

STATE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY TASK FORCE

Distractions:

Individual police officers evading accountability is all that we are witnessing while the United States populace and the world at large are led to believe that something new should be created or done to address the same old crimes of committed against African-Americans in this nation: Lynchings are still against the law.

Some things we must acknowledge and admit:

- 1) That the crimes committed against African-Americans by police have not decreased, subsided or stopped since post-slavery.
- 2) African-Americans have been afforded rights under the U.S. Constitution that are being ignored by both federal and state governments.
- 4) The egregious violence committed by police against individuals of color, African-Americans disproportionately, is obliterated in the minds of the public, for any protests that spill over into violence. Whereas the protestors are demonized for any violence ignoring the impetus perpetrated by the actions of the police in the first place. Though two wrongs do not make a right, we must know that violence tends to beget violence?
- 5) Nonetheless, no matter how peaceful the protestors they yet are deemed villains, retaliated against economically or killed. Ask Colin Kaepernick or Martin Luther King, Jr.,

How should police be held accountable and the distractions ceased?

Not by defunding the police, not by chanting and saying Briana Taylor's name, not by talking with police and our politicians kneeling or anything that is presently done.

Let's call the police crimes against African-Americans what they are in accordance with the law and make the individuals who commit such crimes against them accountable.

18 USC 241, 18 USC 242, identify these crimes as lynchings and for such the police should be held accountable.

Thank you,

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