



Systemic Racism Is Neither A Self-Inflicted Nor A Self-Correcting Wound



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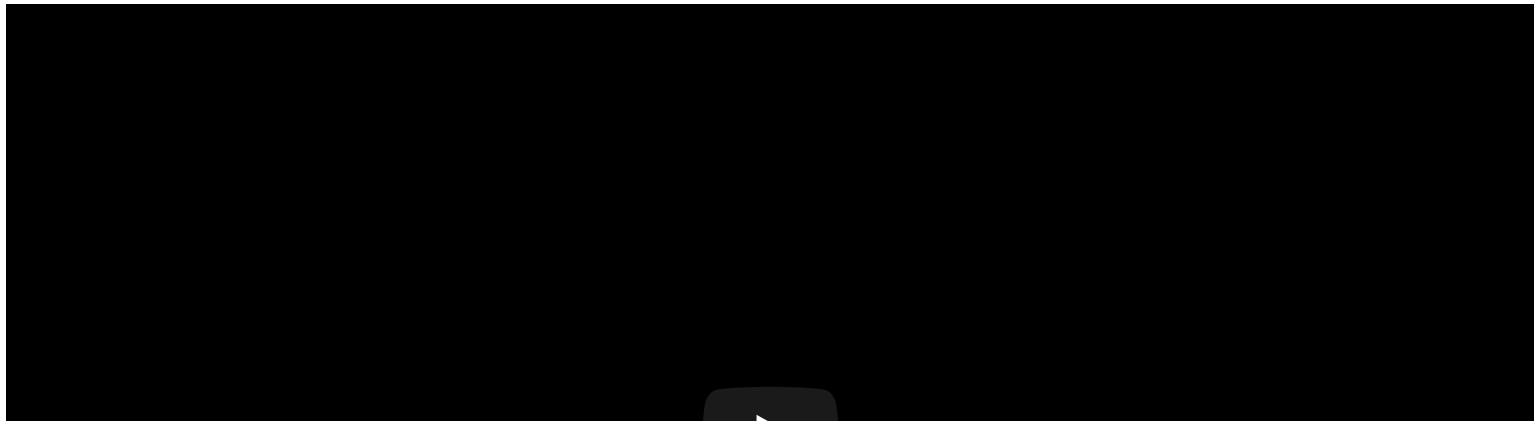
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In order to take up arms, there has to be an innerent rear, right? Killer MIKE does speak about CNN and yes, media does play a part. However, I would like to amplify the fear of a black mother somewhere in America hoping that her son or daughter gets home alive. As Will Smith said, “racism is not getting worse. It’s been filmed.” Much of the media and camera phones are peeling back America’s ugly underbelly.

For the record, nobody is advocating looting or burning down livelihoods. That would be irresponsible to do. However, what’s the message and who are you sending it to? We can go home and put plans on a whiteboard. Download apps on our phones to set plans and dress in our Sunday’s best to be as respectable as we can be. They say that insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Why are leaders urging many of the disenfranchised to play their hands in a system that clearly doesn’t cater to them?





and that Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump were the same. The vicious cycle then continues - figures like Killer Mike and T.I. who state these things should also know of the roadblocks in making them a reality.

I'm pretty sure that the Atlanta youth would love to have something to look forward to in a time of 40 million people being unemployed and 100,000 and counting dead from the COVID-19. I'm also certain that they would like for themselves and their loved ones to be alive. Not die by the hands of an authority figure televised for all to see with no consequences for it.

So I pose this question - what's the preferred method of protesting? Kneeling? Well, tried that. How about sit-ins? In 1963, the Birmingham Campaign of sit-ins saw law enforcement unleash dogs and firehoses on men, women, and children. I got it! Journalism! Consider that I'm writing this retort from my own newsletter. The rash of media layoffs has extremely disrupted the voices of black journalists everywhere. If our methods to reveal the disease of racism keep getting eradicated or chastised, then we are not doing our jobs in a nation that was built upon protest. Or is that just for certain people and we have to continue to turn the other cheek because someone slaps the other one?





talking. It's just that nobody listens until they scream or when they no longer can talk.

Nobody is seeking to diminish the positive impacts that either T.I. or Killer Mike has had on the black communities - it only a wish that like in the lyric stanzas within their music - they be more careful with the words that they use. Racism is a choice. Don't give any more ammunition to those who choose it. Killer Mike ended his speech saying that he doesn't have the answers. Maybe none of us do. Then again, maybe it's time for more voices to be at that podium than a chosen few.

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