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## ADOS Advocacy Foundation Addresses Mis-Information recently spread by MSNBC about our stance on the migrant crisis.

Atlanta, December 5 - The ADOS Advocacy Foundation strongly refutes the unfounded claims made by Ja'han Jones, a writer for MSNBC's ReidOut Blog. The article titled "Chicago Mayor Warns of Right-Wing Extremists Fueling Migrant Hate" wrongfully accuses our members of xenophobia and aligning with anti-immigrant sentiments, specifically labeling us as "Black Conservative figures...members of the anti-immigrant ADOS movement."

Jones' assertions, equating ADOS members with right-wing extremists and their replacement theory rhetoric, are not only baseless but also lack any credible evidence or verification from MSNBC and The ReidOut Blog leadership. Such accusations represent a gross misrepresentation of facts and undermine the standards of responsible journalism.

Yvette Carnell, president of the ADOS Advocacy Foundation, emphasizes, "Although MSNBC's Joy Reid and her affiliated blog market themselves as protectors of our democracy, the truth is that they have a pattern of silencing & sidelining the concerns of Black Americans. Chicagoans have legitimate concerns about the impact that an influx of migrants will have on their city's resources, and those concerns shouldn't be mischaracterized as xenophobic and right wing."

It's also noteworthy that a <u>2019 episode of the Joy Reid Show</u>, featuring Joy Reid and digital analyst Shireen Mitchell, falsely labeled our members as "Russian Bots," a claim subsequently retracted after a <u>Harvard review</u>. These continuous, unsubstantiated allegations by MSNBC not only discredit our foundation, but also harm the reputation of a genuine grassroots political advocacy group.

We urgently request the retraction of Ja'han Jones' blog post and call for a fair representation of the diverse viewpoints within our organization. The ADOS Advocacy Foundation firmly believes in the necessity for comprehensive data analysis by entities like the Congressional Budget Office and various congressional panels. Such analysis is vital in assessing the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of immigration on the Black American community and in shaping fair and effective immigration reform policies.

Our commitment remains steadfast in collaborating with various community groups and lawmakers to foster positive outcomes for American Descendants of Slavery throughout the United States.