

## Corporate Lives Matter And Emotion Manipulation For Profiteering

Chase Bank, Google, Facebook and Nike paste BLM signs all over their business fronts yet what their signs are really saying is: "*PLEASE DON'T BURN OUR BUILDINGS DOWN*". They don't care about black people. If they did, they would not have companies which never hires any of them. They are PANDERING!

These companies are greenwashing in order to manipulate voters emotion in order to get those voters to vote for shill politicians who have promised to give those companies government perks. All of the BLM riots were organized, promoted and operated by a massive corporate communications network which urban poor people do not have any involvement in. The 'donations' to the BLM go right to political millionaires who are rigging elections. The network of riot organizers can be traced by to corporate organizers who want to control elections so that they can profiteer.

**Greenwashing** (a [compound word](#) modelled on "[whitewash](#)"), also called "**green sheen**",<sup>[1][2]</sup> is a form of marketing [spin](#) in which [green PR](#) (green values) and [green marketing](#) are deceptively used to persuade the public that an organization's products, aims and policies are [environmentally friendly](#) and therefore 'better'; [appeal to nature](#). Common examples present in the marketing of food products, [alternative medicine](#) and [natural medicine](#).<sup>[3][4]</sup>

Evidence an organization is greenwashing often comes from pointing out the spending differences: when significantly more money or time has been spent advertising being "green" (that is, operating with [consideration for the environment](#)), than is actually spent on environmentally sound practices.<sup>[5]</sup> Greenwashing efforts can range from changing the name or label of a product to evoke the [natural environment](#) on a product containing harmful chemicals to multimillion-dollar marketing campaigns portraying highly polluting energy companies as eco-friendly. Greenwashing is therefore a "mask" used to cover-up unsustainable corporate agendas and policies.<sup>[6][7]</sup> Highly public accusations of greenwashing have contributed to the term's increasing use.<sup>[8]</sup>

While greenwashing is not new, its use has increased over recent years to meet consumer demand for [environmentally friendly](#) goods and services. The problem is compounded by lax enforcement by regulatory agencies such as the [Federal Trade Commission](#) in the United States, the [Competition Bureau](#) in Canada, and the [Committee of Advertising Practice](#) and the [Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice](#) in the United Kingdom.

Critics of the practice suggest the rise of greenwashing, paired with ineffective regulation, contributes to consumer skepticism of all green claims, and diminishes the power of the consumer in driving companies toward greener solutions for manufacturing processes and business operations.<sup>[9]</sup> Many corporate structures use greenwashing as a way to repair public perception of their brand. The structuring of corporate disclosure is often set up so as to maximize perceptions of legitimacy. However, a growing body of social and environmental accounting research finds, in the absence of external monitoring and verification, greenwashing strategies amount to corporate posturing and deception.<sup>[10]</sup>

The term *greenwashing* was coined by [New York environmentalist Jay Westervelt](#) in a 1986 essay regarding the [hotel industry's](#) practice of placing placards in each room promoting reuse of towels ostensibly to "save the environment." Westervelt noted in most cases, little or no effort toward reducing energy waste was being made by these institutions—as evidenced by the lack of cost reduction this practice effected. Westervelt opined the actual objective of this "green campaign" on the part of many hoteliers was, in fact, increased profit. Westervelt thus labeled this and other outwardly environmentally conscientious acts with a greater, underlying purpose of profit increase as *greenwashing*.<sup>[11][12][13][14][15][16]</sup>

In addition, the political term "linguistic detoxification" describes when, through [legislation](#) or other [government](#) action, the definitions of [toxicity](#) for certain substances are changed, or the name of the substance is changed, so that fewer things fall under a particular classification as toxic. The origin of this phrase has been attributed to environmental activist and author [Barry Commoner](#).<sup>[17]</sup>

Similarly, introduction of a [Carbon Emission Trading Scheme](#) may feel good, but may be counterproductive if the cost of carbon is priced too low, or if large emitters are given "free credits." For example, [Bank of America](#) subsidiary [MBNA](#) offers an Eco-Logique [MasterCard](#) for Canadian consumers that rewards customers with [carbon offsets](#) as they continue using the card. Customers may feel that they are nullifying their [carbon footprint](#) by purchasing polluting goods with the card. However, only 0.5 percent of purchase price goes into purchasing carbon offsets, while the rest of the [interchange fee](#) still goes to the bank.<sup>[18]</sup>

Such campaigns and [marketing communications](#), designed to publicize and highlight organizational CSR policies to various stakeholders, affect corporate reputation and brand image, but the proliferation of unsubstantiated ethical claims and greenwashing by some companies has resulted in increasing consumer cynicism and mistrust.<sup>[19]</sup>

## History

In the mid 1960s, the environmental movement gained momentum. This popularity prompted many companies to create a new green image through advertising. [Jerry Mander](#), a former [Madison Avenue](#) advertising executive, called this new form of advertising "ecopornography."<sup>[20]</sup>

The first [Earth Day](#) was held on April 22, 1970. This encouraged many industries to advertise themselves as being friendly to the environment. Public utilities spent 300 million dollars advertising themselves as clean green companies. This was eight times more than the money they spent on pollution reduction research.<sup>[21][22]</sup>

In 1985, the [Chevron Corporation](#) launched one of the most famous greenwashing ad campaigns in history. Chevron's "People Do" advertisements were aimed at a "hostile audience" of "societally conscious" people. Two years after the launch of the campaign, surveys found people in California trusted Chevron more than other oil companies to protect the environment. In the late 1980s The [American Chemistry Council](#) started a program called [Responsible Care](#), which shone light on the environmental performances and precautions of the group's members. The loose guidelines of responsible care caused industries to adopt self-regulation over government regulation.<sup>[21][22]</sup>

In 1991, a study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing ([American Marketing Association](#)) found that 58% of environmental ads had at least one deceptive claim. Another study found that 77% of people said the environmental reputation of company affected whether they would buy their products. One fourth of all household products marketed around Earth Day advertised themselves as being green and environmentally friendly. In 1998 the [Federal Trade Commission](#) created the "Green Guidelines," which defined terms used in environmental marketing. The following year the FTC found that the Nuclear Energy Institute claims of being environmentally clean were not true. The FTC did nothing about the ads because they were out of their jurisdiction. This caused the FTC to realize they needed new clear enforceable standards. In 1999, according to environmental activist organizations, the word "greenwashing" was added to the *Oxford English Dictionary*.<sup>[21][22]</sup>

In 2002, during the [World Summit on Sustainable Development](#) in Johannesburg, the Greenwashing Academy hosted the Greenwash Academy Awards. The ceremony awarded companies like [BP](#), [ExxonMobil](#), and even the [US Government](#) for their elaborate greenwashing ads and support for greenwashing.<sup>[21][22]</sup>

More recently, social scientists have been investigating claims of and the impact of greenwashing. In 2005, Ramus and Monteil conducted secondary data analysis of two databases to uncover corporate commitment to implementation of environmental policies as opposed to greenwashing. They found while companies in the [oil](#) and gas are more likely to implement environmental policies than [service industry](#) companies, they are less likely to commit to [fossil fuel](#) reduction.<sup>[23]</sup>

In 2010 a study was done showing that 4.5% of products tested were found to be truly green as opposed to 2% in 2009. In 2009 2,739 products claimed to be green while in 2010 the number rose to 4,744. The same study in 2010 found that 95% percent of the consumer products claiming to be green were not green at all.<sup>[24]</sup>

Greenwashing practices have also a significant impact on the perceptions of stakeholders in general. A recent study has analysed this issue because the effect on perceptions of the effective social and environmental responsibility of companies, the possible presence of misleading practices and the intentions following an environmental scandal creates significant distortions in the market, in the economic system, as well as increasing the information asymmetry between companies and stakeholders.<sup>[25]</sup>

# Regulation

## Australia

The Australian [Trade Practices Act](#) has been modified to include punishment of companies that provide misleading environmental claims. Any organization found guilty of such could face up to \$6 million<sup>[26]</sup> in fines. In addition, the guilty party must pay for all expenses incurred while setting the record straight about their product or company's actual [environmental impact](#).<sup>[27]</sup>

## Canada

Canada's [Competition Bureau](#) along with the [Canadian Standards Association](#) are discouraging companies from making "vague claims" towards their products' environmental impact. Any claims must be backed up by "readily available data."<sup>[27]</sup>

## Norway

[Norway's consumer ombudsman](#) has targeted automakers who claim that their cars are "green," "clean" or "environmentally friendly" with some of the world's strictest advertising guidelines. Consumer Ombudsman official Bente Øverli said: "Cars cannot do anything good for the environment except less damage than others." Manufacturers risk fines if they fail to drop the words. Øverli said she did not know of other countries going so far in cracking down on cars and the environment.<sup>[28][29][30][31]</sup>

## U.S.

The [Federal Trade Commission](#) (FTC) provides voluntary guidelines for environmental marketing claims. These guidelines give the FTC the right to prosecute false and misleading advertisement claims. The green guidelines were not created to be used as an enforceable guideline but instead were intended to be followed voluntarily. Listed below are the green guidelines set by the FTC.

- Qualifications and disclosures: The Commission traditionally has held that in order to be effective, any qualifications or disclosures such as those described in these guides should be sufficiently clear, prominent and understandable to prevent deception. Clarity of language, relative type size and proximity to the claim being qualified, and an absence of contrary claims that could undercut effectiveness, will maximize the likelihood that the qualifications and disclosures are appropriately clear and prominent.<sup>[32]</sup>
- Distinction between benefits of product, package and service: An environmental marketing claim should be presented in a way that makes clear whether the environmental attribute or benefit being asserted refers to the product, the product's [packaging](#), a service or to a portion or component of the product, package or service. In general, if the environmental attribute or benefit applies to all but minor, incidental components of a product or package, the claim need not be qualified to identify that fact. There may be exceptions to this general principle. For example, if an unqualified "[recyclable](#)" claim is made and the presence of the incidental component significantly limits the ability to recycle the product, then the claim would be deceptive.<sup>[32]</sup>

- Overstatement of environmental attribute: An environmental marketing claim should not be presented in a manner that overstates the environmental attribute or benefit, expressly or by implication. Marketers should avoid implications of significant environmental benefits if the benefit is in fact negligible.<sup>[32]</sup>
- Comparative claims: Environmental marketing claims that include a comparative statement should be presented in a manner that makes the basis for the comparison sufficiently clear to avoid consumer deception. In addition, the advertiser should be able to substantiate the comparison.<sup>[32]</sup>

The FTC has said in 2010 that it will update its guidelines for environmental marketing claims in an attempt to reduce greenwashing.<sup>[33]</sup> The revision to the FTC's Green Guides covers a wide range of public input, including hundreds of consumer and industry comments on previously proposed revisions. The updates and revision to the existing Guides include a new section of carbon offsets, "green" certifications and seals renewable energy and renewable materials claims. According to FTC Chairman [Jon Leibowitz](#), "The introduction of environmentally friendly products into the marketplace is a win for consumers who want to purchase greener products and producers who wants to sell them." Leibowitz also says the win-win can only claim if marketers' claims are straightforward and proven.<sup>[34]</sup>

In 2013, the FTC began enforcing the revisions put forth in the Green Guides. The FTC cracked down on six different companies, in which five of the cases were concerned with the false or misleading advertising surrounding the [biodegradability](#) of plastics. The FTC charged ECM Biofilms, American Plastic Manufacturing, CHAMP, Clear Choice Housewares, and Carnie Cap, for misrepresenting the biodegradability of their plastics treated with additives.<sup>[35]</sup>

The FTC charged a sixth company, AJM Packaging Corporation, for violating a commission consent order put in place that prohibits companies from using advertising claims based on the product or packaging being "degradable, biodegradable, or photodegradable" without reliable scientific information.<sup>[35]</sup> The FTC now requires companies to disclose and provide the information that qualifies their environmental claims to ensure transparency.

## Examples



The [Airbus A380](#) described as "A better environment inside and out."

- "Clean Burning Natural Gas" — When compared to the dirtiest fossil fuel coal, natural gas is only 50% as dirty. [Fracking](#) issues exist when producing the gas, and if as little as 3 percent of the gas produced escapes, effects upon the climate are close to equivalent as when burning coal.<sup>[36]</sup> Despite this, it is often presented as a 'cleaner' fossil fuel in environmental discourse and is often used to balance the intermittent nature of solar and wind energy.<sup>[37]</sup>
- Environmentalists have argued that the [Bush Administration's Clear Skies Initiative](#) actually weakens air pollution laws.<sup>[38]</sup>
- Many food products have packaging that evokes an [environmentally friendly](#) imagery even though there has been no attempt made at lowering the environmental impact of its production.<sup>[39]</sup>
- In 2009, European [McDonald's](#) changed the colour of their logos from yellow and red to yellow and green; a spokesman for the company explained that the change was "to clarify [their] responsibility for the preservation of natural resources."<sup>[40]</sup>
- Existing published consumption figures tend to underestimate the consumption seen in practice by 20 to 30%.<sup>[41][42]</sup> The reason is partly that the official fuel consumption tests are not sufficiently representative of real world usage. Auto makers optimise their fuel consumption strategies in order to reduce the apparent cost of ownership of the cars, and to improve their green image.
- Some environmental conservation groups have criticized the [Annenberg Foundation](#) for their attempt to construct domestic pet adoption and care facilities in the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve by repackaging them as part of an "urban ecology center"<sup>[43]</sup> - a name chosen because it "accommodated the animal adoption process" according to a former spokesperson for the Foundation. The Los Angeles Times called the proposed domestic pet adoption facilities a "bad fit" for the ecological reserve.<sup>[44]</sup>
- An article in [Wired](#) magazine alleges that slogans are used to suggest environmentally benign business activity: the [Comcast](#) Ecobill has the slogan "PaperLESSisMORE", but Comcast uses large amounts of paper for direct marketing. The [Poland Spring](#) ecoshape bottle is touted as "A little natural does a lot of good," although 80% of beverage containers go to landfills. The [Airbus A380](#) airliner is described as "A better environment inside and out" even though air travel has a high negative environment cost.<sup>[45]</sup>
- The [Advertising Standards Authority](#) in the UK upheld several complaints against major car manufacturers including [Suzuki](#), [SEAT](#), [Toyota](#) and [Lexus](#) who made erroneous claims about their vehicles.<sup>[46][47][48][49]</sup>

- Kimberly Clark's claim of "Pure and Natural" diapers in green packaging. The product uses organic cotton on the outside but keeps the same petrochemical gel on the inside. Pampers also claims that "Dry Max" diapers reduce landfill waste by reducing the amount of paper fluff in the diaper, which really is a way for Pampers to save money.<sup>[50][51]</sup>
- Advising hotel guests to reuse towels have an environmental impact with little cost, due to less energy and detergent used. More of a PR trick is that some hotels use key cards made of wood rather than made of plastic.<sup>[52]</sup>
- A 2010 advertising campaign by Chevron was described by the [Rainforest Action Network](#), [Amazon Watch](#) and [The Yes Men](#) as greenwash. A spoof campaign was launched to pre-empt Chevron's greenwashing.<sup>[53]</sup>
- "Clean Coal," an initiative adopted by several platforms for the 2008 U.S presidential elections is an example of political greenwashing. The policy cited carbon capture as a means of reducing carbon emissions by capturing and injecting carbon dioxide produced by coal power plants into layers of porous rock below the ground. According to [Fred Pearce's](#) Greenwash column in [The Guardian](#), "[clean coal](#)" is the "ultimate [climate change oxymoron](#)"—"pure and utter greenwash" he says.<sup>[54]</sup>
- The conversion of the term "Tar Sands" to "Oil Sands," (Alberta, Canada) in corporate and political language reflects an ongoing debate between the project's adherents and opponents. This semantic shift can be seen as a case of greenwashing in an attempt at countering growing public concern as to the environmental and health impacts of the industry. While advocates claim that the shift is scientifically derived to better reflect the usage of the sands as a precursor to oil, environmental groups are claiming that this is simply a means of cloaking the issue behind friendlier terminology.
- Over the past years [Walmart](#) has proclaimed to "go green" with a sustainability campaign. However, according to the Institute For Local Reliance (ILRS), "Walmart's sustainability campaign has done more to improve the company's image than the environment." Walmart still only generates 2 percent of U.S. electricity from wind and solar resources. According to the ILRS, Walmart routinely donates money to political candidates who vote against the environment. The retail giant responded to these accusations by stating "that it is serious about its commitment to reduce 20 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions by 2015."<sup>[55]</sup>
- [Environmental accounting](#) can easily be used to pretend that environmental impacts of a company are reduced while actual impacts increase.
- In 2018, in response to increased calls for banning plastic straws, [Starbucks](#) introduced a new straw-less lid that actually contained more plastic by weight than the old straw and lid combination.<sup>[56]</sup>
- The term "bioplastics" refers to a plastic product that has been using materials based from biomass or manufactured with organisms. Bioplastics are often conflated with biodegradable plastics however the terms are not synonymous. For example, micro-organisms that produce petroleum-based plastics are still considered bioplastics although the plastic produced has an identical chemical compound to that of its petroleum counterpart.
- Environmental awards given to [fossil fuel](#) companies such as [Saudi Aramco](#) by groups such as "The Green Organization" which charge entry and membership fees.<sup>[57]</sup>
- In January 2020 the *Fur Free Alliance (FFA)* pointed that the "Welfur" label is run by the fur industry itself and is aimed at European fur farms.<sup>[58]</sup>



## Opposition

Organizations and individuals are making attempts to reduce the impact of greenwashing by exposing it to the public.<sup>[59]</sup> The Greenwashing Index,<sup>[60]</sup> created by the [University of Oregon](#) in partnership with EnviroMedia Social Marketing, allows examples of greenwashing to be uploaded and rated by the public.<sup>[5]</sup> The British Code of Advertising, Sales Promotion and Direct Marketing has a specific section (section 49) targeting environmental claims.

According to some organizations opposing greenwashing, there has been a significant increase in its use by companies over the last decade<sup>[when?]</sup>. TerraChoice Environmental Marketing, an advertising consultancy company, issued a report denoting a 79% increase in the usage of corporate greenwashing between 2007 and 2009. Additionally, it has begun to manifest itself in new varied ways. Within the non-residential building products market in the United States, some companies are beginning to claim that their environmentally minded policy changes will allow them to earn points through the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating program. This point system has been held up as an example of the "gateway effect" that the drive to market products as environmentally friendly is having on company policies. Some have claimed that the greenwashing trend may be enough to eventually effect a genuine reduction in environmentally damaging practices.

According to the Home and Family Edition, 95% consumer products claiming to be green were discovered to commit at least one of the "Sins of Greenwashing". The Seven Sins of Greenwashing are as follows:

1. Sin of the Hidden Trade-off, committed by suggesting a product is "green" based on an unreasonably narrow set of attributes without attention to other important environmental issues.
2. Sin of No Proof, committed by an environmental claim that cannot be substantiated by easily accessible supporting information or by a reliable third-party certification.
3. Sin of [Vagueness](#), committed by every claim that is so poorly defined or broad that its real meaning is likely to be misunderstood by the consumer.
4. Sin of Worshiping False Labels is committed when a claim, communicated either through words or images, gives the impression of a third-party [endorsement](#) where no such endorsement exists.
5. Sin of [Irrelevance](#), committed by making an environmental claim that may be truthful but which is unimportant or unhelpful for consumers seeking environmentally preferable products.
6. Sin of Lesser of Two Evils, committed by claims that may be true within the product category, but that risk distracting consumers from the greater environmental impact of the category as a whole.
7. Sin of [Fibbing](#), the least frequent Sin, is committed by making environmental claims that are simply false.<sup>[61]</sup>

In 2008, Ed Gillespie identified "ten signs of greenwashing", which are similar to the *Seven Sins* listed above, but with three additional indicators.

1. Suggestive pictures - Images that imply a baseless green impact, such as flowers issuing from the exhaust pipe of a vehicle.
2. Just not credible - A claim that touts the [environmentally friendly](#) attributes of a dangerous product, such as cigarettes.
3. Gobbledygook - The use of [jargon](#) or information that the average person can not readily understand or be able to verify.<sup>[62]</sup>

Companies may pursue [environmental certification](#) to avoid greenwashing through independent verification of their green claims. For example, the [Carbon Trust](#) Standard launched in 2007 with the stated aim "to end 'greenwash' and highlight firms that are genuine about their commitment to the environment".<sup>[63]</sup>

## Psychology

Greenwashing is a relatively new area of research within psychology and there is little consensus between studies on how greenwashing affects consumers and stakeholders. Because of the variance in country and geography in recently published studies, discrepancy between consumer behavior in studies could be attributed to cultural or geographic differences.

### Greenwashing's Effect on Consumer Perception

Researches found that products that are truly environmentally-friendly are perceived significantly more favorably than their greenwashed counterparts. Consumers are more likely to perceive the price of an item marketed as green as a sacrifice when evaluating greenwashed products.<sup>[64]</sup> Consumer perceptions of greenwashing are also found to be mediated by the level of greenwashing they are exposed to.<sup>[25]</sup> Other research suggests that few consumers actually notice greenwashing, particularly when they perceive the company or brand as reputable. When consumers perceive green advertising as credible, they develop more positive attitudes towards the brand, even when the advertising is greenwashed. Consumers are not aware of greenwashing in advertising, and trust green advertisements even when they are deceptive.<sup>[65]</sup> Still other research suggests that consumers with higher green concern are more able to tell the difference between honest green marketing and greenwashed advertising; the higher the green concern, the stronger the intention will be for not purchasing from companies from which they perceive greenwashing advertising behavior. When consumers use word-of-mouth to communicate about a product, green concern strengthens the negative relationship between the consumer's intent to purchase and the perception of greenwashing.<sup>[66]</sup>

### Attributions of Greenwashing

Consumer perception of green advertisements and greenwashing alike is impacted by where consumers [attribute](#) the green messaging. [Eco-labels](#) can be given to a product both from an external organization and by the company itself, which has raised concerns considering that companies are able to label a product green or environmentally friendly by selectively disclosing positive attributes of the product while not disclosing negative environmental impacts.<sup>[67]</sup> Consumers expect to see eco-labels from both internal and external sources but perceive labels from external sources to be more trustworthy. Researchers from the University of Twente found that uncertified or greenwashed internal eco-labels may still contribute to consumer perceptions of a responsible company, with consumers attributing internal motivation to a company's internal eco-labeling.<sup>[68]</sup> Other research connecting attribution theory and greenwashing found that consumers will often perceive green advertising as greenwashing when companies use green advertisements, attributing the green messaging to corporate self-interest. Green advertising can backfire and is perceived negatively especially when the advertisement or environmental claim does not match a company's actual environmental engagement.<sup>[69]</sup>

### Implications for Green Business

The majority of researchers working with consumer perception, psychology, and greenwashing note that in order for companies to avoid the negative connotations and perceptions of greenwashing, companies should 'walk the walk' when it comes to green advertising and green

behavior. Green marketing, labeling, and advertising is found to be most effective when it matches a company's actual environmental engagement. This is also mediated by the visibility of those environmental engagements, meaning that if consumers are unaware of a company's commitment to sustainability or environmentally-conscious ethos, they are unable to factor greenness in their assessment of the company or product.<sup>[70]</sup>

### **The Limits of Greenwashing on Consumer Perception**

Research suggests that consumers' willingness to purchase green decreases when they perceive the green attributes compromise the product quality, making greenwashing potentially risky, even when the consumer or stakeholder is not skeptical of the green messaging. Words and phrases often used in green messaging and greenwashing, such as "gentle," can lead consumers to believe the green product is less effective than a non-green option.<sup>[71]</sup>

## See also

-  [Environment portal](#)
- [Astroturfing](#)
- [Conspicuous conservation](#)
- [Ecolabel](#)
- [Environmentally friendly](#)
- [Ethics of philanthropy](#)
- [False advertising](#)
- [Fossil fuels lobby](#)
- [Green brands](#)
- [Green marketing](#)
- [Greenscamming](#)
- [Sunshine unit](#)
- [Purplewashing](#)
- [Redwashing](#)

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- [The Climate Wealth Opportunists](#), on the greenwashing of corporate environmental aims or policies by some [non-profit organizations](#)

# Opinion: The Mainstream Media Has Lied to You Before and They're Lying to You Again

By [Jon Hall](#)

With the latest bout of *Black Lives Matter* protests that started around the end of May in Minneapolis – and still currently ongoing – the mainstream media has proven to not only be fully on board with their violent rhetoric but also with [normalizing brutality and racism](#).

**To be clear: black lives do matter. There is a systemic problem regarding the training and guidance of new police recruits in the United States undergo.**

How the mainstream media cozied up to protestors who are unwilling to any form of discourse and completely unhinged in their actions is already heavily problematic. If you take a closer look at what the media has condoned by supporting the protesting (see also: *rioting*), **it becomes even uglier.**

Across Saint Paul, Minneapolis's neighboring city, 170 businesses were damaged, looted, or burnt three days after the death of George Floyd. In Louisville, David McAtee, a local restaurant owner, was shot and killed outside of his restaurant. Also in Louisville, Barry Perkins died after being hit by a FedEx truck driver fleeing from looters.

**77-year-old retired police captain, David Dorn, was killed and shot by looters at a pawn shop. Dorn was African American. Did his black life not matter?**

In Chicago, John Tiggs was shot in the abdomen at a T-Mobile store while there to pay his bill – and died. In Kansas City, 50-year-old dad, Marvin Francois was murdered by robbers while he was picking up one of his sons from a protest.

With all of that—and that is highlighting just a mere few instances of people murdered directly as a result of rioting, **the coverage of the victims has been nearly non-existent on network news.**

**At maximum, network news has spent a little over 2 minutes in their respective coverage, with none of the airtime on those murdered in riots cracking even 1% when comparing total airtime of coverage pertaining to civil unrest from the networks.**

Adding CHAZ to the equation truly drives home the negligent reporting from CBS, NBC, and ABC over the recent riots and ensuing chaos.

CHAZ, or “Capital Hill Autonomous Zone” henceforth re-branded as CHOP – or “Capital Hill Occupied (or Organized) Protest,” is 6 blocks within Seattle where protestors pushed out a precinct of police and set-up walls and barricades blocking off their “autonomous” paradise, required photo I.D. to enter, and stationed armed guards.

Nevermind that those three regular policies established within CHAZ **are what the left has been on a war-path since, well, forever** – the hypocrisy doesn't end there.

The CHAZ was taken over by a rapper, Raz Simone. **Whether or not he's a "warlord" seems to be contested by the likes of Yahoo!News' John Fund who reported:**

Solomon [Raz] Simone... is the self-styled leader of the 300 or 400 CHAZians. **Critics call him a 'warlord'.**

The notion that only "critics" are calling Raz Simone a warlord is right in line with the mainstream media's condoning of the civil unrest.

Raz Simone has [attacked people within CHAZ for not complying with his orders](#). On the night CHAZ was taken over, Simone was patrolling the 6 block radius **with an AK-47 and handgun, shouting "this is war" from his megaphone**.

Raz allegedly also **attacked a citizen journalist**. While the two were arguing, Raz claimed he was "peaceful" before throwing hits at the man and his camera.

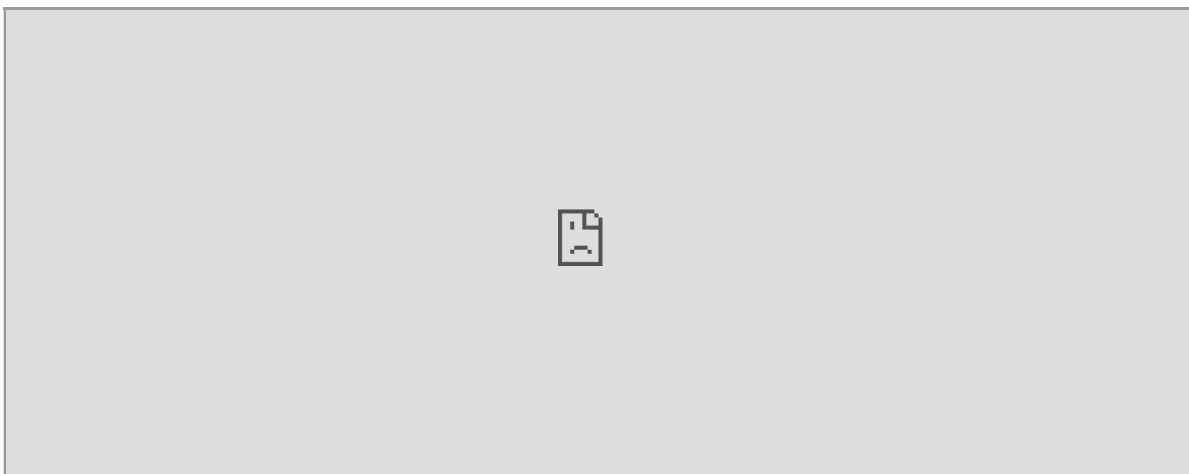
Seattle's resident warlord Raz assaults citizen journalists and streamers.

He'd be a named enemy in The Division. [pic.twitter.com/wGf6qrah8D](https://pic.twitter.com/wGf6qrah8D)

— Ian Miles Cheong (@stillgray) [June 11, 2020](#)

**Raz has allegedly been videoed [handing out guns to protestors in CHAZ](#). Despite acting as the sole executor of justice in a police-free zone, lashing out at dissenters, and arming the rebellion – remember, only Raz's critics are calling him a warlord.**

On Saturday night, Seattle PD officers responded to shots fired in Cal Anderson Park around 2:30 AM in CHAZ. Police bodycam shows officers arriving and marching through to the scene with guns drawn as a group of protestors approach the police.



In the video, an officer calls through a megaphone: "Please move out of the way so we can get to the victim. **All we want to do is... provide them aid.**"

Two victims were taken to a nearby medical center by CHAZ “medics”. **One of the victims died of his injuries**, with the other in critical condition.

All of this is the behavior and actions condoned by the mainstream media. **After years of the media accusing Donald Trump of normalizing violence, their washing away and willfully omitting the victims killed in the riots is not only shameless, but voidless of ethics or morals.**

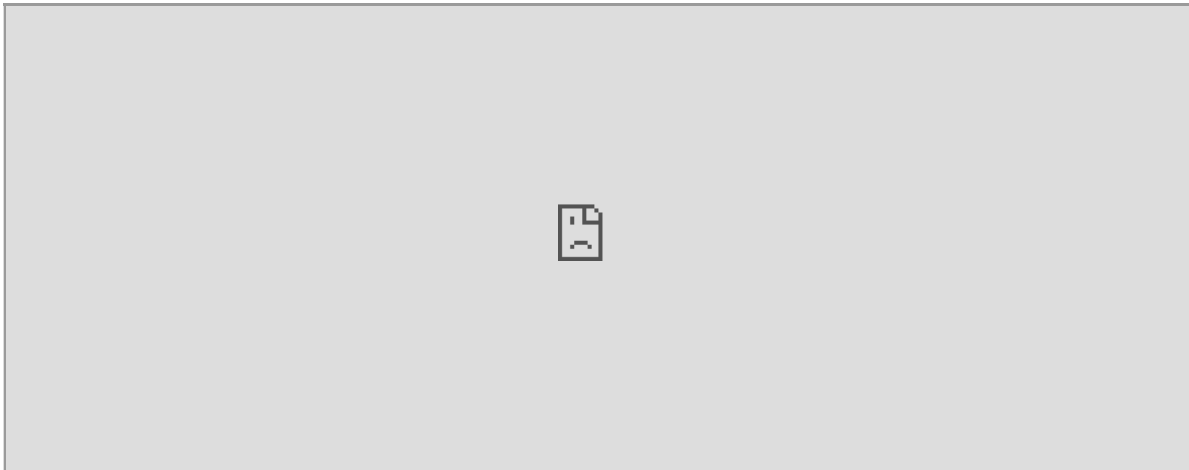
**If you think the concept of *BLM* being infiltrated by cultural Marxists is too far-fetched, let me really drive the point home...**

**A [video dug up from 2015](#) shows Patrisse Cullors, founder of *BLM*, confirming the group has a hidden agenda:**

“We actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia in particular, we’re trained organizers. **We are trained Marxists.**”

*Patrisse Cullors*

Patrisse, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometa founded *Black Lives Matter* together self-described as “trained Marxists”. **For those unfamiliar with Soviet defector and KGB operative, Yuri Bezmenov’s interview on cultural Marxism need to watch this short clip:**



**The subversion and demoralization referenced by Bezmenov doesn’t beget any productive or unified path forward as a country – only destruction.**

**This is exactly what the mainstream media stands behind.**

The rise of renewed and vociferous social movements for every non-white and non-cis male group can be seen as paralleling the rise of social media and the domination of technology platforms. In time, at least in the Western world, when blacks, women, gays, and most other populations have won equal rights, and even preferential rights, under codified federal law, and when their social

currency has never been higher, it seems now that their voice has never sounded more pained or aggrieved.

Without a doubt, the ease of emoting through a tweet has certainly affected how individual users can set off maelstroms of irrational fury. Whether calling out real hurt, self-deluded hurt, or pure schadenfreude, there is no shortage of bored and usually meaningless lives attempting to drag down a crab that has nearly escaped the barrel of life.

The other side of the same coin is how the tech giant themselves can influence the narrative. We see this play out with not-so-alleged [shadow banning](#) practices of conservative social media accounts, and most people are by now aware of YouTube [demonetizing](#) conservative channels. We can add a new wrinkle: The representation of Google Image searches to advance a social narrative.

Let's break down what we saw in our own online queries, and then we can analyze it afterward. Try it out for yourself and leave a comment at the end of the article.

### ***Google Search: "White Men"***

The top three rows of the search produced a total of sixteen results. Of those, there were:

- One result featuring a woman of color
- Three results featuring exclusively black men, either as a victim of white brutality or as a successful black man. Each image is a well-dressed black man wearing a tuxedo or suit.
- Five results featuring either a mug shot of some kind or simply an angry visage.
- Visible taglines for the images including phrases like "Dear White Men, We Need You," "White Men Are Bad," "An Angry White Man" and one begins "White Men Aren't Thrilled When Women"
- Only two results showing white men smiling

### ***Google Search: "Black Men"***

The top three rows of the search produced a total of seventeen results. Of those, there were:

- All seventeen results featuring black men
- Eight of the results featuring black men smiling
- At least six of the results explicitly expressing victimhood. A few others are vaguer but allude to it.
- Visible taglines for the images including: "The Young Black Men Caught," "Why Do White People Feel," "Photo Campaign That Celebrates Black" and "Resilience Of Black Men."

### ***Google Search (see feature photo): "White Women"***

The top three rows of the search produced a total of fifteen results. Of those, there were:

- Five results featuring women of color
- Two results featuring black men
- Four featuring white women smiling
- Visible taglines for the first five results including: "The Trouble with White Women," "White Women Need To Talk About Race," "White Women Aren't Allies At Work," "Dear White Women, No More," and "White Women: It's Time To Be..."

- Other taglines including “White Women Were Southern Slave Owners,” “Being Exoticised By White Women,” “Black Women Are Paid Less Than White,” and “White Women Benefit Most (from white privilege).”

### ***Google Search: “Black Women”***

The top three rows of the search produced a total of sixteen results. Of those, there were:

- All sixteen results featuring black women
- All sixteen results featuring well-dressed and well-groomed women
- Fourteen of the results featuring black women smiling or projecting happiness (the other two project strength)
- Visible taglines including: “How Women Have Shaped,” “Studies Suggest Black Women Are More,” “My Heroes Are Black Women,” and “20 Millennial Black-Owned Brands.”

### ***Google Search: “White People”***

The top three rows of the search produced a total of fifteen results. Of those, there were:

- Seven results featuring people of color
- Four additional results featuring white people protesting in solidarity with black people
- Just one result featuring a white person smiling (a white woman with dreadlocks)
- Visible taglines including: “Dear White People,” “Dear White People (again),” “A Letter To White People,” and another features the deplorable Robin DeAngelo.

### ***Google Search: “Black People”***

The top three rows of the search produced a total of fifteen results. Of those, there were:

- All fifteen results featuring black people
- Eleven results featuring blacks smiling
- Visible taglines including: “What’s Life Really Like For Black,” “Being Black In America,” “Racism Grows in Places,” and “Facebook Has Problem With Black People.”

### ***An Analysis of Search Results***

An aggregate of the three “white” searches is unflattering for white people. Of the forty-six total results, a full eighteen (39%) of them depict non-whites, sometimes in roles of victimhood but usually in portrayals of independence and success. In and of itself, this is not bad, but it is misrepresentative of the intended search, and as we see, it is not replicated in reverse for other searches. For the whites themselves, just seven (15%) were represented in a positive light as indicated by smiling. Put another way, more than twice the amount of blacks were shown than whites in a positive way – in a search designed to produce white results, to begin with.

The taglines are especially egregious. Just two taglines suggest something positive (“Employment Helps White Men’s Health,” and another is assumed to be positive because it shows white women rallying against the death of a black woman at the hands of police). Two others are neutral in that they advertise white shirts. That leaves a full twenty-four taglines (52%) under an image of white people that states something negative or dangerous about them.



An aggregate of the three “black” searches has a different outcome. Of the forty-eight total results, fully 100% of those results came back with images of black people. In the same vein, none of the taglines suggest that blacks are dangerous or that anything blacks do is harmful to others (as is the case especially with white women, more on that anon).

Amazingly, twenty-nine taglines portray blacks as victims. Despite the overall happiness of blacks as seen through imagery, the titling of the pictures nevertheless contends that blacks must be seen as victims. The taglines refer to the problems being black in America, and several refer to their killings (always at the hands of whites or police, not other blacks, even though black homicide victims are killed by other blacks 90% of the time according to the FBI).

As it relates specifically to the query of white women, something striking is happening. There is clearly a concerted effort to portray white women as comfortably and cunningly subversive (Where is the feminist outrage, by the way?). Most headlines call out white women for a combination of their insincere efforts at allying with blacks, benefiting from white privilege, and to really hammer home a negative stereotype, fulfilling the role of a “Karen.” In the intersectional rat race, the irony is that a significant majority of all women marchers in January 2017 were [white and championing leftist causes](#). Two immalleable rules in life: You can’t please everyone, and the left always consumes its own.

It is obvious that the Marxists at Google have an agenda to pursue, namely that the narrative must be alive and well. White men and women are evil? Check. Are blacks simultaneously victims of white oppression and strong individuals? Check. The more subtle displays arise when looking at the positive and negative dispositions. In Nazi propaganda, Goebbels only had to compare [Jews to rats](#) for so long before most Germans went along with the lie. How long before a similar lie is believed here? More concerning, what happens after that?

If rats are disgusting, and Jews are rats ...

If racism is bad, and whites are racist ...

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