

As a system, the United States was built on white supremacy and continues to have white supremacy as its primary functioning ideology.

As a program, CORE advocates for formerly incarcerated and system impacted people; we cannot separate conversations of mass incarceration from systemic anti-Black racism since Black communities are predominantly affected by over-policing, hyper-criminalization, harsh sentencing, and police violence. The only way to make change is to challenge white supremacy, in all its shapes and forms.

Therefore, CORE stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter. CORE stands in solidarity with Black uprisings for liberation throughout the so-called United States that are fighting to dismantle white supremacy, in whatever ways they see fit. And no, neither you nor I, nor anyone else can tell Black folx what their resistance should look like. Ever.

CORE stands in solidarity with all programs at PCC that continue to fight against white supremacy: Ujima, Blackademia, A2Mend, and TABE, to name a few. CORE stands in solidarity with all Black/African American faculty, staff, and students.

Now is the time to listen, but next comes action. If CORE can be of support to any of our Black/African American brothers, sisters, gender non-conforming or non-binary folx, we are more than willing, and we are ready.

In solidarity!