

**The Uhuru Solidarity Movement, the organization of white people under the leadership of the African People's Socialist Party,** makes a call to white people to stand in solidarity with the struggle of the African community for self-determination through political, social and economic power over their own lives.

The USM is building support in the white community for the African-led campaign for **Black Community Control of Police.**

Black Community Control of Police is a just, necessary and democratic demand from the African community fighting for the power to hire, fire, train and discipline the police who operate in their communities.

As the African People's Socialist Party has explained, the conditions faced by the black community today are based on a history of the enslavement of African people and the genocide against the Indigenous people of this land.

**This is colonialism, not racism.**

It's bigger than the ideas in our heads. If we want to see it change, we have to do more than unlearn our racism.

Colonialism is a system where an entire people is oppressed and dominated by a foreign state power for the benefit of the oppressor nation. Africans are colonized. We, white people, are the oppressor nation.

**There are two realities inside this country—two Americas,** the white America, with its social wealth, opportunities, and prosperity, at the expense of the American reality imposed on African people, an unending nightmare of abject impoverishment, mass imprisonment, deplorable housing conditions, denial of access to quality education and healthcare, and constant harassment, arrest and outright murder by the police.

**The police are, and have always been, the armed front line of this social system.**

As Chairman Omali Yeshitela of the African People's Socialist Party explains, the police are an arm of the state. The state is an instrument of coercion that maintains the relationship between the oppressed and the oppressor, those who have everything and

those who have nothing as a consequence of everything having been stolen from them.

In this system, we, white people, are part of the group that benefits from the oppression of the black and brown communities. Therefore, we have a different experience with the police than the African and Mexican people do.

The killer cops are not just "bad apples." They are the armed protectors of this hideous and genocidal social reality.

**The police function as an occupying army in the black community.**

It's no different from the role of the U.S. military in Afghanistan or Iraq.

According to the website [killedbypolice.net](http://killedbypolice.net) which compiles news reports of police killings, three people per day have been killed by police inside the U.S. since the beginning of 2015, the vast majority of them African.

We don't see this happening in the white community. We won't find checkpoints or tanks in the white community.

The police are sent into black communities to kidnap Africans in handcuffs and stuff them into the prisons where they will be raped, tortured and exploited as prison laborers.

The U.S. has the largest prison population in the planet, over 2.5 million people locked in cages, more than half of them Africans.

We have to take material actions in support a real strategy to defeat this oppressive and brutal system of colonialism. We have to practice material solidarity with the Black-led struggle for African self-determination and liberation.

When there is black community control of police, every Aiyana Jones, Tamir Rice, and Eric Garner will be free to live in prosperity and peace.