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Bondi Dismisses Biden DEI Lawfare Actions Against Maryland, Three Localities

In 2024, the Biden administration's Justice Department (DOJ) embarked on a lawfare campaign against four state or local governments because they required applicants to police and fire departments to pass tests.

Blacks and women failed in disproportionate measures to whites and men, the lawsuits argued, which means that the defendants illegally discriminated against the applicants.

This week, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi dismissed the ridiculous lawsuits begun by anti-white, far-left radical Kristen Clarke, who ran DOJ's Civil Rights Division.



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Pam Bondi

The Biden Administration was suing police and fire departments for using writing exams, fitness tests, and credit checks to screen applicants.

The Trump Administration has dismissed each of those cases.

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The Lawsuits

In October 2024, Clarke went on a veritable rampage with three lawsuits. All the suits were similar: Too many blacks and women didn't pass easy tests.

On October 2, [DOJ sued](#) the Maryland State Police, saying they

used a certain physical fitness test and a certain written test to hire entry-level troopers, because the tests disqualified more female and African-American applicants than others and were not job-related or consistent with business necessity.

Maryland agreed to pay \$2.75 million to the plaintiffs.

Then on October 7, [the department sued](#) Durham, North Carolina, saying the city

used a certain written test to hire entry-level firefighters, because the test disqualified more African-American applicants than others and was not job-related or consistent with business necessity.



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The fire department agreed to hire 16 people and provide retroactive seniority and hiring bonuses. They also agreed to hand over \$980,000 to the plaintiffs.

And on October 11, [DOJ sued](#) the South Bend, Indiana, police department, which they said

uses a written examination that discriminates against Black applicants and a physical fitness test that discriminates against female applicants.

As [The New American reported](#) about that lawsuit, while almost 90 percent of men passed the physical fitness test, less than 50 percent of women did. And while more than 80 percent of whites passed the written test, less than 65 percent of blacks did.

That test asked questions that any eighth-grader could have answered.

OK, this is just absurd now. The Biden-Harris administration has attacked three emergency services agencies in a week because apparently these exams are too hard for Black people.

Want to see how hard this exam is? Let's look at some questions.

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DISMISSED: United States v. City of South Bend (IN)

The Biden DOJ said requiring police applicants to pass a written exam and basic fitness test was discrimination.

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And previously, in May 2024, Biden's DOJ [sued Cobb County, Georgia](#), because its fire department used "credit checks and a written exam that discriminated against African American firefighter candidates based on race."

The county agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$750,000, and hire 16 applicants and give them retroactive seniority.

Bondi Dismisses

Bondi ended the lawfare [pursuant to](#) President Donald Trump's executive order titled "[Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity](#)."

"Illegal DEI [diversity, equity, and inclusion] and DEIA [diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility] policies not only violate the text and spirit of our longstanding Federal civil-rights laws, they also undermine our national unity, as they deny, discredit, and undermine the traditional American values of hard work, excellence, and individual achievement in favor of an unlawful, corrosive, and pernicious identity-based spoils system," Trump said:

Hardworking Americans who deserve a shot at the American Dream should not be



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stigmatized, demeaned, or shut out of opportunities because of their race or sex.

These illegal DEI and DEIA policies also threaten the safety of American men, women, and children across the Nation by diminishing the importance of individual merit, aptitude, hard work, and determination when selecting people for jobs and services in key sectors of American society, including all levels of government, and the medical, aviation, and law-enforcement communities. Yet in case after tragic case, the American people have witnessed first-hand the disastrous consequences of illegal, pernicious discrimination that has prioritized how people were born instead of what they were capable of doing.

Thus did Trump reverse multiple executive orders, including one signed by President Lyndon Johnson.

President Trump rescinds LBJ's 1965 Executive Order 11246 through a sweeping executive order, dismantling Affirmative Action and eliminating federal DEI programs.

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Biden's DOJ forced states and localities to illegally discriminate against white men by filing lawsuits against police and fire departments.

"These lawsuits, launched by the previous administration, unjustly targeted fire and police departments for using standard aptitude tests to screen firefighter and police officer candidates," Bondi's [DOJ stated](#) in a press release.

And "despite no evidence of intentional discrimination — only statistical disparities — the prior administration branded the aptitude tests at issue in these cases as discriminatory in an effort to advance a DEI agenda," DOJ continued:

And it sought to coerce cities into conducting DEI-based hiring in response and spending millions of dollars in taxpayer funds for payouts to previous applicants who had scored lower on the tests, regardless of qualifications.

"American communities deserve firefighters and police officers to be chosen for their skill and dedication to public safety — not to meet DEI quotas," Bondi said.

Trump Administration Stops Lowering Standards for Police, Firefighters

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Attorney General Pam Bondi Dismisses DEI Lawsuits Involving Police Officers and Firefighters, Advances President Trump's Mandate to End Illegal DEI Policies

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Kristen Clarke

Clarke, Biden's "civil rights" torpedo, is a deranged radical.

In 2006, cops in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, arrested her for knifing her husband. She almost cut off his finger. Cops were called to the couple's home nine times between May 2003 and December 2007.

Understandably, U.S. senators had questions about the Night of the Long Knife, and [asked whether](#) Clarke was ever arrested for a violent crime. Her answer: Who, me? Never!

That was a lie.

In fact, she later confessed to the lie, noting that she was "subjected to years-long abuse and domestic violence at the hands of my ex-husband."

[Clarke also loves](#) cop-killer [Mumia Abu-Jamal](#), who murdered Philadelphia cop Daniel Faulkner in 1981. She thinks Jamal was a "scapegoat" and "lynch victim." However, she told senators during her confirmation hearing that she knew nothing about him.

She has also likened cops to the Ku Klux Klan, and favors defunding police.

A black supremacist, [Clarke wrote](#) for Harvard's *Crimson* newspaper that blacks are intellectually superior to whites.



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