



Charlotte Shooting: Another Pretext for “Black Lives Matter” Terror?

As violence and lawlessness reigned in Charlotte, North Carolina, in the wake of an officer-involved shooting of an armed black man earlier this week, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) crowd claimed that those committing mayhem and violence were “protesting” against racism. But is BLM responding to a real problem or simply using the shooting as another pretext for bringing about revolutionary change via terror?



The facts simply do not support the claim of the family and the BLM crowd that Keith Lamont Scott was a peaceful man simply reading a book and posing no threat to the officers when he was shot. Here are the facts that are known at this time:

- In a recently released [video of the shooting](#) — made and released by Scott’s wife — the officers can be heard ordering Scott at least 10 times to “drop the gun” and his wife can be heard pleading with Scott to “get out the car” and (four times) “Keith! Don’t you do it!” (In this video, Scott was outside the frame of the camera when shot.) (Update: Soon after this article was published, on Saturday, [the police released two videos.](#))
- No book was recovered at the scene, but a gun — [which can be seen lying on the ground next to Scott in still shots of the video taken by local media after the shooting](#) — was recovered.
- Scott’s [fingerprints and DNA](#) were found on the gun when it was examined by police forensic investigators.
- Scott had a long and violent criminal record that included felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in an episode where — while evading arrest — [Scott fired two shots at police officers](#) before being apprehended by those officers.
- The police officer who shot Scott is black, so it does not make sense to view his actions — whether justified or unjustified — as being motivated by racism against blacks.

Boiling all of that down to its broth, the lies of the BLM crowd become obvious. So, if the rioting and looting are not about justice for an unarmed black man killed for simply being black, what really is behind all of the violence and lawlessness in Charlotte, North Carolina? What is BLM playing at?

The *American Heritage Dictionary* [defines](#) terrorism as:

The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons.

By that definition, is BLM terroristic? First, it should be noted that BLM is not a distinct “organization,” but an umbrella movement that applies to varying degrees to a nexus of groups that share common ideology and — often —



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common tactics. That ideology is that black Americans need to rise up and throw off the chains of oppression that have been put on them by white people. The tactics include violent riots and the assault of police officers and white people.

Heavily funded by [George Soros and other deep-pocketed leftists](#), BLM (as a myriad of organizations under one umbrella) has [fomented a war on police](#), demanded that “white folks” [give up their money and lay down their lives](#), committed acts of [wanton violence and destruction](#), and demanded [reparations](#), including [free college](#) and a misnamed [minimum wage](#) that would not require the “wage” recipients to perform any work in order to qualify. BLM demands have also included that blacks have [collective ownership](#) of businesses.

The message of the BLM crowd is summed up in a mantra seen at all of the riots: “No Justice; No Peace.” The meaning is clear: The BLM crowd will continue to riot, burn, assault, and terrorize — as they have recently done in Charlotte and [Milwaukee](#) — until laws and policies are changed to suit their demands.

So, with the people who march under the BLM banner practicing the “unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence” in the cities of America “with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments” to bring about their “ideological” and “political” goals, it is difficult to understand why BLM has not been classified as a terrorist group. Perhaps the reason can be found in the recent kerfuffle in which a North Carolina politician found himself embroiled when he stated the obvious and then — under pressure — retracted his previous statement.

U.S. Congressman Robert Pittenger (R-N.C) — who is from Charlotte — made an impassioned statement about the rioters and looters in Charlotte who targeted whites for violent and unprovoked attacks. He told BBC:

The grievance in their minds -- the animus, the anger -- they hate white people because white people are successful and they're not... It is a welfare state. We have spent trillions of dollars on welfare, and we've put people in bondage, so they can't be all they're capable of being.

As soon as his very politically *incorrect* remarks were reported, Pittenger apologized via Twitter, saying:

What is taking place in my hometown breaks my heart. Today, my anguish led me to respond to a reporter's question in a way that I regret.

This writer has seen a number of disturbing videos posted on the Internet showing looting, burning, and violence — including the targeting of police officers and whites — perpetrated by angry rioters in Charlotte over the past week. I have also seen a video recording of Scott's brother saying that “all white people are f*****g devils. I hate all you m****r f*****s.”).

Pittenger's apology notwithstanding, there is plenty of evidence indicating that BLM lies are helping to create hatred. But the hatred that is being created is not just anti-white; it also anti-black. After all, the rioting and looting in Charlotte and elsewhere play into the hands of anti-black racists who wrongly blame the actions of criminals on an entire race, despite the fact that law-abiding blacks who live in inner cities are particularly harmed by the violence and crime perpetrated in their neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, the BLM crowd continues to use terror to bring about the change they are demanding.



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