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Mass Shooting of Blacks in Buffalo CBTU statement on the recent killings in Buffalo, NY

On May 14, 2022, a young white racist drove over 3 hours from Binghamton to Buffalo, NY to slaughter at least 10 Black people. He targeted a Black community and a Black supermarket for his hate. He inscribed the "N" word on the sight of his assault rifle and live streamed his murder spree. He also released an over 100-page manifesto detailing his views and motivation. This was not the action of a mentally ill individual but the well thought out planning of a white racist radicalized and is encouraged by the growing strength of right-wing nationalism.

The murderer claimed whites were being replaced by minorities in this country – commonly known as the "Great Replacement" theory. A theory promoted by outlets like Fox News and websites like 4chan - the same outlets and websites that gave us Q Anon and Donald Trump. This sick individual found a calling and a call to arms to murder as many Black people in this country as possible. This is white nationalist terrorism. This is terrorism by all definitions of the term. Blacks continue to be victimized by white terrorists in this country, from Slave Days to Klan rallies to the recent Red Hats.

CBTU was founded in the face of white neglect and will continue to fight against the oppression faced by our members and community. We condemn this racism and call on all elected officials to do something for once and take direct action. No more thoughts and prayers, we need action and legislation. We need Republicans to condemn their racist members and racist reporters like Tucker Carlson. We need Democrats to use their majority to pass legislation for mental health services, police reform, infrastructure reform. All programs that help alleviate the social ills of poverty.

This is not our first nor will it be our last statement on violence against Black Americans. CBTU will continue to fight against white-nationalism, the alt-right, and the Red Caps. Until we are all treated equally, we will all suffer universally.

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