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## Washington Mayor Bowser, 'unbought and unbossed,' challenges Trump



Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser is surrounded by clergy as she speaks during a vigil as protests continue on the streets near the White House over the death in police custody of George Floyd, in Washington, U.S., June 3, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque?

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser has drawn a battle line right up to the White House.

Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser is surrounded by clergy as she speaks during a vigil as protests continue on the streets near the White House over the death in police custody of George Floyd, in Washington, U.S., June 3, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque?

Bowser, one of seven black female mayors of America's 100 largest cities, on Friday declared a small but symbolic patch of the U.S. capital - a section of 16th Street bounded by a church on one side and Lafayette Square opposite the White House on the other - "Black Lives Matter Plaza."

The Democratic mayor then had the District Of Columbia's departments of transportation and public works paint giant yellow letters spelling "Black Lives Matter" followed by the city's flag on the street spanning two city blocks leading to plaza. To finish, Bowser posted on Twitter a video taken from a nearby roof showing the White House overlooking the results.

"There are people who are craving to be heard and to be seen," Bowser told a news conference, "and to have their humanity recognized, and we had the opportunity to send that message loud and clear on a very important street in our city."

Glynda Carr, president and chief executive of Higher Heights for America PAC, a political action committee dedicated to helping more liberal black women win elective office, said Bowser "showed the world that she leads, unbought and unbossed." Carr's organization has never raised money for Bowser.

For his part, the Republican president denounced Bowser as "incompetent."

Washington's status as the seat of the federal government has not always been a comfortable fit for its residents or elected leaders. The city's population of about 700,000 people - 46.4% black and 45.6% white, according to the Census Bureau - is politically liberal and heavily Democratic. The ongoing protests over the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis last month, have heightened that tension and thrust Bowser - mayor since 2015 - into the national spotlight.

Bowser has supported peaceful demonstrators while denouncing violence and looting. Trump has advocated a militarized response to civil unrest and even summoned a contingent of active-duty troops to Washington, though they were never deployed on the streets. Bowser said she did not want any out-of-state military forces in Washington.

When Trump threatened protesters who come near the White House with "vicious dogs" and "ominous weapons," Bowser

shot back with a comment that summed up their relationship.

"There are no vicious dogs & ominous weapons. There is just a scared man. Afraid/alone. ... I call upon our city and our nation to exercise great restraint even while this President continues to try to divide us," Bowser wrote on Twitter.

After baton-swinging federal police fired smoke canisters, flashbang grenades and rubber bullets to drive away peaceful protesters near the White House so Trump on Monday could pose holding a Bible in front of a church near what is now "Black Lives Matter Plaza," Bowser called the scene "shameful."

A single mother to a toddler, Bowser is only the second woman to serve as Washington's mayor and the first to win a second term in office.

Like other elected officials in Washington over the years, Bowser has advocated statehood for the District of Columbia, which has no voting members of Congress even as states with smaller populations have two senators and one member of the House of Representatives. Washington's mayor was a federal appointee until the 1970s when the city was granted "home rule" and began electing its mayors. Bowser also clashed with Trump during the federal government shutdown in 2019, over relief funds offered to the city during the coronavirus pandemic and over his plans to hold a grand military parade in the capital.



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# ‘Am I going to get shot?’ kids ask, as brands try to explain racism and violence to children

NEW YORK (Reuters) - For 8 minutes and 46 seconds - the time it took George Floyd, an unarmed black man, to die at the hands of Minneapolis police - cable TV kids channel Nickelodeon's screen went black on Tuesday to sounds of inhaling and exhaling, as white text flashed "I can't breathe."

FILE PHOTO: FILE PHOTO: Muppets from Sesame Street, including Big Bird, arrive for the 42nd Annual Kennedy Awards Honors in Washington, U.S., December 8, 2019. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts/File Photo/File Photo The Pokemon Company pledged \$100,000 in support for Black Lives Matter. "Sesame Street" co-hosted a televised town hall meeting with CNN on Saturday morning.

These are just a few examples of how companies that entertain or sell products for kids are adjusting their messages, as they attempt to deal with this moment in American history and explain the complexities of racism and police brutality to children through action and words.

"It's one thing to try to preserve the innocence of children, but you shouldn't preserve the ignorance of children in a country that is multiracial that has this bad history," CNN commentator Van Jones told Reuters in an interview on Friday.

Jones and CNN anchor Erica Hill hosted the hour-long special on CNN titled "Coming Together: Standing Up to Racism" in partnership with "Sesame Street." The show aimed to teach school-aged children how to identify inequality and speak out against it.

CNN is owned by telecommunications company AT&T Inc, whose chief executive, Randall Stephenson, urged other CEOs in a CNBC interview to speak out against racial inequality. Experts said parents need help interpreting for children the relentless barrage of messages on social media and on television as peaceful protesters and looters clash with



authorities all across the country. "I have seen a spike in anxiety for my black kid clients because they are having access to the news," said Javonte' Bass, a clinical mental health counselor. "When the parents are watching, they're listening."

Fear of catching the coronavirus forced families indoors. Fear of dying at the hands of police is keeping kids from going back out, Bass said. One 9-year-old black child even asked Bass, "Am I going to get shot, too?"

Jones said the CNN event was not meant to

be a historical rundown of slavery and colonialism in the United States. It urged parents to teach their children empathy. "Failing to teach kids about empathy and fairness is always harmful," he said. That applies to views of law enforcement as well, Jones and Bass emphasized. "Police officers are not saints or superheroes. They're human beings," Jones said. "Some are good. Most are good, but some are bad."

Education is a theme among the responses from brands for children.

"Our mission is to inspire and develop the builders of tomorrow and that includes inspiring them to be tolerant, inclusive, and kind," toy company the Lego Group said in a statement.

In addition to pausing advertising for a week to avoid marketing any of its toys, including police-themed toys, next to images of police violence, the company is committing \$4 million to organizations that teach children about racial inequality.

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### Getting COVID-19 Behind Us Now Is The Time For A 'Great Reset'



In every crisis, there is an opportunity.

**KEY POINTS**

*We can emerge as a better world from the COVID-19 crisis if we act quickly and jointly, writes Professor Klaus Schwab. The changes we have already seen in response to COVID-19 prove that a reset of our economic and social foundations is possible. This is our best chance to instigate stakeholder capitalism - and here's how it can be achieved*

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor COVID-19 lockdowns may be gradually easing, but anxiety about the world's social and economic prospects is only intensifying. There is good reason to worry: a sharp economic downturn has already begun, and we could be facing the worst depression since the 1930s. But, while this outcome is likely, it is not unavoidable.

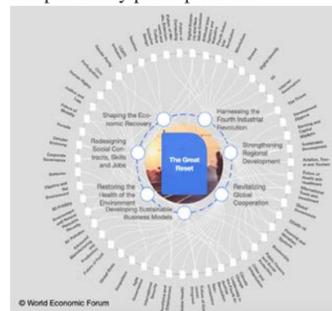
To achieve a better outcome, the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions. Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed. In short, we need a "Great Reset" of capitalism. There are many reasons to pursue a Great Reset, but the most urgent is COVID-19. Having already led to hundreds of thousands of deaths, the pandemic represents

one of the worst public-health crises in recent history. And, with casualties still mounting in many parts of the world, it is far from over.



This will have serious long-term consequences for economic growth, public debt, employment, and human wellbeing. According to the Financial Times, global government debt has already reached its highest level in peacetime. Moreover, unemployment is skyrocketing in many countries: in the US, for example, one in four workers have filed for unemployment since mid-March, with new weekly claims far above historic highs. The International Monetary Fund

expects the world economy to shrink by 3% this year - a downgrade of 6.3 percentage points in just four months. All of this will exacerbate the climate and social crises that were already underway. Some countries have already used the COVID-19 crisis as an excuse to weaken environmental protections and enforcement. And frustrations over social ills like rising inequality - US billionaires' combined wealth has increased during the crisis - are intensifying. Left unaddressed, these crises, together with COVID-19, will deepen and leave the world even less sustainable, less equal, and more fragile. Incremental measures and ad hoc fixes will not suffice to prevent this scenario. We must build entirely new foundations for our economic and social systems. The level of cooperation and ambition this implies is unprecedented. But it is not some impossible dream. In fact, one silver lining of the pandemic is that it has shown how quickly we can make radical changes to our lifestyles. Almost instantly, the crisis forced businesses and individuals to abandon practices long claimed to be essential, from frequent air travel to working in an office. Likewise, populations have overwhelmingly shown a willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of health-care and other essential workers and vulnerable populations, such as the elderly. And many companies have stepped up to support their workers, customers, and local communities, in a shift toward the kind of stakeholder capitalism to which they had previously paid lip service.



The Great Reset Transformation Map

Clearly, the will to build a better society does exist. We must use it to secure the Great Reset that we so badly need. That will require stronger and more effective governments, though this does not imply an ideological push for bigger ones. And it will demand private-sector engagement every step of the way. The Great Reset agenda would have three main components. The first would steer the market toward fairer outcomes. To this end, governments should improve coordination (for example, in tax, regulatory, and fiscal policy), upgrade trade arrangements, and create the conditions for a "stakeholder economy." At a time of diminishing tax bases and soaring public debt, governments have a powerful incentive to pursue such action. Moreover, governments should implement long-overdue reforms that promote more equitable outcomes. Depending on the country, these may include changes to wealth taxes, the withdrawal of fossil-fuel subsidies, and new rules governing intellectual property, trade, and competition. The second component of a Great Reset agenda would ensure that investments advance shared goals, such as equality and sustainability. Here, the large-scale spending programs that many governments are implementing represent a major opportunity for progress. The European Commission, for one, has unveiled plans for a €750 billion (\$826 billion) recovery fund. The US, China, and Japan also have ambitious economic-stimulus plans. Rather than using these funds, as well as investments from private entities and pension funds, to fill cracks in the old system, we should use them to create a new one that is more resilient, equitable, and sustainable in the long run. This means, for example, building "green" urban infrastructure and creating incentives for industries to improve their track record on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics.



The third and final priority of a Great Reset agenda is to harness the innovations of the Fourth Industrial Revolution to support the public good, especially by addressing health and social challenges. During the COVID-19 crisis, companies, universities, and others have joined forces to develop diagnostics, therapeutics, and possible vaccines; establish testing centers; create mechanisms for tracing infections; and deliver telemedicine. Imagine what could be possible if similar concerted efforts were made in every sector. The COVID-19 crisis is affecting every facet of people's lives in every corner of the world. But tragedy need not be its only legacy. On the contrary, the pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world to create a healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous future. (Courtesy <https://www.weforum.org/>)



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Editor's Choice



Mayor Muriel Bowser looks out over a Black Lives Matter sign that was painted on 16th Street in Washington, during nationwide protests against the death in Minneapolis police custody of George Floyd, June 5, 2020. Khalid Naji-Allah/Executive Office



A street sign of Black Lives Matter Plaza is seen near St. John's Episcopal Church, as the protests against the death in Minneapolis police custody of George Floyd continue, in Washington, June 5, 2020. Bowser renamed a street in front of the White...



A Black Lives Matter sign is painted on a street in Washington, June 5. Khalid Naji-Allah Executive Office of the Mayor/Handout via REUTERS



Demonstrators gather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, June 4, 2020. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



At sunrise, a demonstrator waves goodbye at soldiers as they withdraw behind a metal fence near the White House in Washington, June 4, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



At sunrise, a soldier holds up his shield against the last of the demonstrators outside the White House, June 4, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



At sunrise, a fight between two demonstrators is broken up as a man pinned against a metal fence near the White House, June 4, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



At sunrise, streets are cleaned near the White House after a night of protests, June 4, 2020. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

**Plano-Based Retailer Has Asked The Bankruptcy Court To Forgive 18% Of Its Store Leases**

**JC Penney Announces Closure Of 154 Stores Including Seven In Texas**



**KEY POINTS**

**Bankrupted J.C. Penney announced Thursday the list of the 154 stores it plans to close this summer, with store closing sales kicking off June 12.**

**It said it will announce additional closures in the coming weeks.**

**Penney said it expects the store closing sales to last anywhere from 10 to 16 weeks.**

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J.C. Penney wants to close 154 stores across the U.S., including seven in Texas, as part of its bankruptcy reorganization. Most of the locations are in malls, and Penney said it expects more of its 846 stores to close as it slims down to continue operating as a department store retailer. The 154 identified in a U.S. Bankruptcy Court filing Thursday represent 18% of the Plano-based company's store leases in 38 states. The court must approve the closings, though that generally is a formality. Store employees were told Thursday. North Texas stores closing include Penney's only store in the Dallas city limits, at 6051 Skillman, and in the former Vista Ridge Mall in Lewisville, now called Music City Mall.

Other Texas stores closing are in Greenville at Crossroads Mall, in Lufkin at 4600 S. Medford Drive, in Huntsville at West Hills Mall, in Paris at 3560 Lamar Ave. and in Palestine at 1960 S. Loop. Six stores are closing in Oklahoma: Enid, McAlester, Muskogee, Midwest City, Shawnee and Tulsa. Louisiana is losing three stores in Lafayette, Shreveport and Metairie.

JCPenney store closings



It's going to take 10 to 16 weeks to sell out and close the stores. The store

job losses total several thousand, but Penney declined to quantify the cuts among its workforce of 85,000 people. Penney said it expects the store closing sales to last anywhere from 10 to 16 weeks.

"While closing stores is always an extremely difficult decision, our store optimization strategy is vital to ensuring we emerge from both Chapter 11 and the COVID-19 pandemic as a stronger retailer with greater financial flexibility to allow us to continue serving our loyal customers for decades to come," Chief Executive Jill Soltau said in a statement.

Penney filed for bankruptcy reorganization in May after the coronavirus pandemic temporarily closed all its stores, putting its turnaround efforts in jeopardy. A judge approved a \$900 million financing package Thursday to fund its reorganization. Retail bankruptcies can deteriorate quickly as Penney's lenders have power to convert the filing into a liquidation.

"While closing stores is always an extremely difficult decision, our store optimization strategy is vital to ensuring we emerge from both Chapter 11 and the COVID-19 pandemic as a stronger retailer with greater financial flexibility to allow us to continue serving our loyal customers for decades to come," said CEO Jill Soltau in a statement.

Soltau hasn't said much publicly since the pandemic and bankruptcy filing. She'll be spending her time now convincing lenders to allow the company to emerge from bankruptcy as a department store retailer, but with fewer stores and less debt. She thanked employees in her statement and said those who are losing jobs "will be treated with the utmost consideration and respect," but declined to quantify it. "We will remain one of the nation's largest apparel and home retailers as we continue to operate a majority of our stores and our flagship store, jcp.com, to ensure our valued customers continue to have access to the products and brands they need and want," her

statement said.



Penney had reopened almost 500 stores as of Thursday.

Penney was among the group of non-essential retailers that temporarily closed their stores in mid-March and started reopening in early May as stay-at-home orders were lifted. A few more stores are closed because of protests.

It started the week with 304 of its 846 stores open and added 171 more. Penney's bankruptcy lawyer Joshua Sussberg said during a hearing Thursday that e-commerce sales have been strong, up 23.5% last week and 15.7% in May. Overall sales are down 32.9% for the stores that have so far reopened.

Among the group of stores open, 202 are in malls and 102 are in off-mall locations. The off-mall stores open so far are performing slightly better, with sales down only 31.1% vs. a decline of 34% for the mall stores, Sussberg said.



**The first J.C. Penney store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, 1902, (left); James Cash Penney (right)**

James Cash Penney opened his first store in Kemmerer, Wyo., in 1902, and he proceeded to open stores in smaller farming and ranching towns and later in more urban downtowns. Finally, the expansion into suburban malls in the 1970s and 1980s made Penney a coast-to-coast national department store chain. Penney, like the many retailers deemed nonessential, was forced to temporarily close its stores due to the coronavirus pandemic, pushing it over the brink as

its sales took an enormous hit and its debt swelled.

It filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on May 15, and is now hoping to emerge as a smaller department store chain.

The Texas-headquartered company said that as of June 4, it has reopened nearly 500 locations. When it filed for bankruptcy, it had roughly 860 stores. It also employed roughly 90,000 full- and part-time workers as of February. It wasn't immediately clear how many workers would be impacted by the looming closures. (Courtesy dallasnews.com and https://www.cnbc.com/)



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