
THE COALITION OF UNITED PROGRESSIVES CHARMECK CHRONICLE



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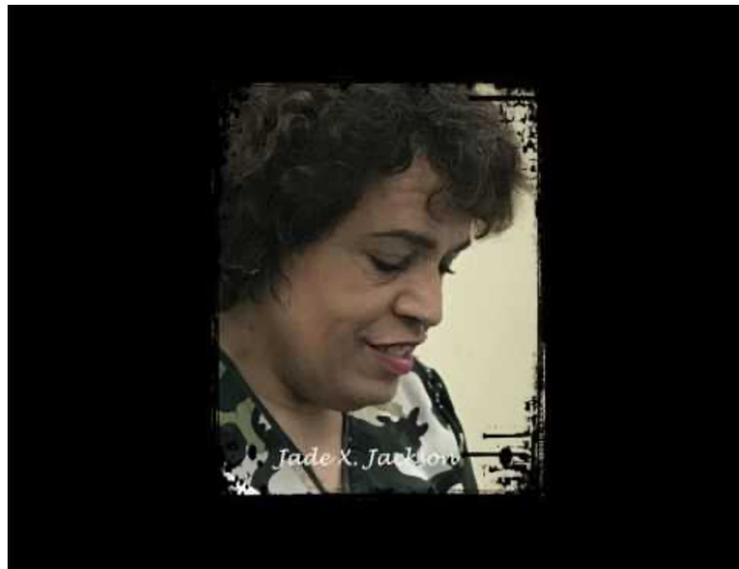
Our Mission Statement

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Spotlight

Jade X Jackson

“A true Activist is willing to make sacrifices for the good of all mankind.”



By
DonnaMarie Woodson



My dear friend and mentor, Jade Jackson, is going through a rough time right now. She's in the hospital, paralyzed, and needing a lot of uplifting payers and visits. This is heartbreaking because of her lifelong mission to fight for justice for all.

So, to raise her spirits during these difficult times, I'm highlighting my interview with Jade from our **1st CharMeck Chronicle Edition.**

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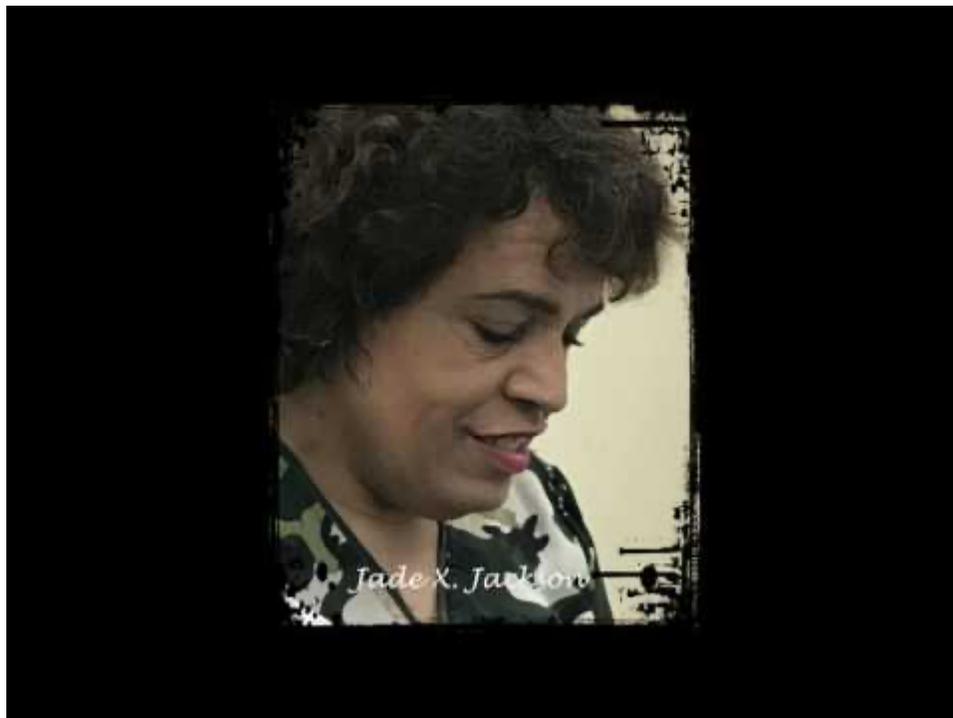
Greetings to all! We truly appreciate the involvement of everyone. This War on Oppression will only be won as one mass movement. Our Mission Statement is as follows:

Mission Statement- Our process of uniting, educating, and activating will be focused on the continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level, and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation. In doing so the Coalition of United Progressives- CharMeck will continue to disburse and urge as many people as possible to support all organizations' efforts for fighting for equality and justice for all!



I had the pleasure of interviewing our Executive Director, Jade Jackson, who is a true leader of this movement!

Click on the picture and watch her share her amazing story and life of activism.



Jade X. Jackson Interview June 29, 2017

Jade uses her life story as a motivation to help others. She, being of bi-racial birth on November 11, 1965, was left in the hospital at birth. Her maternal side of the family did not want a “nigger” in the family. Jade traveled through 5 foster homes and was finally adopted by an African American family in 1972.

Due to Jade's skin color, she had to defend herself against African American kids. Busing began in the Detroit Public Schools in 1974. At that time, Jade was caught in the crossfire of both Caucasian and African American children. She then had to protect herself from the bullying of both white and black kids. Jade fought what she



describes as an internal gender conflict in having the internal desires of a girl but the external appearance of a male.

As a child, Jade's parents socialized her into the political world by having her pass out literature at the voting polls. In the fall of 1985, Jade led roughly 500 people through the streets of Ypsilanti, Michigan, on an Anti-Apartheid March. In 1989, Ms. Jackson became a labor leader for the A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 1583, which falls under the A.F.L.C.I.O. umbrella.

She served in various positions, and as the University of Michigan Medical Center Executive Board Representative she served 1500 employees. In serving on the Negotiations Team, in 1991, she represented 2500 members. She focused on her sales career from 1998- 2012. At that time, she published a book and became an advocate for the Transgender Community.



Due to Jade being a transgender woman, her adopted mother kicked her out of her life in 2006. In 2013 Jade and 5 other Board Members worked on the Climbing Life's Mountains Project, which focused on equality for all. She was on a book tour for about 2 years. Jade was one of 3 co-hosts for the *Resist Trump Tuesdays Rallies*, held from January 24, 2017, through April 28, 2017. She has fought for others all her life!



Thank you, Ann Harlan, for this beautiful Tribute to our dear friend.

For those of us who know our dear Jade Jackson, she is really struggling. She has been in and out of the hospital every month since March. She is on dialysis, had surgery, and then contracted a MRSA infection, which went into her spine and is now PARALYZED.

My heart is breaking for her. As you probably know, being in the hospital for a long time can be very lonely. If you can visit her, she would appreciate it. She will probably be in the hospital (below) for this week and then is to go to Rehab and then Assisted Living.

Please, please do not go if you are ill. If you can't get to the hospital, cards and flowers would be a nice substitute and prayers are necessary. It is a scary time, and she is not sure if she will end up in a nursing home.

Here is the hospital:

- **Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center is located at 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204. The hospital's main entrance is located on Hawthorne Lane, between E. 4th and E. 5th Streets.**
- **Jade is in Unit 3A Room 3115.**

Let's pour out the love in a shower of blessings for this outstanding activist and wonderful human being. Jade is so kind - she has an enormous capacity for loving people.

Love, Ann

Editorial

Truth in the Era of the Big Lie

By

Tarik Kiley

11/26/2022



What has happened to the idea of objective truth? We seem to live in an era where evidence and the scientific method, no longer have a place in our politics. We live in a time when some people follow political leaders who lie outright, and these followers will dismiss any piece of evidence that contradicts their political viewpoint that their political leader of choice is good, and the opposition, in their reasoning, is evil.

And some people will go as far as making contradictions in logic themselves, to paint their most revered political leaders in a positive light. How can we live in a society where certain people deny reality? If there is no objective reality, then there are no facts, and then evidence becomes meaningless.

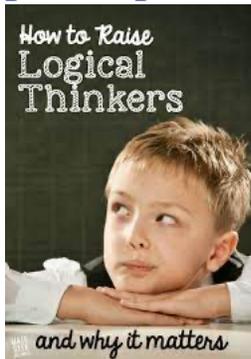
As a long time, proponent of the scientific method, I must speak against people who attempt to reason without evidence. And, let me clarify, I am not talking about people of faith who make religious arguments. I'm talking about people who attempt to pass their falsehoods off as truth, or who deny that anything can be true at all.



I'm sure we all remember talk of "alternative facts" during the Trump administration. According to the politicaldictionary.com, "Alternative facts was a phrase coined by White House adviser Kellyanne Conway to defend a false statement by press secretary Sean Spicer about the attendance of President Trump's inauguration. When pressed during an interview to explain why Spicer would "utter a provable falsehood," Conway stated that Spicer was simply giving 'alternative facts.'"

Now in actuality, when using logic and the scientific method, alternative facts are *proven falsehoods*.

So, what is the importance of utilizing the scientific method in political reasoning? Well, it helps to define objective reality and has been utilized at least since Aristotle defined it for the western philosophical world. According to the Middlebury blog, "It was



Aristotle that first defined and conducted empirical studies, studies with concrete evidence, purpose, and logic, being one of the first to offer the idea that reasoning (logic) and science are not mutually exclusive and should be intertwined when conducting accurate and reliable studies." This is important because Aristotle created an intellectual precedent with his empiricism. He intertwined the power of observation into his philosophical reasoning. When observation is combined with logic, then we have the basis of the scientific method.



This goes back to the very nature of language itself. Language is a way for humans to communicate about observable reality. Words have definitions that the entire society agrees to the meaning(s)

of and which come to define our commonalities. If we cannot all agree that red is red, then we have a communication crisis, and it hinders the ability of society's members to work together towards common goals.

This is science. In addition to science, there are the arts. Art is inherently subjective. Here it gets a little tricky. Art is an expression of the self, which doesn't necessary claim to be based completely in



logic. So, painting, poetry, music, etc., doesn't pretend to be a measure of scientific truth. The tricky part here is that artful words can sometimes be mistaken for objective truth. Let me give you a contemporary example. Currently, in the

world of gangster rap, some rappers' lyrics are being used against them to bring them up on RICO [Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act] charges. The problem here is that rap music is an art, and rap artists talking about crimes in their songs may not reflect the actual truth about their level of criminal activity.

Sometimes, people knowingly speak fiction. But the burden of fiction is that fiction writers don't pretend to be telling real stories. So,



people are free and should be free to express their art but should not necessarily be able to make up truth and to lie about reality—not

as far as scientific truth is concerned.

The difference between scientific truth and artful language becomes important here because technological innovations such as social media and the Internet have made information ubiquitous. More information seems like a good thing, and it is when considering the contribution to freedom of expression. But sometimes, speech is used to incite violence and to spread lies about certain out-groups. So, authenticity becomes essential, as well as the ability to determine truth from fiction.

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Announcements



Democrats of North Mecklenburg
Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 PM
Cornelius Elementary School Media Center
21126 Catawba Ave
Cornelius, NC 28031

LGBTQ
Annual Holiday Celebration
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM
The VAPA Center
700 North Tryon Street
RSVP Here: <https://forms.gle/f2R3NQJwhXFNVCuw9>

Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County
Holiday Party
Thursday, December 8th
The Palmer Building
2601 E. 7th St, Charlotte 28204
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Announcements



Senior Democrats of Mecklenburg County

Monthly Meeting

Friday, December 9th at 11:30 AM

ZOOM



**Please submit your group events to donnamarie93@gmail.com
by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.**

Happenings Gallery



The Executive Corner:

Executive Director - Jade X. Jackson

Rev Rodney Sadler, Joel Segal, DonnaMarie Woodson

Rev Glencie Rhedrick

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