulate"
- Celebration of Columbus Day
- Claiming Reverse-Racism
- Paternalism
- Weaponized Whiteness
- Expecting BIPOC to Teach White People
- Believing We Are "Post-Racial"
- "But We're All One Big Human Family" / "There's Only One Human Race"
- Housing Discrimination

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