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President CJ's Letter:

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you as I am watching the Republican National Convention. I am very excited and energized seeing so many average Americans telling their stories and sharing their experiences that were a result of the last four years of economic prosperity and change resulting from the President's policies.

It has been an uphill battle, however, for the "good news" to circulate when the media fails to do their job. Some of your friends today might say, "I can't believe you would vote for Trump!" You might tell them about the policies enacted during the Trump administration in only 3 years; then ask, "What has Biden done in office for 47 years?"

You could also reply, "I'm not JUST voting for President Trump. I'm voting for law and order and to keep police in our communities. I'm voting for the second Amendment. I'm voting for the next Supreme Court justice. I'm voting to save the foundation of our great Republic. I'm voting for the military and all those who fought and died for this country. I'm voting for the Flag, which is rarely seen in the background at Democrat events ... the Flag that symbolizes what it means to be an American. I'm voting for the right to speak my opinion and not be censored, and to stand for the National Anthem and not be criticized. I'm voting for secure borders. I'm voting to save the Electoral College. I'm voting for the right to worship without fear. I'm voting for every unborn child. I'm voting for a free market economy so that we can pursue the American Dream. I'm voting for the future of my Country so that my grandchildren will live in freedom and liberty! I'm voting to save the American Constitution!" Then ask, "What are you voting for?"

C. J. Hatcher



WAC Welcomed Wendy Gade as Our August Luncheon Speaker

Our August luncheon speaker was Wendy Gade, wife of senatorial candidate Daniel Gade. She was articulate and candid in her delightful stories of her husband and family. She introduced us to Daniel Gade, family man and Daniel Gade, dedicated warrior in service to his country. She described his vision to serve the Commonwealth of Virginia as your next Senator. Unlike Mark Warner who has used the system to work for him, Daniel Gade will work for Virginia. He values his many years of service both in the military and in the administrations of two different U.S. presidents. He will work hard for Virginia values. He is running against someone who could bankroll his own campaign. Couple that with a war chest of DNC money and Mark Warner will be very hard to beat. Daniel Gade desperately needs our help and support to finish first in November!



WAC September BBQ!!

September 26, 2020 at HIGHLAND (President James Monroe's home). Outside in the Pavilion area, rain or shine. Time: 12 noon to 3:00pm. MISSION BBQ! Speakers: Local radio celebrities, Joe Thomas and Rob Schilling. Also politicians and candidates. Bring your family and friends. Adults: \$15.00 (or larger amount as a donation). Kids under 12 years are Free. Mail your reservation/check to: Women for the American Constitution BBQ; P.O. Box 5727; Charlottesville, VA 22905

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Fact Check: Debunking 10 Myths About the US Postal Service

**By David Ditch, Heritage Fndtn
(Condensed and reformatted)**

In 2020, we're used to seeing falsehoods and misinformation spreading like wildfire online. Typically, they're linked to breaking news, hot-button social issues, or scandals.

The biggest focal point for online political drama today is an unlikely one; namely, the U.S. Postal Service. Representatives from both parties, conspiracy theorists, and even singer Taylor Swift are weighing in on the unsexy subject of mail.

Make no mistake: The Postal Service faces real challenges that require congressional action to solve. Yet, while genuine differences exist between the left and the right about how best to address the problems, that's not an excuse for melodramatic rumor-mongering.

With the House convening a special session specifically to address issues involving the Postal Service, it's important to separate myths from reality.

MYTH No. 1: The Postal Service is removing sorting machines to sabotage delivery

REALITY: The volume of mail has plunged in recent decades, due to the spread of electronic communication. As a result, the amount of infrastructure needed to manage the flow of mail also has declined.

The Postal Service has been consolidating operations for years to reduce costs, a practice that predates President Donald Trump.

MYTH No. 2: The Postal Service is removing collection boxes to block mail-in ballots.

REALITY: The Postal Service has more than 141,000 blue collection boxes spread across the country. Those boxes are moved regularly from low-demand to high-demand areas to maximize efficiency. Photos of those boxes on the backs of trucks are part of standard operating procedure, rather than proof of a nefarious, anti-election plot.

Despite that, the Postal Service has decided to pause any further moving of boxes until after the election as a result of the online panic.

MYTH No. 3: The Postal Service is locking collection boxes to prevent public access.

REALITY: Locked caps are sometimes put on collection boxes in areas where there is a rash of mail theft. Employees place the caps after the final pickup of the day and remove them in the morning, since collection box theft is overwhelmingly done at night. This practice also predates the Trump administration.

MYTH No. 4: The Postal Service could go bankrupt before the election without a \$25 billion bailout.

REALITY: Although some were concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic would push the Postal Service over the financial edge, revenues have been stable, thanks to a big increase in package deliveries. In addition, Congress provided a \$10 billion loan to the Postal Service earlier this year. As a result, there's virtually no scenario where the Postal Service goes bankrupt this year, meaning that a proposed \$25 billion bailout has no reasonable connection to the coming election.

MYTH No. 5: The Postal Service plans to triple postage rates on mailed ballots.

REALITY: The Postal Service provided common sense guidance to state and local governments regarding how to handle time-sensitive ballot requests. This guidance was already in the works before Postmaster General Louis DeJoy began his job. Most mail-in ballot requests are made weeks or even months in advance, and thus can safely be sent using low-cost, second-class mail.

However, some places allow for mail-in ballot requests a mere four days before the election. In those situations, it makes sense to use full-cost, first-class mail to ensure that voters get their ballots on time.

The idea that this sensible guidance amounts to extortion by DeJoy should be laughable, except that it has been promoted by the likes of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

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MYTH No. 6: Postal Service delivery changes are illegal “sabotage” by the postmaster general.

REALITY: DeJoy, who assumed the postmaster general’s post in June, was selected in large part due to his decades of experience as CEO of New Breed Logistics, a supply chain company. The logistics industry’s focus is on maximizing cost-efficiency and on-time performance, both of which the Postal Service needs to improve. With that in mind, DeJoy has undertaken initiatives aimed at reducing costs and improving service levels.

It’s too early to tell whether these changes will be successful, and DeJoy has announced a suspension until after the election. While the media reliably reports alarming anecdotes from postal union officials who oppose cost-cutting efforts, data shows that postal performance has not yet experienced a significant change under DeJoy.

MYTH No. 7: The Postal Service needs more money to process mailed ballots.

Leaders of both parties wrongly have suggested that the Postal Service lacks the resources to handle the millions of ballots that will be sent through the mail this year—meaning that it will require additional taxpayer funding.

REALITY: The Postal Service handled about 2.75 billion items per week in 2019, with spikes at various times of the year, such as the holiday season. Mail-in ballots will represent at most a few percentage points of total volume this fall, even with an expected increase in requests due to COVID-19. Further, given that regular mail volume has dropped in 2020, the Postal Service has excess processing capacity. It does not need additional resources for the election.

MYTH No. 8: The postmaster general “massacred” Postal Service management.

REALITY: When DeJoy took over in June, there was a modest amount of personnel change within the top levels of Postal Service management. Much of that involved internal promotions. Senior departing staff were replaced by experienced employees. New leadership at the top of a large organization almost always includes some amount of change underneath, and the Postal Service is no exception. The change is similar to what happened when previous postmaster generals took over, rather than a heavy-handed “takeover.”

MYTH No. 9: The Constitution requires a government-run Postal Service.

REALITY: Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution authorizes Congress to establish post

offices and to provide for “postal roads.” That doesn’t mean that post offices and roads are mandated, or that badly needed cost savings are a constitutional crisis.

MYTH No. 10: The Postal Service loses money only because of unfair funding requirements.

REALITY: The Postal Service is weighed down by exceedingly high employee compensation costs, which averaged more than \$97,000 per worker in 2019. Part of that includes a retiree health plan, which has obligations similar to a pension. Bipartisan legislation passed in 2006 required that the Postal Service prefund the retiree health plan like a pension plan, with money deposited as an employee earns future benefits. That’s intended to ensure that there’s money to provide for the health coverage when employees retire. Unfortunately, the Postal Service has failed to uphold its funding obligations, leaving the plan \$69 billion in the hole as of last fall. Furthermore, the Postal Service would have lost more than \$4 billion in 2019 alone even if it had not paid a penny into the health plan.

Claims that the health benefit prefunding is “unfair” ignore the fact that retiree health benefits are uncommon (especially outside government) and ignore the fact that postal employees are entitled to the benefits. One alternative to prefunding is allowing the health plan to accumulate massive liabilities, which would guarantee an even bigger financial crisis than what the Postal Service is already facing. That would be irresponsible and unfair for both postal employees and taxpayers alike. The other alternative to prefunding would be to turn the Postal Service into a standard government agency, which is the stated goal of many Democrats.

A federal bailout of the Postal Service would be the first step toward placing yet another massive burden on U.S. taxpayers. Rather than allowing costs and deficits to grow unchecked, Congress should pass reforms that would enable the Postal Service to raise revenue and lower costs, stabilizing its shaky finances. From there, we should have a robust debate about the future of the Postal Service and whether its current structure makes sense. Meanwhile, the sooner we stop spreading unfounded rumors about the Postal Service, the more likely we will be to reach agreement on solutions.





Will 2021 be 1984?

*It's All the About Power, Not the
Equality*

**By Victor Davis Hanson,
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Cultural revolutions are insidious and not just because they seek to change the way people think, write, speak, and act. They are also dangerous because they are fueled by self-righteous sanctimoniousness, expressed in seemingly innocuous terms such as “social activism,” “equality,” and “fairness.”

The ultimate aim of the Jacobin, Bolshevik, or Maoist is raw power—force of the sort sought by Hugo Chavez or the Castro dynasty to get rich, inflict payback on their perceived enemies, reward friends, and pose as saviors. Cubans and Venezuelans got poor and killed; woke Chavezes and Castros got rich and murderous.

Leftist agendas are harder to thwart than those of right-wing dictators such as Spain's Francisco Franco because they mask their ruthlessness with talk of sacrifice for the “poor” and concern about the “weak.”

Strong-man Baathists, Iranian Khomeinists, and the German National Socialists claimed they hated capitalism. So beware when the Marxist racialists who run Black Lives Matter, the wannabe Maoists of Antifa, the George Soros-paid activists, “the Squad” and hundreds of state and local officials like them in cities such as Portland, Seattle, and Minneapolis, and Big Tech billionaires take power. These are “caring” people who couldn't care less about the working classes or the hundreds of African-Americans murdered in America's inner cities.

Vice President as President

If Joe Biden is elected, the effort to remove him by those now supporting him will begin the day after the election and it will not be as crude as rounding up a Yale psychiatrist to testify to his dementia in Congress or shaming the White House physician to give him the Montreal Cognitive Assessment Test in the manner that the Left went after Donald Trump.

It will be far more insidious and successful: leaked stories to the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* from empathetic White House insiders will speak of how “heroically” Biden is fighting his inevitable decline—and how gamely he tries to marshal his progressive forces even as his faculties desert him. We would read about why Biden is a national treasure by sacrificing his health to get elected

and then nobly bowing out as he realized the cost of his sacrifice on his person and family.

In the past until now, there was zero chance that the hard Left would ever win an American election. No socialist has ever come close. Even Bernie Sanders accepted that the Democratic establishment for six years broke rules, leveraged candidates to drop out, and warped the media to ensure that he would remain a septuagenarian blowhard railing at the wind from one of his three houses. George McGovern was buried by a landslide. Most Democrats, after Kennedy and until Obama, never won the popular vote unless possessed of a Southern-accented hinting at centrism. Only the Great Depression and World War II ensured four terms of FDR, who still knew enough not to let his house socialists ruin the wartime U.S. economy.

But in perfect storm and black swan fashion, the coronavirus, the lockdown, the riots, anarchy and looting, all combined with Trump Derangement Syndrome to be weaponized by the Left—and the media far more successfully than with their failed *pro forma*, legalistic efforts with Robert Mueller and impeachment to destroy the Trump presidency—have pushed socialism along.

Yet even that chaos and anarchy by itself would *not* have been able to bring the radical Left into power. Only a “candidate” like Joe Biden could do that. “Good ‘ole Joe from Scranton” could offer the trifecta formula for a socialist ascension: a reassuring pseudo-centrism, decades’ old establishment familiarity, and his current cognitive decline. In a rare time of virtual campaigning, virtual conventions, and perhaps even virtual debates, Biden alone could successfully massage the virus/quarantine/rioting and panic to win the election, and then nobly exit.

This is not the analysis of a conspiracy theorist but the operating principle behind the Democrats’ and Biden’s basement strategy. It is for that reason that his vice presidential selection is shaping up like none other in memory. In short, Joe Biden of all people is now the face of a cultural revolution, although even he may not fully realize it.

Fundamentally Transforming Everything

What should we expect then if Biden wins and either steps down or more or less is left as a diminished figurehead controlled by the hard Left?

First, there is one theme that unites “the Squad,” Black Lives Matter, the globalist technocracy, and the international Left: unapologetic anti-Semitism. We will see overt anti-Semitism in a way this country has not seen since the early 20th century, all couched in ideological and

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politically correct attacks on “Zionists” and “the rich” and “Wall Street”—and why Israel has no business being a “Jewish state.”

It has already begun with an NFL player voicing Hitlerian tropes and praising Louis Farrakhan, and then being seconded by an array of rappers, woke Black Lives Matter activists and “Free Palestine” demonstrations. To smear “the Jews” no longer is grounds for an immediate and expected apology, but more “So what are you going to do about it?” Anti-Semitism is deeply embedded within the DNA of the BLM movement—and professional sports as well, as we saw recently from the warnings of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Charles Barkley.

“Eat the rich” sloganeering and plans for a wealth tax, and jacking up capital gains and income tax rates, all seem like they are aimed at the super-rich. But don’t think weaponizing the tax code, the government bureaucracies, and the culture itself will do much to the immense wealth of Jeff Bezos, the heirs to Steve Jobs, the Google zillionaires, George Soros, the Walmart fortunes, the lesser tech billionaires, the Facebook clan, or Michael Bloomberg, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffet. None of them will be touched.

Why would any socialist go after the sympathetic mega-funders of the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic*, Google or Apple News, Twitter, or Vox?

Left-wing billionaires are not so strange as we might think. After all, they can *afford* to be socialists. They like the idea that fewer may follow in their footsteps. They think social activism offers them penance for their hard-driving acquisitiveness. Most of all, they feel their knack for making money is proof that they have the wisdom, the right, and the need to redirect the lives of less successful others—and for the good of all.

Otherwise, the plutocratic class will spend hundreds of millions—a proverbial drop in the bucket in their fortunes—to consult with lawmakers about how to avoid their own progressive legislation and policies. It will hire phalanxes of tax lawyers, trust evaders, and philanthropy scammers that will make the architects of the Clinton Foundation seem a poor joke.

The real enemy in 2021 would be the upper-middle-class as it always is, the kulaks—and not really the professionals such as the lawyers, media grandees, and professors—although many should expect to become collateral damage.

The special targets will be the self-employed successful business class. The enemies of the people will be mostly those striving to be millionaires who run local insurance agencies, the store owners, salespeople, the successful medical practices, car dealerships, large family farms, the

millions who keep the country competitive, innovative, and prosperous.

All of them lack the romance of the poor and the cultural tastes of the rich, but for the most part, they are just too damn informed and stubborn to be tolerated. They need to be marginalized by taxes, regulations, and a second-wave cultural assault that renders the prior “you didn’t build that,” “spread the wealth,” “no time to profit,” and “at some point you’ve made enough money” mere sandbox chatter.

The Coming Segregation

Race? We already see the new contours of the always changing commandments of the anointed posted on the *Animal Farm* barnyard wall. A new segregation and apartheid will be sold as needed justice and enlightenment. Admission quotas and hiring on the basis of race will no longer be subtle but overt and triumphant. Separate facilities predicated on race will be common on campuses. What will happen if someone of the wrong race drinks from a fountain in a racially-segregated safe space?

Equality or superiority of result for the favored will be “justice.” Reparations will follow. The sort of creepy anti-white propaganda we saw at the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture will become orthodoxy. Some of the U.S. GDP won’t be devoted to production but rather toward ferreting out “racism” as they reconstruct society in order endlessly to punish “racists.”

Merit will soon become a dirty, counterrevolutionary word.

Discrimination and the one-drop racial rules of the Old Confederacy will be rebranded as woke, hip, and progressive. Expect more Rachel Dolezals and Ward Churchills. In Seattle, the city conducted whites-only, segregated reeducation sessions, teaching the naïve how to undo their “whiteness.” It was overseen by an office of “civil rights” and sought to ensure that white employees give up their “comfort,” and even their supposed “guaranteed physical safety.” They were to curb any “expectations or presumptions of emotional safety,” or “control over other people and over the land,” and probably end “relationships with some other white people.”

All that was missing were the Maoist dunce caps.

In 2020 we call racism and segregation “civil rights.” I doubt very many graduates of Seattle’s reeducation efforts decided to dismantle their home security system, will vote to defund the police, will declare their mortgaged home community property, or plan to shun their suburban neighbors if they appear too white looking. But that’s not

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the point. Instead, the state is joining the racists by institutionalizing venomous tribalism. An Oregon County tried to demand masks for all its residents except African-Americans—the sort of apartheid policy no one in his right mind four months ago would have imagined could be tried in the United States.

Borders? The wall will stop dead in its tracks, and what has been built likely dismantled. Citizenship and residency will be further blurred, with the rights of citizens insidiously transferred to resident aliens. Perhaps the word “citizen” will disappear as discriminatory. Illegal immigration will be favored over legal immigration, in that the latter is too diverse, too meritocratic, and too politically unpredictable.

Farewell to Institutions, Hello to “Progress”

The military? A progressive’s dream. It will transcend its current race and gender edicts in a way no elected slow-coach legislature could imagine. Virtue signaling and quotas will be the quickest route to flag-officer rank, and with it a nice retirement as a woke lobbyist, a wise-man member on an enlightened defense contractor board, a Wall Street “security analyst,” or a cable TV paid woke pundit. How a colonel handled “diversity,” not whether he understands tanks, planes, choppers, or guns will determine his chances at generalship. The Pentagon budget will be rebranded, as “national security” is no longer defined in anachronistic terms like hardware, missiles, ships, and planes, but by diversity and ending implicit bias—a sort of vast ongoing city of Seattle training session.

Finance? The country is broke. Yet the Left wants to borrow trillions for the New Green Deal, reparations, and massive new and expanded old social projects.

It can do that only through one of three ways. It can institutionalize zero or negative interest for a decade or so until the debt crushes the United States. Or it can inflate the economy, eroding accumulated wealth and paying off debt in funny money.

Or it can follow the Chrysler creditor model of the Obama Administration, and begin selectively renouncing debt obligations or reordering the priorities of various creditors. At first, the effort will appear noble and popular by canceling all student debt. But soon the Left will extend such exemptions to minority mortgages and credit card obligations. Debt cancellation and “starting over,” based on race, will be a cornerstone of the “transformation” as it has been since the age of Catiline.

High tech? Like the media, it will formally fuse into the progressive party, as elites go back and forth between jobs in Washington and those at Apple, Google, Facebook, and Microsoft. Everything from the order of internet searches to censoring ads and videos for their political content will be

greenlighted. Silicon Valley will be seen as the most important asset of the Left, both for its political utility in blocking conservative expression, and its enormous wealth that fuels leftist campaigns.

Finally, if the Senate and House go progressive along with the presidency, the filibuster will end. And we will see fundamental constitutional changes never quite envisioned. Expect legislation to make the Electoral College inert without the use of a clumsy constitutional amendment process.

The Supreme Court will be enlarged and packed on a majority congressional vote to neuter existing conservatives until reinforcements of progressive new justices arrive. Some will wish to make senators popularly elected on the basis of demography or the Senate expanded into the hundreds—anything to do away with the paleo-idea of two senators from Montana or Wyoming standing in the way of the bending arc of history.

Such are the wages of a global pandemic, national quarantine, sudden recession, cultural revolution in the streets—and an impaired Joe Biden. Add it all up, and 2020 may be the first, best, and last chance for “1984”—and the Left knows it.

Black Lives Matter Opposes Two Huge Forces for Black Success: Family and Capitalism

By Lipton Matthews (Excerpts from the article)

It has become, unfortunately, quite undeniable that the Black Lives Matter movement is now a tremendous political force influencing all facets of American life. Although still in its infancy, the movement’s clout is astounding.

No public figure or major corporation can offer mild criticism of the BLM movement without suffering significant backlash. Every day, a growing litany of influential brands pledge unwavering support. The approval also appears to transcend class and race, since approximately two-thirds of American adults endorse the movement, with 38 percent expressing they support it. Truly, the almost universal acceptance of the BLM movement is stunning.

Intuitively, reasonable people oppose indiscriminate killings of black men by the police as well as all forms of racism. So, naturally, a movement purporting to protect black Americans from a combination of institutional violence and oppression has a certain level of “built-in”

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appeal.

An important distinction must be made, however, between the broader BLM movement and the BLM organization, for the BLM organization's philosophical roots go far deeper than opposition to extrajudicial killings. The deaths of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown only provided the springboard to launch a more radical agenda aimed at fundamentally transforming American society.

Despite the potency of their voices, there is insufficient evidence to bolster activists' claim that systemic racism permeates law enforcement. On the contrary, data show that racial disparities in incarceration are attributed to differential involvement in crime. As a result, black Americans are imprisoned because they are the primary perpetrators of violent crimes. Because of the lack of substantive evidence to support the idea that America is dripping with the poison of systemic racism, activists use singular anecdotes of police brutality as a pretext for a larger philosophical campaign.

Never Forget the BLM Organization Is Run By Marxists

Since the BLM organization's leaders admit they are trained Marxists, they must be understood within the wider patina of Marxist diatribes against the nuclear family, capitalism, and by extension the idea of progress. The official webpage of the BLM organization spells it out quite clearly:

"We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and villages that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable."

Those unfamiliar with Marxism may be puzzled at this seemingly random opposition to the nuclear family. Deeper introspection, however, reveals that the BLM organization's outlook is quite consistent with Marxism.

Marxists view the living arrangement of the "extended family" as more conducive to fostering collectivism, since it requires conformity to successfully facilitate production. On the other hand, the traditional, two-parent nuclear family is depicted as an insidious invention of capitalism, responsible for displacing the communalism of the extended family.

Yet, contrary to BLM's insistence, the "extended family" cannot substitute for the traditional family. Writing in *The Atlantic*, leading scholars W. Bradford Wilcox and Hal Boyd make a compelling case for the superiority of the nuclear family over alternatives: "Americans should not presume that society can successfully replace families headed by married parents with models oriented more

around kith and kin." Similarly, Sara McLanahan of Princeton University and Gary Sandefur of the University of Wisconsin found the average child raised by a "mother and grandmother is doing about the same as the average child raised by a single mother."

In the absence of both parents, children raised by their extended kin, such as an aunt or uncle, are significantly more likely to have, in the words of one study, "higher levels of internalizing problems" including loneliness and sadness when compared to those raised by married parents. Another established finding in sociological research is that fathers play a pivotal role in children's development.

Yet as a product of identity politics, supporters of BLM believe that Western society, especially America, is inherently sexist, racist, corrupt, and undergirded by nefarious men interested in exerting authority over other groups. Because of this framework, any family type BLM supports must be intrinsically hostile to men, since apparently, they are the cause of all oppression.

BLM Activists Have an Anti-Capitalist Agenda

According to the flawed ideology of the wider BLM movement, American institutions that operate under capitalism are wired to naturally and systematically oppress blacks. Furthermore, BLM claims women experience a greater burden due to their race and sex. But like most assertions from BLM, it is patently untrue.

For example, one reports notes, "black women outperform their white counterparts in terms of individual earnings." Additional research suggests black men are also succeeding in America, with 57 percent of them occupying middle-class status or higher, up from 38 percent in 1960.

By most accounts, black Americans are thriving in a capitalist system. Nevertheless, BLM activists remain unconvinced. Anti-capitalist sentiments are stated quite lucidly on the website of another group called the "Movement for Black Lives." They proclaim, "We believe and understand that Black people will never achieve liberation under the current global racialized capitalist system."

This assumption lacks factual data. In his influential 1964 work, *The Economics of the Colour Bar*, William Hutt describes the positive effects of capitalism on black people in Africa:

"It is difficult to imagine a better illustration than is provided by South Africa of the truth that the fight against color injustice is actually against the consequences of planning on the collectivist model. Every repression of the Africans has, at the same time, been the repression of the

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free market. ... It is profit incentives which have tended powerfully to raise the material standard of Africans ... to raise their status and prestige in a multi-racial society, and ultimately to win for them equality of respect and consideration."

More recent findings have corroborated Hutt's argument. Economist Marian Tupy writes, "Increasing wealth has led to improvements in key indicators of human wellbeing. In 1999, 58 percent of Africans lived on less than \$1.90 per person per day. By 2011, 44 percent of Africans lived on that income." It is free markets — not central planning, or any variant of Marxist economics — that explain the prosperity of black people across the globe.

Regardless of their politics, Americans must resist the most strident voices of BLM by not allowing the cult of political correctness to silence their voices. The brutality of communist regimes and the French Revolution evidence what is possible when defenders of civility and freedom remain silent. To preserve the republic, Americans must challenge the dangerous aspects of the BLM movement, lest they follow the same fate.

Points of Interest

****White House Christmas Ornament:** WAC is taking orders for the 2020 White House Christmas Ornament which honors John F. Kennedy and was featured in last month's newsletter. The price is \$30 for the JFK ornament, and \$26 for the James Hogan White House ornament, the 2018 ornament, the Truman Balcony ornament, any other previous year. If you would like an ornament, please contact Madeleine Chandler at: mbc4z@earthlink.net.

****Absentee and Early Voting** – The election is November 3. The deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is 5:00 pm Friday, October 23. You can also vote early at the registrar's office (or request an absentee ballot in person) beginning 45 days before election day (September 19) and ending the Saturday before election day (October 31). You do not have to have a reason to vote early. Witnesses are not required for absentee ballots.

You can also submit your "vote by mail" application form by mail, fax, or email. Download and complete the vote by mail application form available here:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/castyourballot/SB-E-701-703.1.pdf>. Return the completed and signed form by mail to the registrar's office by mail, fax, or scan to an email. Applicants will receive their ballots starting 45 days prior to election day. Complete and return your ballot to the registrar by 7:00 pm on election day. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before election day and received by the registrar by noon on the third day after the election.

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Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **September Barbeque** – September 26, 2020, Location: Highlands Pavilion
- **October Dinner** – TBA, Hopefully 3rd Thursday in October (5:30 pm – 8:00 pm)
- **WAC Action Committees Sign-Up** – We need members to be involved! Contact: Rena Snow (renasnow@hotmail.com)
- **November Election Polls and Precinct Participation** Contact: Madeleine Chandler (mbc4z@earthlink.net)
- **Annual White House Bus Trip to DC, Christmas Decorations**—Register before September 1, 2020 – First 55 people to sign up will attend – last ten days before Christmas. Send email to CJ Hatcher (WomenForTheAC@gmail.com)
- **Spring Gala 2021** – TBA, Jason Chaffetz, Speaker