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Police Violence Against Black-Americans is a Crime Against Humanity

The long-awaited report on U.S. police-use of racist violence against Black Americans (their fellow citizens) arrived on April 27, 2021. The *International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence Against People of African Descent in the United States* concluded that the "systematic police killings of Black people in the U.S. constitutes a *prima facie* case of crimes against humanity." The Commissioners "asked the prosecutor of the *International Criminal Court* (ICC) to initiate an investigation of responsible police officials." Please read, *We Charge Genocide*: *The Crime of Government Against the Negro People* (1951) by William L. Pattterson.

The 12 commissioners are eminent experts and jurists from Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Caribbean, a precise representation and example of the need for Global Law: The Absolute Need for a Planetary Constitution to replace the flawed UN Charter. The Charter lacks an enforcement system and hence allows individuals governing powerful nations to be above the Law. By contrast, *The Earth Constitution*, for example, says that the "fundamental existential and moral truth of our planetary condition that – *all human beings are brothers and sisters* - must be enshrined within the majesty of World Law" (2). "World Peace Through World Law" is a popular expression whose meaning is quite literal.

The Earth Constitution identifies four fundamental components for such a system: "(1) it must involve *enforceable world law*, (2) this world law must be

enforceable over *individuals* (including leaders of nations and corporations), (3) it must be *democratically legislated* by a world parliament, and (4) it must be part of a *federal system*, in which government power resides on many levels from the local to the planetary levels" (3). So-called "sovereign" states and their leaders would not be above the law and permitted to murder, torture, illegally detain or arrest citizens without accountability.

The Commissioners examined all the facts, in 43 specific cases of police killings of Black Americans and concluded "that there are situations in the U.S. that beg the urgent scrutiny of the International Criminal Court." The case of 23 old five feet six inches and 140 pounds Elijah McClain of Aurora, Colorado, the first chapter of Dr. Michael Eric Dyson's *Long Time Coming* is illustrative. The cops applied a carotid hold to limit the blood flow to his brain, rendering him temporarily unconscious. And when the Aurora Fire Rescue arrived, they administered ketamine to sedate him: the carotid hold and ketamine killed him.

Yes, it is true that a few months later one of the cops involved in his death resigned and the other three were fired because they took selfies near the site where they killed him, including one of the cops mimicking the very chokehold that led to his death, and as they did so they laughed.

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The entire *Truthout* article can be found here:

https://truthout.org/articles/commission-finds-anti-black-police-violence-constitutes-crimes-against-humanity/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=84fab5a7-8a1a-4647-bf2c-f1ec204bc4fe

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