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Teachers group affirms BLM principles that reject families, harm Black lives

Today, New York's United Federation of Teachers passed <u>a resolution</u> which "reaffirms Black Lives Matter." Ironically, the resolution includes counterproductive ideas, destructive to actual Black lives. The concept of "Black villages" might be one of the most destructive.

If your school is teaching the Black Lives Matter (BLM) <u>curriculum</u> for public schools, as some school districts in Wisconsin are, then your child may be learning about Black Villages.

According to BLM, "Black Villages," is about a "disrupt[ion of] the western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable."

Collective care when there is no better option is one thing, but why the commitment to disrupting the "western-prescribed nuclear family"? After all, "a nuclear family headed by two loving married parents remains the most stable and safest environment for raising children."¹

If we care about Black lives, we ought to be encouraging, not disrupting, the model of the nuclear family. Why is this agenda being pushed and taught by the radical left?

Research demonstrates that children born into stable families, with parents present in their lives, are the least likely to suffer from poverty. Poverty among married black families has been in the single digits since 1994.² But poverty for single-parent black families has averaged over twenty percent for black fathers³ and over thirty-five percent for black mothers.⁴ The National Center for Education Statistics concludes "Children living in married-couple households had the lowest poverty rate (8%)."

To view more discussions on the Black Lives Matter curriculum, visit www.repallen.com.

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The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City and Village of Waukesha and the Towns of Genesee, and Mukwonago.

¹ Wilcox, W. Bradford. "The Nuclear Family is Still Indispensable." The Atlantic. Feb. 21, 2020

²Duffin, Published by Erin, and Sep 18. "<u>Poverty Rate of Black Married-Couple Families U.S. 2019</u>." *Statista*, 18 Sept. 2020.

³ Duffin, Published by Erin, and Sep 18. "Poverty Rate of Black Single Fathers U.S. 2019." Statista, 18 Sept. 2020.

⁴ Duffin, Published by Erin, and Sep 18. "Poverty Rate of Black Single Mothers U.S. 2019." Statista, 18 Sept. 2020.