

Tomi Lahren - Giving a Voice to Conservative America on "Tomi": The Daily Show (Transcript from YouTube, excerpts)

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First excerpt

02:29 Uh... what is your biggest issue with Black Lives Matter?
02:32 I think-- and I've said this many times--
02:34 it started with good intentions.
02:36 I think it was. It was well-intentioned.
02:38 The moment that they started pushing "hands up,
02:40 don't shoot"-- which is a false narrative,
02:41 proven time and time again to be a false narrative--
02:44 the minute that that became their slogan,
02:45 the minute that protesting turned into rioting and looting
02:48 and burning and militant actions,
02:51 that's when I lost respect for Black Lives Matter.
02:53 Okay, but, now, here's my thing.
02:55 Let's address each of these things one by one.
02:57 When you go, protesting, turning into rioting and looting,
02:59 that's not a Black Lives Matter phenomenon.
03:01 That is what happens when there is a protest a lot of the time.
03:04 There are people who rioted and looted
03:06 when teams won in Chicago years ago.
03:08 It doesn't mean that they are now bad people.
03:09 That's what happens...
03:11 There are some bad people in every instance.
03:13 Going back to Black Lives Matter, though,
03:14 for you to say that... You say they have good intentions,
03:16 they had the good intentions.
03:18 How are you labeling out the actions of a few
03:20 and condemning an entire group? I don't understand that.
03:23 Because they subscribe to the Black Lives Matter movement.
03:25 They say, we are the Black Lives Matter movement,
03:28 fry 'em like bacon, "F" the police.
03:30 They are saying those things.
03:31 These are a few people. These are a few people.
03:33 This is not the Black Lives Matter pro...
03:35 -These are... these are... -That is not the platform, though.
03:37 I saw it in my... my city of Dallas.
03:39 I saw what a Black Lives Matter protest looked like.
03:40 And I saw five fallen officers because of it.
03:43 -So I've seen... -That's not fair and that's true.
03:45 -That's-that's not... -No, no, no, no, no, it is fair, Trevor,
03:47 because the shooter said, point blank shooter said,
03:49 he's doing this because of Black Lives Matter.
03:52 Yes, and there are many things you can say.
03:53 I mean, if you go outside,
03:55 you can say anything about doing something because of...
03:57 You cannot deny that the man had mental issues, as well,

04:00 and he was in a tough place.
04:01 Just because you say the thing doesn't mean
04:03 -it's what it stands for, right? -Do you feel emboldened?
04:06 Because you're the same person...
04:07 You're the same person who argued on your show
04:08 that just because Donald Trump has supporters from the KKK
04:11 doesn't mean he's in the KKK,
04:13 so it goes against that argument.
04:14 He didn't say... he didn't say... No. No.
04:16 -(applause and cheering) -It goes against that.
04:18 You can't say he did it because of.
04:19 No, but, he, the shooter said, "I am..."
04:21 Yes, but Black Lives Matter has never said
04:23 go out and shoot people.
04:24 I'm saying, you're saying this to your audience,
04:26 and I honestly do not understand where you're getting that from.
04:28 Just because a person...
04:30 What if somebody says, "I felt emboldened by Tomi Lahren,
04:33 and so I went out, and I shot black people"?
04:35 Are you now responsible? Is that your black...?
04:36 But it's not one... Trevor, it's not one or two people.
04:38 -If you look at it... -How many people is it?
04:39 If you look at it in every city,
04:41 -look at the protests that have gone on. -How many people is it?
04:43 In Baltimore, in Ferguson, in New York City,
04:45 the protests that have now turned to anti-Trump protests.
04:47 -These are not a few people. -Okay.
04:49 -This is mass crowds of people. -Okay.
04:51 They're doing this in the name of Michael Brown.
04:52 They're doing this in the name of Freddie Gray.
04:54 They're doing it as the front of Black Lives Matter,
04:57 and the mainstream media is emboldening these people.
04:59 Okay, so then let's use that same logic
05:01 that you're using, then, and then go, police.
05:03 Are the police racist? Because police in many cities...
05:06 You look at Baltimore,
05:07 or you look at what happened in New York,
05:09 you look at what happened in the case of Walter Scott.
05:10 You tell me, are police racist?
05:12 Because they've been shown to harass black people unfairly.
05:14 They've been shown to shoot black people
05:15 when they're unarmed. Does that mean the police are racist then?
05:18 Because that's the same logic you're using.
05:19 -It's really not, though, Trevor, because... -It is.
05:21 the mainstream media is not emboldening them as a group.
05:23 -(groaning, booing) -It's not. And did you know
05:24 that a black man is 18.5 times more likely
05:27 to shoot a police officer than a police officer is
05:29 to shoot a black man? Those are statistics
05:31 -no one wants to talk about. -(booing, groaning)
05:33 Here's the thing. So, let me ask you this, then.
05:35 If you say, as you said when you walked out,
05:37 "I'm not as mean as people think I am,

05:38 I'm not the person that people think I am,"
05:41 what do you wish people would understand about you
05:44 that are in another bubble?
05:46 What do you wish people would understand about you
05:47 on the other side?
05:49 I wish that we could disagree with each other
05:51 without thinking that we are bad people or ill-intentioned folks.
05:55 So because I criticize a black person
05:58 or I criticize the Black Lives Matter movement,
05:59 that doesn't mean that I am anti-black.
06:02 It does not mean that I don't like black people,
06:04 or that I'm a racist.
06:05 It means I'm criticizing a movement.

Second excerpt

11:00 I never said that. I don't see color.
11:01 -I... -(laughter)
11:03 I don't think that that's what the argument is.
11:06 What I'm saying is... I asked you one question,
11:08 and that is: How should a black person
11:11 bring up their grievances?
11:12 That's all I ask. How?
11:14 If that's not the right way, if marching isn't the right way,
11:16 what is the right way?
11:18 When you talk... What he said was,
11:20 he is protesting the anthem and the flag
11:22 because of the oppression of black people
11:24 -in this country. -Yes.
11:25 I would like him to further explain
11:27 what he's talking about when he's discussing
11:29 -the black oppression in this country. -Which he has.
11:31 Also, is it against police? Is it against the government?
11:35 I'm not sure what oppression he's discussing.
11:37 I would love to have him come on my show
11:38 and discuss it with me.
11:39 To me, when you make the flag and you make the anthem
11:43 the outlet for your anger,
11:45 or the outlet through which you're going to protest
11:48 your country that you live in, you reside in,
11:50 that you take \$19 million a year from,
11:52 I don't think that that is the correct outlet for your anger.
11:55 So, what is he protesting?
11:57 Again, you haven't answered my question of how...
12:00 -how you want black people... -So...
12:02 I'm just asking how. And I'm asking you...
12:04 honestly, I'm not saying in a challenging way--
12:05 I'm saying to you, I don't know the answer
12:07 apart from these methods, so I would like to know
12:09 if you've ever thought of a how.

12:11 Because you're the first person I've met who's said this.
12:13 I've seen this message online.
12:14 I'm not labeling you as "the bad person."
12:16 I just want to know if you've ever thought of the how.
12:19 That's all I want to know.
12:21 For me, I think there are a lot of folks in this country,
12:23 I, being a woman, um, I didn't have rights after black people,
12:26 until women got the right to vote,
12:28 but because I feel like I'm a woman,
12:29 and I'm marginalized in some way,
12:31 I don't protest my country.
12:32 I don't see what he's protesting.
12:35 -I would like to know exactly what he is protesting. -So...
12:37 -It's a very... -So how do you-- No, no.
12:38 -How do you protest, then? That's what... -I don't protest.
12:40 Because I'm not a victim.