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Closed Captioning-

(@keihoneyyy)

Has slavery every been illegal in the United States? Short answer no.

(@andrewtheafricankid)

Am I supposed to grateful for limited racism instead of the eradicated racism we deserve?

(Kelly Jenée Lacey)

We learnt your English, we learnt your Spanish, we learnt your Dutch, your Portuguese, your German, you learnt our nothing, you called us stupid.

(@heybriaajones) [imitating bigot]

Black? But you're just so pretty!

[no audio]

(Rebecca Johnston) [voice over]

My identity, my qualities, my labels.

I'm kind, anxious, bisexual.

I am Queer, Feminist, emotionally driven.

I am pixie cut, eyeliner and dungarees.

I'm queer, I'm not exactly sure what that means in terms of exactly how I would clarify my gender and sexual identity.

I am Queer, I don't *really* need to clarify it, if I am content with 'Queer' which I am, for now, so should you be.

I like to express myself in how I present, my clothes, hair, makeup.
I like to hope to those who *know*, it's obvious I'm going for something alternative or subversive, and they can read into that however they want.
There is an uncertainty though, until confirmed I'm other, I could be the heteronormative young lady we've all been taught to expect as the norm.
My difference can quite easily be concealed by something as simple as a skirt.

Pride in its modern sense it not really my scene, policed like the riot it began as but with a fraction of the heart.

Its soul and fight drained as corporations capitalise on the rainbow publicity.
It's a celebration yes, take pride in your identity yes, but remember our privilege to party, while under guarded watch.

I like to remember the ones who stood first, took that risk to give us this, would and did suffer at the hands of our protect and serve.

Stonewall was a riot.

Serving profiling realness.

I owe my right to pride to Martha P Johnson, Stormé DeLarverie.

I am connected to these beautiful black trans womxn through history, I am connected to their struggles against a system not built for them, I am connected to them but I can never know the truth of their experience.

I can never know your experience.

I can never understand, but I can stand with you.

As communities we are linked, and that's not to be forgotten.

There is no pride without black lives, so I ask my community 'why don't you guys do something?'

Never before had I thought about being white, other than a passive guilt for colonial crimes, forgotten mostly to time.

What a privilege to never think about my race, never consider how it keeps me safe.

Now acutely aware of all the advantages it brings, I feel shame and fragility.

Unfortunately neither are useful as tools for activism.

I want to be anti-racist, to educate myself and others.

Start at an individual level and build to wider reaches.

But do we really need another white voice?

Isn't the point that whites stole our time and filibustered the last 400 years?

It's not my voice you need to hear.

We've had enough of the white man!

It should be your time not mine.

But white silence is violence and how can I hope to change anything in myself or others if I stay quiet.

I'm white, It's not my fight.

Bullshit, it's us vs them, wrong vs right, being silent is no longer an option.

Either fight injustice or don't.

Is the threat of revolution more credible coming from my mouth, does that make the message easier to swallow?

Does it ring of real danger when we're united behind the cause?

Good.

Amplify, educate, hold yourself accountable.

Recognise your place in feeding the system and support those who suffer beneath it.

White privilege is ingrained, your other tribulations don't erase that privilege.

Queer and white?

White privilege.

Poor and white?

White privilege.

Disabled and white?

White Privilege.

Being white and benefiting is just as inescapable as being black and not, except one doesn't cost lives.

One is cushy comfort one is hundreds of years of forced subordination from those who put you there.

I am not a martyr, my privilege is a platform, using my skin as a shield costs me nothing.

It's our fight, but it's their lives, their history, their struggle, it should be their words not mine.

(@heybriaajones)

Micro-aggressions people have said to me part 2.

One time I was in a room full of doctors teaching them how to use a new software and this is what one said to me.

(@heybriaajones) [imitating bigot] [southern American accent]

Ah can I stop you there for one second? Ah, I just ah, what exactly are you, you know you just look like so many different things, I can't, I can't put my finger on it [awkward laugh]

(@heybriaajones)

Black.

(@heybriaajones) [imitating bigot]

Black? But you're just so pretty!

(@heybriaajones)

Kathy you sound like you forgot that black women are some of the most beautiful beings on this planet, and the next time you second guess that, ask yourself why you're constantly trying to achieve a darker skin tone with that fake tan.

(@helloiamanegg) [singing] [playing ukulele]

You get when they say defund education, they don't mean get rid of all education.

You therefore understand what defund the police means.

Also.

You know when I say save the turtles, I don't mean fuck every other animal on the planet that's not a turtle.

You therefore understand what Black Lives Matter means.

Just say it Karen, you just hate black people.

(@krissyduerre)

Some of you are wondering, and some of you didn't know that the life expectancy of a transgender woman of colour is 35 years [pause] I know.

They're trying to erase us.

They're trying to murder us.

But one thing for sure, we'll be standing tough and strong like we always have and always will, because that is strength of a woman.
We're not going anywhere, sorry honey.

(Brian M. Bullock)
McDonalds is a last name.
Abercrombie and Fitch last names.
Armani is a last name.
Baskin Robins is a last name.
Chrysler is a last name.

(Kelly Jenée Lacey)
I don't even know my family history at all!

(@keihoneyyy)
Has slavery every been illegal in the United States? Short answer no.
Long answer, the 13th amendment AKA the abolishment of slavey states, that slavery or involuntary servitude is illegal in the United States.
[elongated] Unless.
It's a punishment for crime.
This means after all the slaves were freed, white America was in fear of the economy collapsing without all the free labour, so they decided to start arresting black people for petty crimes such as loitering, fitting the vague description of a criminal, even homelessness.
This was the start of mass incarceration, and why black people make up a little over 13% of the US population, but over 70% of the US prison population, because American has never been able to be economically stable without benefitting from free labour and slavery.

(@andrewtheafricankid)
Yes we know what happened to George Floyd happened in America but don't tell me as a black man in the UK, I'm just looking for something to cry about.
I don't care if it happened in Brazil China or Australia, if someone is killed because they have the glorious melanin as me, the same Afrocentric characteristics as me, I'm gunna talk about it.

I'm not [clap] sorry [clap] if you feel threatened when black people come together in times of injustice.
Don't sit behind a screen and tell me that I should be grateful for the fact that racism in the UK isn't as bad as it is in America.
Of course, we all know that, but am I supposed to be grateful for limited racism instead of the eradicated racism that we deserve.
Don't act like the UK's innocent, the UK is not innocent, but more to the point, if you hurt one of us, you hurt all of us.

(@vangoughandloveyourself) [base music playing]
When Police raided the Stonewall Inn June 28th 1969, they were struggling to arrest Stormé DeLarverie.
She escaped several times, before one hit her over the head with a baton, bleeding and dragged to the police van she cried out to the gathered crowd "why don't you guys do something?"
And the stonewall riot erupted.

Stormé was born to a white father and African-American mother, she worked through her life as a singer, bouncer, body guard and self appointed guardian of lesbians in the village. Tall androgynous and armed she would patrol the streets checking in at lesbian bars. She was on the look out for what she called ugliness, any form of intolerance bullying or abuse of her baby girls. She'd walk the streets of downtown Manhattan like a gay superhero and she was not to be messed with by any stretch of the imagination. Stormé also served as a fashion icon for gender fluid dressing, in the 60's women would be arrested for wearing less than 3 articles of feminine clothing, nevertheless Stormé would strut the streets of New York in a suit. She attracted the attention of the photographer Diane Arbus who photographed her looking bold and bemused in her drag. Her fearlessness bravery and monumental service to the queer community will never be forgotten, happy Pride.
[base music ends]

(@krissyduerre)
They're trying to erase us.
They're trying to murder us.

(@royalhighnesshana)
Cos black lives matter but not until they're dead, right?

(@kimlatricejones)
WE DON'T OWN ANYTHING

(@nayyeeohhhmeee)
Eurocentric standards
Eurocentric standards
Eurocentric standards
Eurocentric
Eurocentric
Eurocentric standards of beauty

(@kage_the_rage)
Were never ever allowed to have natural hair because it was unmanageable

(@andrewtheafricankid)
the glorious melanin as me, the same Afrocentric characteristics as me

(@kimlatricejones)
WE DON'T OWN ANYTHING

(@DawnButlerBrent)
Don't focus on the new commission that the Prime Minister mentioned.
We now that it is designed to agitate and gaslight us just like the Foreign Secretary's comments on taking the knee.
Black lives have more in common with white working class people with LGBT+ community with people who are underrepresented, that this cruel Government.
In the words of the late amazing Jo Cox "we have ore that unites us than divides us."

So I stand to tell the Government that we are done with the games, we are done with the platitudes, we are done with kicking the issue into the long grass.

Enough is enough!

Now is time to act, now is the time for action, now is the time to get the Government's knee of the neck of the Black African Caribbean Asian minority ethnic communities.

(@veryrarenico) [voice over]

Alright so now that all my beautiful pro black people is here I want you to repeat after me.

If we [pause]

Have to [pause]

Burn this mother fucker down [pause]

Then we will do it [pause]

Thank you for coming.

(@vangoughandloveyourself)

One hit her over the head with a baton, bleeding and dragged to the police van she cried out to the gathered crowd "why don't you guys do something?"

(Kelly Jenée Lacey)

Black people destroy neighbourhoods forgetting that white people destroyed continents.

(@kage_the_rage)

Put one finger down if you are the biracial adoptee of racist white parents.

Put on finger down if when you learned about black history month in school and came home excited and wanting to share your information and celebrate, your parents told you you had to celebrate your white side just as much as your black side.

Put one finger down if one time you were colouring a self portrait with a tan crayon and your parents told you you should be using peach because you're not black.

Put one finger down if you were never ever allowed to have natural hair because it was unmanageable.

Put on finger down if your racist white parents upon raising what they thought was a girl, told you never being home a black boy.

Now put one finger up if the black boy you brought home was you.

(@nayyeeohhhmeee)

We are talking about colourism today and while colourism is really big issue in many other communities I going to be focusing on the history of colourism in the black community.

So many people do describe colourism as the last relic of slavery in western society, and its also known as an internalised form of racism.

Now the reason many people argue it's the last relic of slavery is because how slaves were treated based on the colour of their skin.

So if you were a black person with a lighter completion during slavery you were more likely to do house work and to work in the house where as if you had a darker completion you were forced to do field work outside.

So due to the white supremacist view of slavery that created a hierarchy within the black community, and that is because a lighter completion is linked to Eurocentric standards of beauty, which means that darker skin is viewed as unattractive which just is not the case at all.

And in 2020 we do see this in action with the media when the black person is portrayed on TV especially a black woman she's usually of a lighter completion.

(@adrenalineblush) [voice over]

Things on my block that are unnecessarily racist.

I live in Harlem and if you've ever read The Power Broker you know about the impact of Robert Moses on black communities.

So Robert Moses made sure that New York city parks in white communities had fancy details like curling waves made out of raw iron, but in Harlem, in Riverside Park, Robert Moses deliberately chose to detail them with monkeys.

These images are nowhere else in New York City, just here, just in Harlem.

(@kimlatricejones)

How can you win? [pause]

How can you win? [pause]

You can't win, the game is fixed.

So, when they say, why do you burn down the community, why do you burn down your own neighbourhood?

ITS NOT OURS.

WE DON'T OWN ANYTHING. [pause]

WE DON'T OWN ANYTHING.

There is- Trevor Noah said it so beautifully last night, there is a social contract that we all have, that if you steal or if I steal, then the person who is the authority comes in and they fix the situation.

But the person who fixes the situation is KILLING US.

So the social contract is BROKEN.

And if the social contract is broken why the fuck to I give a shit, about burning the fucking football hall of fame, about burning a fucking Target?

YOU BROKE THE CONTRACT WHEN YOU KILLED US IN THE STREETS AND DIDN'T GIVE A FUCK.

YOU BROKE THE CONTRACT WHEN FOR 400 YEARS WE PLAYED YOUR GAME AND BUILT YOUR WEALTH.

YOU BROKE THE CONTRACT WHEN WE BUILT OUR WEALTH AGAIN ON OUR OWN BY OUR BOOT STRAPS IN TULSA AND YOU DROPPED BOMBS ON US.

WHEN WE BUILT IT IN ROSEWOOD AND YOU CAME IN AND YOU SLAUGHTERED US.

YOU BROKE THE CONTRACT, SO FUCK YOUR TARGET.

FUCK YOUR HALL OF FAME.

[pause]

FAR AS I'M CONCERNED THEY CAN BURN THIS BITCH TO THE GROUND AND IT STILL WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH AND THEY ARE LUCKY that what black people are looking for is equality and not revenge.

(protesters @mandaaanee) [fade in] [rhythmic chanting]

Take it to the streets.

Fuck the police!

No justice, no peace!

[distantly] no peace!

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