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UN Report Accuses U.S. Police of "Systemic Racism," Proposes Radical Measures

The United Nations has published a report accusing local law enforcement in the United States of "systemic racism," and recommending multiple radical and unconstitutional measures in response.

On September 26, the <u>International</u> <u>Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance</u> <u>Racial Justice and Equality in the Context of</u> <u>Law Enforcement</u>, a subsidiary of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, published a <u>report</u> examining law enforcement in the United States. The Expert Mechanism's <u>members</u> visited the United States — specifically the District of Columbia, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis, and New York City from April 24 to May 5.



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Not surprisingly for the United Nations, the report comprehensively attacks American law enforcement. It claims that "systemic racism against Africans and people of African descent exists in the United States," including "in the context of law enforcement and the criminal justice system." The report rejects the view that abuses in law enforcement are "the result of isolated actions of a small number of rogue police officers," instead claiming that "abusive behaviour of some individual police officers is part of a broader and menacing pattern." It also goes out of its way to claim such racism "is deeply affected ... by intersectionality, that is, in combination with several other identities, including sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, migration status, disability, religion, socioeconomic and other status."

The report alleges multiple supposed systemic problems with American law enforcement, including racial profiling, excessive use of force, incarceration, and "police-related killings of Africans and People of African Descent." It also attacks several federal and state policies not directly related to local law enforcement, including states' continued use of capital punishment and federal immigration enforcement.

The report makes 30 policy recommendations to help "dismantle this legacy of slavery." These recommendations include:

136. Adopt a national strategy, including with national legislation, to reduce to the maximum possible the number of killings by law enforcement. Gradually withdraw all armed officers from routine traffic enforcement and remove their authority to stop cars only for minor traffic violations. Instead, consider putting in place civilian traffic response units. Prioritize unarmed civilian first responder programs to mental health crises.

138. Create an effective nationwide record system of individuals under investigation or

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found criminally or administrative[ly] guilty for police misconduct, with a view to preventing these individuals from being rehired by other law enforcement agenc[ies].

140. Adopt an immigration system with a human rights-based approach and address systemic racism within the ranks of immigration authorities.

145. Guarantee the victims' right to reparations, covering restitution, compensation, rehabilitation and satisfaction, including addressing the actual effects of the doctrine of qualified immunity in cases pursuing civil damages for serious police violence. Improve civilian and criminal oversight mechanisms to law enforcement and provide them with compelling power and the allocation of appropriate resources.

147. Firmly address the issues of systemic racism and white supremacy ideology inside law enforcement agencies, including against Black law enforcement officers.

152. Abolish the death penalty.

158. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT), and consequently establish one or several National Preventive Mechanisms.

159. Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles, to streamline ongoing implementation of existing recommendations including those in this report.

Notably, many of these recommendations involve unconstitutionally <u>expanding federal control</u> over local police, <u>surrendering</u> U.S. sovereignty to the United Nations, and implementing Marxist cultural and social policies. For example, the report's call for "civilian and criminal oversight mechanisms to law enforcement" (aka <u>civilian review boards</u>) endorses a scheme <u>invented</u> by the Communist Party to gain control over local police.

Despite the report's ideologically motivated attacks on U.S. law enforcement and its radical and unconstitutional recommendations, it appears that American officials accepted and cooperated with the UN's Expert Mechanism. The report stated that the federal government "accept[ed] its request to visit the country," and that "representatives of federal, state and local authorities" met and "genuine[ly] cooperat[ed]" with its members.

An examination of the Expert Mechanism's "<u>experts</u>" — Yvonne Mokgoro, Tracie L. Keesee, and Juan E. Méndez — reveals their leftist and globalist leanings. Mokgoro, a former justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, is a former <u>advisory board member</u> of <u>George Soros</u>' Open Society Justice Initiative. Among other positions, Keesee served as deputy commissioner of equity and inclusion for the New York City Police Department and currently works for the Center for Policing Equity, a <u>leftist</u> organization that <u>promotes</u> the "systemic racism" <u>narrative</u>. Finally, Méndez is an Argentine professor who has served in multiple UN-related positions.

The Expert Mechanism's report is only the latest UN attack on American law enforcement and — more broadly — national sovereignty. The international body has consistently <u>accused</u> the United States and its justice system of <u>inherent racism</u>, and has <u>attempted</u> to gain <u>increased power</u> — on the road to <u>one-world government</u> — at the expense of the sovereignty of its member states.

The report provides yet another reason why the United States <u>must get out</u> of the United Nations.



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Rather than remain a member of — and provide billions of dollars in funding to — an organization that regularly attacks the United States and <u>its system of government</u>, American leaders must restore U.S. sovereignty and defend what the Founding Fathers worked to establish. And it's up to ordinary citizens — through building an educated electorate — to ensure that our leaders uncompromisingly defend our Republic and God-given freedoms.

To urge your U.S. representative and senators to Get US Out! of the United Nations, visit The John Birch Society's legislative alert <u>here</u>. Also, for resources to help protect local control of law enforcement, visit the JBS's Support Your Local Police action project <u>here</u>.



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