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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Black Lives Matter | | Frank,  **Last week, Trump signed an executive order to ~~restore truth and sanity~~ whitewash American history.**We knew that MAGA was a dogwhistle for racism, but damn this is a new low.  [A blue background with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect.](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.qUXRBnqZ7T8nxbpAcIVwoUsWLkUMWlo_0JmZttSlm38JMHfZe-XVYKLkk0UeVzbO6oZ0zv3vuOQLifPT0FTdLNKaAcuOMVCezYiDm-90T_QDQFGIGeD2pJqu8YiCHDxNC14pNIL6Z-eOin-4BfOTErVn6W8qYtOD5QinVbYjyT-5J5VAAHW8L7LUSC_czTicXJhsZEARdhw9gqlp4RxLzpgTjeLiy68n2PpSNHWiyPbrPcgrj4mQk2sknRbtL7h5t9dZO9JtCA7V0Cl3eRVe91506FemrS829fHb3LIEYWmbnvjlXzrxbHutZ-4-Vq0n/4fh/fCKtsGSCR72sE-Hz0FqtaA/h0/h001.WC4LnaxzQKLgLFpN8cf9IwE3ZdZoWlgmvu2SuIqDSNE)  The order calls for a major sanitization of the Smithsonian Institutions and historical sites all across the US—aka an erasure of Black History and important stories that the Smithsonian tells.  The order directs JD Vance to seek the removal of ***“improper, divisive, or anti-American ideology”*** from the Smithsonian's museums and research centers. No seriously, read that again.  This is a complete whitewash of American history by eliminating critical contexts related to slavery, racism, and other challenging aspects of America’s past and present.  [A person in a dress  AI-generated content may be incorrect.](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.qUXRBnqZ7T8nxbpAcIVwoUsWLkUMWlo_0JmZttSlm38JMHfZe-XVYKLkk0UeVzbO6oZ0zv3vuOQLifPT0FTdLNKaAcuOMVCezYiDm-90T_QDQFGIGeD2pJqu8YiCHDxNC14pNIL6Z-eOin-4BfOTEp5c7KqqigeWVcQM4bWtlrKcIqQSW13WEfwkrbhL--hZoKmldr-Xk9ZgbrJgCHGZWfddAz171261Um9__NA-2GHjft7hISR6qPs90DFRneO3u1YSphW1C4ZZ-bKGsYHQecgmw0b5jNrbDV-N3tsjtRLd8_f6HMhMBmKusc75b_5v/4fh/fCKtsGSCR72sE-Hz0FqtaA/h1/h001.n10bLQcbK_vtcxQC_s20_VLOWaqxrDsTUG3cdYrThC8)  And it’s not just happening at the Smithsonians. This is in addition to Trump’s National Park Service completely erasing and undermining the huge impact of Black advocates and Black struggle as well as key moments from history like slavery, the Underground Railroad, and Jim Crow from their website.  The Smithsonian executive order **also** targets national monuments, saying that the Interior secretary should review monuments, markers, and statues that may have been removed since January 2020.  You can pretty much bet that means:   * Confederate statues are going back up * They’re going to do everything in their power to shut down the African American History Museum   If you’re not alarmed, it’s about time that you are. This is ANOTHER attack on our public history, culture, and education. Part of what makes the Smithsonian museums so great is that they’re free to the public.  First our books, then our history lessons in school, and now museums.  Let’s acknowledge: *museums are far from perfect*. So many of them are symbols of colonization with their looted artifacts from oppressed peoples across the globe. ***But we can’t ignore this attack on public institutions and Black history.***  We need to talk about the full history of this country. Not a sanitized one. To move forward we must reckon with the ugliness of American history. Our stories NEED to be told loudly, proudly, with thoughtfulness and empathy.  [**America is far from perfect, Frank. Sign our petition now to tell the Trump administration that we will not shy away from the truth. We must protect the Smithsonians — and all museums — as pillars of public knowledge and history.**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.qUXRBnqZ7T8nxbpAcIVwoUsWLkUMWlo_0JmZttSlm38JMHfZe-XVYKLkk0UeVzbO6oZ0zv3vuOQLifPT0FTdLNKaAcuOMVCezYiDm-90T_QDQFGIGeD2pJqu8YiCHDxNC14pNIL6Z-eOin-4BfOTEn_LdPNkKQ7P8exTJIDJfSg3Zal4rlmkFZdbazUbhvnJQiCg9oa4lpBIvUOi23dz3b0vj1dRqWj4ki8h4BB4KywZ3X-MU5LYWybquSw-H6aPQBe21uA3BeyO8AWqdSDzrOC7D-vWwzxr23auFAH63fXLd2DSpK9z1mGz9AuMKvQm/4fh/fCKtsGSCR72sE-Hz0FqtaA/h2/h001.VNdOVxehME1-ZToju2-aC2WeJo2IInRPnSeP5dLIW9A)  [**ADD YOUR NAME**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.qUXRBnqZ7T8nxbpAcIVwoUsWLkUMWlo_0JmZttSlm38JMHfZe-XVYKLkk0UeVzbO6oZ0zv3vuOQLifPT0FTdLNKaAcuOMVCezYiDm-90T_QDQFGIGeD2pJqu8YiCHDxNC14pNIL6Z-eOin-4BfOTEgjjmh2xTGIA13FC_lmU0tGsUvtHkSIiirWy0VmN8RsAAGdf9heJRIk9jIhRDV-4TBQVxMmyUGnDPhGPKZ5dlOnNuJCVkxkLqfcoJsLQoIcQX-LdFdxWUUIxZV606iwRnnWR7S2LCF3IrjahWqshOwAUBgOotiG6Q7D4TiMYtKPC/4fh/fCKtsGSCR72sE-Hz0FqtaA/h3/h001.xEALwmT0xPHDFIbkd8xDSs9tMwccm0vzkDcLEFJ5X3Y)  In solidarity,  Black Lives Matter   |  | | --- | | Our grassroots movement is pushing for Black liberation every single day. We are striving to create a world where Black people do so much more than just survive. **It’s time we thrive.**  As an organization one of our biggest hurdles is consistency.  A recurring contribution of anything you can afford goes a long way as we plan for the months, years, and even decades ahead. **This is the most effective way for small-dollar donors (like you) to power our Black liberation work.**  [**Will you make a recurring contribution of $5 or more today so that we can keep building momentum for our movement?**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.iIBo0N5fSFzEFL40Tn-vtbMETCUYClkOrOh9-SNJfqvwQ3wcEuYEqLio7mguUDDT_d_CZ42MevuIIYmalLldnKmQxDJB4jrs6Jv4baZV_eLhWRb13up3iAqPQqflRY11afdSBBbjtwtwOBYf3mo5qB6d3nhXbl3KIYzt957dSOCLZTgFXw-5uTT6mWMqgAPtmCVTDjS0ay1-Oi2jR75RkRpTYcniqusC6oRPz_5DbA2eiRwB1wG6Vsvh1Bc5eVolZP7gza8m6_dPytMyrdUP1OQq2OnKizhI0LsspdljsciQ9bwKA_46_CpFmdW4idLPnxcUK0lnWr7SZAo3pFxbghlLXU7I0HgyRplfmIk6DPw68KbeCW72zYi8U8xUbq9TYd2OiM2V1KcEbJcKRhZ_1M2Zi1US3UB_ajBxu7swT6g/4fh/fCKtsGSCR72sE-Hz0FqtaA/h4/h001.l8HAz1URHa44no_k4GKDCUz95LFk8t2E4EeYHxCxPuw)  [**DONATE MONTHLY**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.iIBo0N5fSFzEFL40Tn-vtbMETCUYClkOrOh9-SNJfqvwQ3wcEuYEqLio7mguUDDT_d_CZ42MevuIIYmalLldnKmQxDJB4jrs6Jv4baZV_eLhWRb13up3iAqPQqflRY11afdSBBbjtwtwOBYf3mo5qB6d3nhXbl3KIYzt957dSODMMKZGkloJAcNWnsRnQd6HyyoKX8oDeJCMEZKAMhctDqpEA9MJ_lwpAO5jhHnI5mu6OU-I58a7WVCNsLAkTkQap6yG7-LwB7Ip8C4NBhUZLRbYen3bmTTzIHjQ7xINxP_OkjxT-J1dCGrfxx6Y6uLe9hbeP1yyiM-YP0ceeQn1VOAWZiX-E3VkOHKTNaG682aE087bbbdAQzHfMZH6a6Pyzw3N112mEFk_s584y39oN1lcmznssbCYxnuET0xel0Q/4fh/fCKtsGSCR72sE-Hz0FqtaA/h5/h001.kso2jyvlLJSQeSCmd_S3stUERQf1e-iCF4U2VcArivk) | | | |