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It always enrages me how when white people engage in criminal activity, other white people look for the social or systemic reasons to “explain” why a white person did a bad thing and why it’s not really their fault.

> This is the home of Joseph Morrison, one of the Michigan men recently arrested for his plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.
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> Can we acknowledge that maybe economic circumstances play a role in radicalizing people? pic.twitter.com/zCbNjaZ10B
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> — Walker Bragman (@WalkerBragman) October 8, 2020

Yet, these same individuals cast aspersions on the entire Black race when one Black person commits a crime. There’s no systemic or social analysis for Black people, no. Instead they make crimes committed by Black people pathological, a virtue of our very Blackness.

Whiteness affords itself the privilege of individualism such that when white people commit crimes, the entire white race isn’t implicated. When a white person commits a crime, they “strayed from their true nature.” When a Black person commits a crime, “it is our true nature.”

That’s because in the white racial imagination, whiteness is a state of pure and unassailable innocence, and it can only be imagined as such if it casts Blackness in the role of pure and immutable evil.

This explains why laws and all other institutional rules, customs, traditions, and practices are applied differently based on race—negatively impacting, stigmatizing, traumatizing, and killing Black people.

As long as white supremacist capitalist patriarchy is the ruling power structure, as long as white supremacist capitalist patriarchs are the ruling caste, as long as people aspire to be whatever version of white supremacist capitalist patriarchs they can be...

Black people and other marginalized people will have no quarter and no sanctuary anywhere in this current state of existence.

A measuring stick for how depraved a society is (and how antipathetic a people are): the, compulsory, arrogant, unabashed, stoic, pious, and shameless way in which it points out the twig in the eye of others while ignoring the oar in its own.

White supremacist capitalist patriarchy is the danger. They ignore even their own observations of this fact because accountability and self-implication are beyond whiteness's ability to comprehend much less act upon.

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If this shit was about "economics," why are these white people attacking the party of the people who are trying to provide them a safety net rather than the party hoarding the wealth? Because the former is coded Black and the latter is coded white. That's why.