Donald Trump—GENOCIDAL RACIST

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Part 1

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Trump’s niece, Mary Trump, who knows him well, said this about him:

“I can only imagine the envy with which Donald watched” the cop killing George Floyd. “I can only imagine that Donald wishes it had been his knee on Floyd’s neck.” (emphasis added)

Think about that.

What do you think Trump will do if he can get his “knee” even more firmly on the necks of Black, Brown, and Native peoples?
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And, as I have said in my August 1 Statement,* the hour is getting late, but it is not yet too late, to defeat the fascism concentrated in the fascist regime of Trump (and Pence) and to wrench something positive out of this increasingly terrible situation. But that requires fully facing up to what this regime of genocidal racist fascism represents and what it is aiming to do, and using all appropriate means to remove this regime from power—above all the mobilization of masses of people, to get in the streets, starting now, in the thousands, and stay in the streets, becoming millions, powerfully putting forward the unifying demand that this fascist regime must be OUT NOW!

And, as I emphasized in that August 1 Statement, in the most fundamental terms, it requires working to create more favorable conditions for, and to build up the organized forces for, the revolution that is needed to finally put an end to this system, which has from the beginning rested on genocidal racism and other horrific forms of oppression—and which now, with this fascist regime, is moving to take this to even more monstrous levels, posing a very real and grave threat to the very existence not only of Black people but the masses of oppressed humanity and ultimately humanity as a whole.

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pogroms (organized massacres). But when Hitler and the fascist NAZIs came to power in Germany in the 1930s, this led to the imprisonment in concentration camps of basically all the Jews in countries under NAZI control, and then to the mass murder of 6 million Jews (what the NAZIs called “the Final Solution” to the “Jewish problem”).

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(If you think this is an exaggeration, and the danger is not as great as what is said here, then you don’t know who Donald Trump really is. In Part 2 and the rest of this series of articles, further evidence will be brought out to show that Donald Trump is indeed a genocidal racist whose fascist regime is a threat to the very existence not only of Black people, but to the masses of oppressed humanity, and to humanity itself—and, once again, what we are urgently called on to do in the face of this.)

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This series has presented compelling evidence (just part of the mountain of evidence that could be cited), clearly showing that Donald Trump is a genocidal racist. From this, it should be obvious that it is very wrong, and potentially catastrophic, to underestimate the great danger that Trump poses to Black people, other oppressed people, and humanity as a whole.

Some people, and in particular some Black people, argue that, even after slavery was ended, things have always been terrible for Black people in this country, so Trump really does not represent anything different or worse. Here a lesson from history, not that long ago, sheds crucial light on things, showing how seriously wrong and extremely dangerous this kind of thinking is. For centuries and centuries, Jews in Europe were segregated and cruelly discriminated against, and were repeatedly subjected to
Trump is encouraging what he hopes will be a one-sided civil war, in which the armed forces of white supremacy (and other horrific oppression) will wipe out anyone protesting violence by police and terrorize everyone who opposes, or simply does not fit into, Trump’s program for a fascist America.

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After Jacob Blake, an unarmed Black man, was shot seven times in the back by pigs in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in August, people rose up in righteous anger. Reactionary armed militia organized against the protests, and one of them, Kyle Rittenhouse, is accused of murdering two protesters with an AR-15 rifle and seriously injuring a third. Trump publicly justified the gunman’s actions, lying brazenly that Rittenhouse was trying to defend himself against violent protesters. This is one of a series of instances where Trump has openly encouraged armed fascist, white supremacist forces.

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Thirty years ago, the Central Park 5, a group of Black and Latino teenagers, were charged with raping and beating a white woman, almost to death, in Central Park in New York City. Donald Trump took out newspaper ads calling for these youth to be put to death. The Central Park 5 were railroaded to jail for years, until finally it was proven, beyond a doubt, that they were innocent. Did Trump admit he was wrong and apologize for calling for innocent Black and Brown teenagers to be executed? NO—during his campaign for president in 2016 he still insisted that these youth were still guilty, despite the definite proof that they were not.

In the same campaign, Trump insisted that “Stop and Frisk”—which, in New York City and some other places, had terrorized huge numbers of Black and Brown youth who were innocent of

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committing any actual crime—should be put into effect, not just in one or a few cities, but all over the country.

If all this is what Trump wants to do with Black and Brown youth, without even caring whether they are innocent, what do you think he wants to do with all those he finds “guilty” of the “crime” of not being white Americans?

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Thirty years ago, a group of Black and Latino teens were unjustly charged with and convicted of raping and beating a white woman, almost to death, in Central Park, New York City. Donald Trump took out full-page newspaper ads calling for these youth—known as the Central Park 5—to be executed. Even today, long after conclusive proof has been made public of their innocence, Trump insists they are “guilty.” Above left—New York Times ad placed by Trump; right, police photos of Central Park 5 (clockwise from top): Yusef Salaam; Antron McCray; Korey Wise; Kevin Richardson; Raymond Santana.

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What else can it be, but genocidal racism, when Trump insists on severely punishing people who want to bring down these monuments to slavery and racist terror?!

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Early in his last campaign for president, Trump declared that he was going to “build a wall” to keep out Mexicans, calling the people who come to the U.S. from Mexico “drug dealers... rapists... criminals.” He said that a judge in a legal case Trump was involved in could not be “fair” to Trump because the judge was of Mexican heritage—a textbook case of racism (as even a powerful Trump supporter had to admit).

Since becoming president, along with unleashing vicious raids to deport immigrants, tearing apart families, Trump has put tens of thousands of immigrants—mostly from Mexico and nearby countries in Central America—in concentration camps on the border, while separating even very young migrant children from their parents.

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Many people have pointed out that all this is the kind of thing Hitler did to “demonize” and “criminalize” Jews as he put them in concentration camps, and then murdered 6 million of them.

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Donald Trump loves and violently defends the slave-owning Confederacy as part of “our great American heritage.”

He has condemned, and issued executive orders to severely punish, people pulling down statues honoring soldiers and leaders of the Confederacy who fought to preserve and extend slavery. These statues were put up to celebrate slavery, and as monuments to white supremacy, during the days of “Jim Crow” when Black people as a whole were openly segregated and discriminated against, and constantly subjected to lynching and all-around terror, for generations even after slavery was ended.

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English-speaking, Christian-America that he proclaims must be “great again” and “dominate” all others.

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While running for president in 2016 Trump declared that “Muslims hate us” (“us” meaning the fascist America that Trump is moving rapidly and forcefully to pound into place). He called for “registering” all Muslims already in this country, and for banning any further immigration here by Muslims. Since becoming president, Trump has instituted a “travel ban” aimed at countries where Islam is the main religion (this “travel ban” was ultimately upheld by the Supreme Court). His fascist followers declare that Islam is “evil” and that all Muslims are “terrorists,” and Trump re-tweets hateful statements from fanatical anti-Muslim fascists.

Once again, this is the kind of thing Hitler did in demonizing and criminalizing those who did not fit his image of a “pure Germanic race.” Besides the 6 million Jews murdered by Hitler, many of

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these other “undesirables” were also put into concentration camps and killed by Hitler’s NAZI regime.

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Trump did not simply declare that white supremacist thugs in Charlottesville, Virginia were “very fine people”—he has repeatedly supported and spread the racist rantings of white supremacists (through tweets and in other ways). To take just one example: not long ago, he re-tweeted a video of a supporter of his shouting “White Power!”

“White Power” means, and has always meant, white supremacist murder and terror against Black people in particular. It should be obvious to everyone what Trump means, and what he intends, when he broadcasts his support for “White Power.” He means, and he intends to use, the full power of the government to bring about murderous terror against Black people, and all those he regards as less than human and a drain and a stain on the fascist—white,

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Two women, born in the U.S. of parents originally from Syria, take part in a protest at LA International Airport against Trump’s Muslim ban, aimed at people from countries where Islam is the main religion, January 30, 2017.
and to impose a reign of terror on many who remain.

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In November 2018, thousands of immigrants from Central America were stranded for weeks in Tijuana because the U.S. was deliberately slowing the entry of people seeking asylum. (This year, the Trump/Pence regime completely stopped accepting these asylum seekers.) These people had traveled thousands of miles from Honduras and other countries to flee intolerable violence, poverty and repression. During a peaceful protest march by these stranded immigrants, hundreds began running toward the border wall. The picture shows these immigrants, including small children, fleeing a tear gas attack against them by the U.S. Border Patrol.

In 2017, when NAZIs and other white supremacists marched in Charlottesville, Virginia, yelling racist and anti-Jewish slogans, and then an anti-racist protester was murdered by one of the white supremacists, Trump called these racist thugs “very fine people.”

This is only one of the many times Trump has encouraged and supported racist violence by white supremacist thugs. And this shows what he wants to have happen in society as a whole.

If this is not genocidal racism, what is?

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In his typical crudely racist way, Trump has referred to Haiti and countries in Africa as well as Latin America as “shit-hole” countries—while insisting that we need more immigrants from places like Norway (an overwhelmingly white-European country). With the same crude racism (and xenophobia—hatred of foreigners) he declared that four “progressive” Congresswomen should “go back” to the “totally-broken crime-infested places from which they came,” insisting they could not leave this country soon enough—even though 3 of the 4 were born in the U.S. and the fourth came here as a very young child. If Trump will say this about Congresswomen, think about what he wants to do (and what he has been doing) with the masses of ordinary people he sees as coming from “shit-hole countries”—he would like nothing less than to purge this country of huge numbers of non-white immigrants,

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