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Youth Career Camp Inc. Stands For Justice For Ahmad Arbery

Ahmaud Arbery, age 25 and unarmed, was assassinated on February 23, 2020 by 2 white men while he was jogging in his own neighborhood, because they said "He looked like a burglar". The sad tragedy of this senseless and brutally inhumane assassination of another black man, not only leaves yet another African American family grief stricken, but leaves African American communities across the Nation outraged at the continued blatant display of the lack of value black lives have in this country. As of May 5, 2020 no charges or arrest were made in connection with Ahmaud's killing despite having captured his murders on video.

As the President of a Youth Development Organization who's sole purpose is to invest in Youth & Young Adults by developing, mentoring, and preparing them for their future, I see and share the dread which parents of African American males have that their child could be the next Ahmaud Arbery having their future snatched from them. It sickens me that all the emphasis and training we place on attire, image, conduct, and respect has proven to do nothing to keep them safe from the deep seated racism and hatred they are likely to face in America. Among other values, YCCI teach young people to value all life, to have respect for themselves, others, and the law of the land; to always do the hard right over the easy wrong, trusting that the justice system will always be on the side of right. However, I see firsthand the corrosive effect each wrongful tragic loss of black lives have on our teaching, and the erosion of trust in the American justice system to do right. The level of future brightness for America is proportional to the level of justice displayed to our Youth.

For the sake of our future, and the integrity of our organization, YCCI officially stands on the side of right and justice for Ahmaud Arbery, and encourage other Youth Organizations to take a stand to show Youth & Young Adults we care, and are fighting for their lives. The fight for justice for Ahmaud's is a fight for justice for all.

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