

21st Century Jim Crow Assault - Detroit, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis Staff



"Jumpin Jim Crow" is a song and dance from 1828 that was done in black face by white minstrel performer Thomas Dartmouth (T. D.) "Daddy" Rice. The song is speculated to have been taken from Jim Crow (sometimes called Jim

Cuff or Uncle Joe), a physically disabled enslaved African, who is variously claimed to have lived in St. Louis, Cincinnati, or Pittsburgh. The song became a great 19th-century hit and Rice performed all over the country as "Daddy Pops Jim Crow".

Thomas Dartmouth Rice, known professionally as Daddy Rice, was an American performer and playwright who performed black face and used African American vernacular speech, song and dance to become one of the most popular minstrel show entertainers of his time. He is considered the "father of American minstrelsy".



Born: Thomas Dartmouth Rice, May 20, 1808, Manhattan, New York, U.S.
Died: September 19, 1860, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.

Former Michigan Senate candidate John James

ripped President Biden on Wednesday for comparing new voting laws in red states to modern-day Jim Crow.

“They want to make it so hard and inconvenient that they hope people don't vote at all,” Biden said earlier this week about Texas's effort to pass a new elections law. “That's what this is about. This year alone, 17 states have enacted — not just proposed but enacted — 28 new laws to make it harder for Americans to vote, not to mention nearly 400 additional bills Republican members of the state legislature are trying to pass.”

“The 21st-century Jim Crow assault is real,” Biden added. “It's unrelenting. And we're going to challenge it vigorously.”

But speaking to Fox News, James said Biden ought to come to his hometown of Detroit if he really wants to see modern-day Jim Crow.

“You want to see 21st century Jim Crow? Come to Detroit, come see where separate but equal is employed. In Detroit, where south of Eight Mile, taxes are racist, homeowners are penalized for being one of the highest tax areas in the country,”

he said. “Come see our schools where we have separate but equal. Come see where children are impeded from their growth because of their zip code, and Democrats are continuing to not hold teachers unions accountable for their failure to prepare our children for the future. Come to Detroit, where south of Eight Mile, young mothers are incentivized to stay unmarried to get their welfare and needed incentives and care. Come take a look at what Democrats around the country in urban areas have done.

“If you want to see modern-day Jim Crow, go to Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis,” he continued. “The only thing I’m seeing here [that] is as old as the Civil War is the fact that Democrats continue to exploit black people for their own gains.”