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BLM Threatens New York with "Uprising" Over COVID Vax Mandate

The Marxist organization Black Lives Matter shook America last year with its "mostly peaceful" protests that broke all records of being the most costly and destructive protests ever. And now the New York Chapter of BLM vows to repeat the show over the "racist" COVID vaccine mandate.

Chivona Newsome, who co-founded the chapter, led a protest on Monday at Carmine's Italian Restaurant in NYC following an incident of a hostess denying entry to three black women because they reportedly tried to present fake vaccination cards upon entry. Proof of COVID vaccination is now required to be shown before entry to restaurants and other public venues, per NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio's order that he issued in August. The women, tourists from Texas, allegedly attacked the hostess, who, they claim, used a racial slur against them. The tourists were arrested on charges of assault and criminal mischief.

The incident ignited an outrage from the BLM and related organizations that were already irate with the city's policy that blocks nearly 80 percent of black New Yorkers out of dining, fitness, and entertainment venues.

According to a *National Review* <u>report</u>, speakers at the rally spoke out against the hostess' allegedly racist actions, and blasted the perceived discrimination against the black unvaxxed patrons.

Newsome pointed out that seventy-two percent of black people ages 18 to 44 are unvaccinated. The <u>city</u> <u>statistics</u> show that as of September 23, only 14.4 percent of black residents were fully vaccinated, 17.3 received one dose.

"So what is going to stop the Gestapo, I mean the NYPD, from rounding up black people, from snatching them off the train, off the bus?" Newsome asked, and continued:

"We're putting this city on notice that your mandate will not be another racist social distance practice. Black people are not going to stand by, or you will see another uprising. And that is not a threat. That is a promise. The vaccination passport is not a free passport to racism."

Kimberly Bernard, the co-founder of the Black Women's March, echoed an allegation that the

Carmine's Italian restaurant (AP Images)







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establishment is deliberately weaponizing COVID mandates against minorities:

"We are serving notice on the mayor, on the governor, on the restaurant industry that we will not allow for you to use this pandemic, vaccination cards, and masks as another reason to be racist, to put us in prison. Because there's enough of us in there."

While some of the speakers seemingly insubstantially trashed the mainstream right-leaning media and Republicans for pinning blame of the ongoing pandemic on unvaccinated black population, others pointed to the Democratic Party, which is arguably at the helm of the aggressive COVID mandates. Participants argued that the Democrats refuse to acknowledge that such mandates hurt people of color.

"It's 'for your health,' but they're willing to ruin people's lives to protect against a virus with over a 99 percent survival rate.... This is going to be the new Jim Crow, and it's going to affect mostly people of color," a college student present at the protest told *National Review*.

Arguably, the administration and the corporate media openly hate unvaccinated people, as long as they are white. But if a black person is refusing to take an experimental gene therapy, aka COVID vaccine, then it's "systemic racism." It is claimed that the black community is socially and economically disadvantaged compared to other races, hence the "inequitable" access to the COVID shots.

Secondly, black people, per <u>President Biden</u>, don't know how to go online and find vaccination sites and register for vaccination. In other words, the official narrative pictures black people who refuse COVID jabs as poor and uneducated folks who need government's help to show them the right way. What an insult to people of color!

In reality, the black vaccine-rejection is rooted in religious beliefs and in mistrust in the government, as explained by Chivona's brother Hawk Newsome, another co-founder of the New York chapter of BLM. Speaking to the *Washington Examiner*, Newsome cited the infamous Tuskegee study (originally called "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male"), when 600 black men who had syphilis were not given treatment so that the doctors could study what happened to their bodies as a result of the disease for over 40 years. Back then, the participants' informed consent was not collected.

Newsome said that his group supports the vaccine passport abolition not just in the state, but on the national level. "I think, in a perfect world, [vaccine requirements] should be business by business. But it could be a slippery slope, so the mandate should be removed completely," he contended.

The BLM activist also slammed the state <u>removing</u> the religious exemption option from the mandate, saying that it was "the most disrespectful thing I've ever seen." Newsome added, "Now the government has decided your God doesn't matter? I love God."

And it is not just BLM radicals opposing the draconian measure. COVID vaccine mandates do not resonate well with the black voters in general. The latest poll, conducted by <u>Morning Consult</u> following the President's <u>announcement</u> of the sweeping vaccine mandates, found that Biden's net approval rating has fallen 12 percentage points among black voters, driven by a 17-point drop among unvaccinated black voters. At the same time, the share of those black voters who disapprove of Biden's work performance rose 7 points to 24 percent.



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