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Hello, gentrified farm & food media.

Get your shit together. Clean up your house.

There are thousands of BIPOC and working-class activists doing the real work of building viable, accessible, long-term food systems.

And y'all prefer to work with actual crackpots over them.

> Just your reminder that Mikki Willis - a COVID conspiracy theorist who was photographed storming the U.S. Capitol - was on the advisory board for @kissthegroundoc until like five minutes ago.
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> — SOMETHING ELSE. (@SylvanaquaFarms) January 11, 2021

This isn't an isolated event. Joel Salatin has been completely candid about his white supremacy, and the food movement kept platforming him for years. Here's just one journalist talking about how he did so despite Black women repeatedly asking him not to.

https://t.co/TtM25xFGCt

Baker Creek kept platforming very special militant white dude Cliven Bundy until their own customers boycotted them out of it.

https://t.co/TCBJfnZ52e

In today's food & justice world: Latine meat plant workers are one of, if not the hardest-hit demographic in the pandemic.

Indigenous communities are scrambling to vaccinate older tribe members to keep their languages from going extinct.

More than 1 in 750 Indigenous & Black Americans have already died from COVID.

https://t.co/yFq67WLZxL

And your response to this horror is… horse around with a dude who makes movies about how it's fake? And tries to overturn free and fair elections?

That's what you've got?

Fomenting disease outbreaks, and downplaying their seriousness, are both well-documented tools for getting rid of society's "undesirables."

Think smallpox blankets. Think Reagan & HIV.

That's the playbook you've chosen to run with.

https://t.co/GarixuyOQh

You're in good company. Southern planters (who fancied themselves environmental stewards!) downplayed pellagra so it sickened & killed poor farm & mill laborers, white & Black alike

for 40 YEARS. It didn't end until WW2, and you've already forgotten.

https://t.co/CMaIfg5Jxy

These are the footsteps you're choosing to follow. Squeaky-clean, greenwashed white supremacy.

Y'all are just the nicest pack of jackals anyone could hope to meet!

As Chris says, you have an easier time imagining the end of the world than the end of white supremacy.

If you think you can fix our society's extractive attitudes towards the earth while keeping that same attitude towards our fellow humans, you have another thing coming.

You're a disgrace to environmental work.

You're a disgrace to the people who put food on your tables.

Get it together. Stop platforming white supremacists & calling it "sustainability."

It's super fucking easy, y'all. So why won't you do it?