

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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NOBLE EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER THE BLACK IDENTITY EXTREMISTS FBI ASSESSMENT PROPOSES CHANGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) is concerned and alarmed by a recent FBI Intelligence Assessment that deploys a classification of African Americans likely motivated to target Law Enforcement Officers as “Black Identity Extremists.” It is our sincere belief that this type of report and classification further distances communities of color from the law enforcement community. Secondly, this assessment resurrects the historically negative legacy of African American civil rights leaders who were unconstitutionally targeted and attacked by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies for seeking full U.S. citizenship under the law. More importantly, NOBLE officials do not feel that the investigative merits of the report warrant the belief that an ideology movement exists among African Americans that predisposes them to negatively target law enforcement officers. Further, we are concerned about the congressional testimony provided by Attorney General Sessions where he suggested that he was not familiar with the contents of the report, as an official document produced by the FBI.

NOBLE leadership met with FBI officials to express many of the above concerns and question the credibility of the intelligence report and those who wrote it. The following recommendations were presented:

- Eliminate the Black Identity Extremist Classification & Future Assessments
- Solicit Law Enforcement Subject Matter Experts from Population Sub Group such as NOBLE
- Conduct Assessment Briefing with African American Leaders
- Improve Workforce Diversity

“These recommendations provided by NOBLE to the FBI are reflective of our continued commitment to lasting law enforcement relationships with communities across this country,” stated NOBLE National President Clarence E. Cox, III.

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblenational.org.

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