

**E d u c a t i o n a l
R e s o u r c e s t o**

LEARN &

UNDERSTAND

a b o u t BLM



FIRST AND FOREMOST,

IT'S PARAMOUNT FOR ALL OF US TO EDUCATE OURSELVES FIRST IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND OF THIS ISSUE. SINCE MY SCHOOL DOESN'T FOLLOW THE AMERICAN CURRICULUM AND IS INSTEAD HEAVILY FOCUSED ON BEING INTERNATIONAL, WE AREN'T TAUGHT ABOUT ANY OF THIS. BUT HERE'S A CHANCE FOR ALL OF US TO EDUCATE OURSELVES AND LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE! (TO SOME OF Y'ALL IT MIGHT BE STUFF YOU'VE ALREADY LEARN'T)

THE EVENTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND RACIAL PROFILING IN THE STATES IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND DISGUSTING. AS YOU KNOW, THE MEDIA HAS A WAY OF TWISTING THE SITUATION AND PROTESTERS AREN'T ALWAYS VIOLENT. THIS IS **NOT** A NEW MOVEMENT AND THIS IS **NOT** A NEW INCIDENT! IT'S ALSO **NOT** A "TREND". I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT OUR INSTAGRAM FEED AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ARE EVENTUALLY GOING TO GO BACK TO "NORMAL" BUT WE NEED TO KEEP FIGHTING. (REMEMBER OUR FEEDS BACK IN 2016???) IF ALL OF US ARE JUST "HOPPING ON THIS TREND" THEN IT'S INEVITABLE AND BOUND TO **HAPPEN AGAIN**. IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR DECADES AND DECADES. I'VE PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT TO GATHER AS MANY RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE TO HELP EDUCATE THEMSELVES SO PLEASE USE THEM!!! THOUGH ALL THIS INFORMATION FLOODING FROM YOUR FEED ON INSTAGRAM AND ON THIS DOC IS OVERWHELMING, IT'S CRUCIAL TO EDUCATE YOURSELVES BEFORE JUMPING TO IMMEDIATE REACTIONS AND *REPOSTING WITHOUT THINKING!!*

THOUGH THIS ISSUE MAY SEEM FAR-FETCHED BECAUSE WE AREN'T IN THE STATES NOR EXPERIENCE THIS BIGOTRY FIRST-HAND, THIS DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULDN'T CARE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE, AS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY SHOULD BE USING OUR PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING QUALITY EDUCATION TO METICULOUSLY UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE AND STAND UP FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

WE ARE ALL FIGHTING FOR THE SAME CAUSE. I AM DISAPPOINTED WITH HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING AGAINST EACH OTHER AND CALLING EACH OTHER OUT FOR NOT "REPOSTING" OR "POSTING ENOUGH". STOP JUDGING SOMEONE FOR NOT CARING ENOUGH JUST BECAUSE THEY AREN'T FLAUNTING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. (IT'S A WHOLE OTHER ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO CELEBRITIES WHO HAVE A POWERFUL PLATFORM) IT IS NOT A COMPETITION TO SEE WHOSE "MOST ACTIVE" OR WHOSE "REPOSTING THE MOST" OR WHOSE "MOST UP TO DATE". YOU HAVE TO BE MINDFUL THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING BUT JUST NOT VOICING THEIR OPINION ON SOCIAL MEDIA. REMEMBER THAT 'A REVOLUTION HAS MANY LANES-- BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND TO OTHERS WHO ARE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.' YOU'RE BEING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BY MAKING THIS AS SOME SORT OF COMPETITION OF "CARING THE MOST" QUANTIFIED BY THE NUMBER OF POSTS YOU'VE POSTED ON YOUR FEED AND STORY". REMEMBER, THIS IS ABOUT JUSTICE; THIS IS ABOUT ALL THE BLACK PEOPLE WHO CANNOT CROSS THE STREETS WITHOUT FEAR, INCLUDING THAT OF POLICE BRUTALITY. NOTHING ELSE. IT'S GREAT TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE EXPRESSING HOW THEY FEEL AND SHARING INFORMATION BECAUSE THAT'S HOW I GET MY INFORMATION BUT RIGHT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE CALLING EACH OTHER OUT FOR NOT BEING "WOKE" ENOUGH. PLEASE. STOP. ATTACKING. EACH OTHER. FOR. POSTING. TOO. MUCH. OR. TOO. LITTLE. IT'S A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO COME TOGETHER AS ONE.

THANK YOU AND SINCERELY, RION <3

ALSO BIG SHOUT TO MIO FOR HELPING ME and MARIN FOR THE COVER ART:)

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History 101

I AM NOT A HISTORIAN AND I DO NOT TAKE A SINGLE HISTORY CLASS BUT!!! THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CRUCIAL TO UNDERSTAND THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT OF THE ORIGIN OF RACISM, SEGREGATION, AND THE BLM!!!! IN MY PERSONAL OPINION, REPOSTING THINGS IS OFCOURSE, A GREAT WAY TO SPREAD AWARENESS BUT WITHOUT EDUCATING YOURSELF AND KNOWING ABOUT THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT FIRST, WHAT IS THE POINT? IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING IF YOU JUST REPOST STUFF, SO PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT FIRST. BECAUSE I WANTED TO SHARE THIS INFO WITH Y'ALL ASAP, IT IS NOT IN ANY WAY PROFESSIONAL AND I'VE USED SO MANY ARTICLES/SITES TO HELP ME GATHER THIS SO CREDITS ARE TO THOSE ARTICLES THAT I'VE ATTACHED/FOOTNOTED BELOW!!!!

1. Slavery in America

Through the 17th-18th century, people from Africa were kidnapped and forced into slavery in the American colonies and exploited to work as indentured servants. By the mid-19th century, the westward expansion and the abolition movement provoked a great debate over slavery that led to the civil war.

In 1619, The White Lion brought 20 African slaves ashore in the British colony of Jamestown, Virginia. The majority of the country remained white and heavily relied on Native American slaves and white European indentured servants. By the 17th century, the transatlantic slave trade began where the European settlers in North America turned to African slaves as a *cheaper, more plentiful labour source*. Some historians estimates that 6-7 million enslaved people were imported to the New World during the 18th century ALONE!! In 1776, The Declaration of Independence, embraced in its first line “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights” did not extend that right to slaves, Africans, or African Americans. At this time, slavery flourished in the tobacco, rice, and indigo plantations of the southern course, from the Chesapeake Bay colonies of Maryland and Georgia.



After the American Revolution, many colonists began to link the oppression of enslaved Africans to their own oppression by the British, and to call for slavery's abolition. However, after the revolutionary war, the new constitution acknowledge the institution of slavery and counted each enslaved individual as $\frac{3}{5}$ of a person for the purposes of taxation and representation in congress. In the late 18th century, the South faced an economic crisis as the land used to grow tobacco was nearly exhausted. Around the same time, in England, there was a high demand for American cotton, a southern crop whose production was limited because of the difficulty in removing the seeds from raw cotton fibers by hand. By 1793, Eli Whitney invented a cotton gin which was a device that efficiently removed the seeds which further reinforced the region's dependence on slave labor. Between 1774 and 1804, all of the northern states **abolished slavery**, but the “peculiar institution” of slavery

remained crucial in the South. Although the U.S congress outlawed the African slave trade in 1808, the domestic trade flourished, and the enslaved population nearly **tripled** over the next 50 years, reaching nearly 4 million!! (2 million were living in the cotton-producing states of the South)

In the antebellum South, enslaved people constituted about 33% of the population where many masters owned fewer than **50** enslaved people. They sought to make their enslaved completely dependent on them through a system of restrictive codes such as being prohibited from learning to read and write, and their behaviour/movement was also restricted. A strict hierarchy among the enslaved helped keep them divided and less likely to organise against their masters. However, slave rebellions did occur including the ones led by **Gabriel Prosser** and **Denmark Vesey**. In August 1831, Nat Turner led a revolt that included 75 blacks, who murdered 60 whites in 2 days before armed resistance from local whites and the arrival of militia forces overwhelmed them. Unfortunately, supports of slavery used Turner's rebellion as evidence that blacks were inherently inferior barbarians that required an institution such as slavery to discipline them which further limited the education, movement and assembly of enslaved people.

Between 1830 and 1860, there was a growing abolitionist movement that was led by **Frederick Douglass** and white supporters such as **William Lloyd Garrison** and **Harriet Beecher Stowe**. Many of the abolitionists based their activism on the belief that slaveholding was a sin, while others were more inclined to the non-religious "free labor argument" (stated that slaveholding was inefficient and made little economic sense). Antislavery activists from the north began helping enslaved people to escape from southern plantations to the North via loose network of safe houses as early as the 1780s. In 1830, Harriet Tubman guided escapees and helped the *Underground Railroad* movement. Though the number of slaves they've helped are unclear, it is said that they've helped anywhere from 40,000 to 100,000 slaves to reach freedom. This movement successfully spread abolitionist feelings in the North and increased and increased sectional tensions.

In 1820, there was a Missouri Compromise where there was a debate over the federal government's right to restrict slavery over Missouri's application for statehood that ended in compromise where Missouri was admitted to the Union as a slave state, Maine as a free state and all western territories north of Missouri's southern border to be free soil. This compromise was designed to maintain an even balance between slaves and free states and helped to put a stop to sectionalism temporarily. In 1854, the **Kansas-Nebraska Act** opened all new territories to slavery by asserting the rule of popular sovereignty over congressional edict which led to pro- and anti-slavery forces to battle it out. In other words, it allowed people in the territories of Kansas and Nebraska to decide for themselves whether or not to allow slavery within their borders. The Act served to repeal the Missouri Compromise of 1820 which prohibited slavery in the north.¹ In 1859, John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry in Virginia included an abolitionist and 22 men (along with 5 black men and three of Brown's sons) raided and occupied a federal arsenal which resulted in the deaths of 10 people and Brown's hanging. This insurrection exposed the growing national rift over slavery.

The republican candidate, Abraham Lincoln was elected as president and when his anti-slavery views established, the initial aim of the central Union war was not to abolish slavery, but to preserve the U.S as a nation. Abolition became a goal only later, because of the military necessity, *growing anti-slavery sentiment in the North and self-emancipation of many people who fled enslavement as Union troops went to the South*. On September 22, 1862, Lincoln issued a preliminary **emancipation proclamation** and he made it official on January 1, 1863 that "slaves within any State, or designated part of a State... in rebellion, ... shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free". This

¹ N.a. "The History Place - Abraham Lincoln: Kansas-Nebraska Act." Historyplace.com. 31 Oct. 2019. Web. 4 Jun. 2020. <<https://www.historyplace.com/lincoln/kansas.htm>>

led to the emancipation of some 3 million enslaved people, and the emancipation proclamation resulted in the deprivation of the confederacy to have a strong public opinion on the Union side. Although slavery didn't completely end, the 13th amendment adopted on December 18, 1865, helped to end all slavery in America. However, the freed black's status in the post-war South remained precarious and significant challenges awaited during the reconstruction period. The previously enslaved men and women received the rights of citizenship and equal constitution in the 14th Amendment and right to vote in the 15th Amendment but these provisions were often ignored or violated, hence making it difficult for black citizens to gain a foothold. Despite seeing an unprecedented degree of black participation in politics, Reconstruction was frustrating and the rebirth of white supremacy (racist organisations such as the KKK) had also triumphed in 1877 in the South.²

Helpful links to deepen your understanding:)

For a visual timeline visit: [History of Slavery in the United States](#) (a really brief + easy read!)

For a short video: [Slavery: Crash Course #13 US History](#)

For more informational articles: [Slavery in the United States](#)

[400 years since slavery: a timeline of American history \(Guardian\)](#)

2. What was the civil rights movement?

It was a struggle for social justice that took mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for blacks to gain equal rights in America. Though I've previously mentioned how slavery was officially abolished in the civil war, it did not end discrimination against blacks and they continued to endure the effects of racism. This era was an empowering YET precarious time for blacks in America. The numerous efforts of civil rights activists of all races brought about legislation to END SEGREGATION, black voter SUPPRESSION, and DISCRIMINATORY EMPLOYMENT, and housing practices.

1. Jim Crow Laws

Simply put, the Jim Crow era of SEGREGATION forbade African Americans from drinking from the same water fountains, eating at the same restaurants, or attending the same schools as white Americans that lasted until the 1960s. During Reconstruction, blacks took on leadership roles and held public office and sought LEGISLATIVE CHANGES for EQUALITY. To marginalise blacks and erase the progress they made, the Jim Crow laws were established in the South beginning in the late 19th century. These laws weren't adopted in northern states but blacks still received discrimination at their jobs. Moreover, laws were passed in some states to *limit their voting rights*.



2. WW2 and Civil Rights

² History.com Editors, Stock Montage/Getty Images. "Slavery in America." *HISTORY*. 12 Nov. 2009. Web. 5 Jun. 2020. <<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/slavery>>

Before WW2, most blacks were working at low-wage farmers, factory workers, etc. By the 1940s, war related work was booming but most blacks were DISCOURAGED FROM JOINING THE MILITARY. On June 25th, 1941, President D.Roosevelt issued *Executive Order 8802* which opened national defense jobs and other government jobs to all Americans regardless of RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. Despite suffering from discrimination during their deployment, black men and women served heroically in WW2. As the Cold War began, President Harry Truman initiated a civil rights agenda, and in 1948 issued *Executive Order 9981* to end discrimination in the military which helped to enact racial equality legislation and incite the civil rights movement.

3. Rosa Parks

In 1955, December 1st, Rosa Parks found a seat on an Alabama bus after work. Segregation laws stated that blacks must sit in assigned seats at the back of the bus, and Parks had complied. When a white man got on the bus and couldn't find a seat in the white section, the bus driver asked Parks and three other blacks to give up their seats but Parks refused and was arrested. Her ARREST ignited OUTRAGE AND SUPPORT and she famously became the "mother of the modern day civil rights movement". Her courage inspired the MIA to stage a boycott of the Montgomery bus system which lasted for 381 days. On November 14th, 1956, the Supreme Court ruled segregated seating was unconstitutional.

4. Little Rock Nine

In 1954, the civil rights movement gained momentum when they made segregation illegal in public schools. In 1957, Central High School in Little Rock asked for volunteers from all-black high schools to attend the formerly segregated school. On September 3rd, 1957, 9 black students (known as Little Rock Nine) arrived at the high school to begin class but INSTEAD were met by the Arkansas National Guard. Despite having President Dwight D. Eisenhower intervene and to escort the Little Rock Nine, they still faced continual prejudice.

5. Civil Rights Act of 1957

Many southern states made it difficult for black people to vote and often required them to take voter literacy tests that were oftentimes CONFUSING, MISLEADING, AND NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE to pass. The Eisenhower administration wanted to show a commitment to the civil right movement and minimise racial tensions in the south so on September 9th, 1957, he signed the Civil Rights Act of 1957 which was the first major civil rights legislation since Reconstruction that allowed federal prosecution of anyone who tried to prevent someone from voting.

6. Woolworth's Lunch Counter

On February 1st, 1960, 4 college students took a stand against segregation in North Carolina when they refused to leave a Woolworth's lunch counter without being served. Hundreds of people joined their cause and launched a boycott of all segregated lunch counters until the owners caved and the original four students were FINALLY served at the Woolworth's lunch counter. Their efforts spearheaded peaceful sit-ins and demonstrations in dozens of cities and helped launch the *Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee* which encouraged ALL students to be involved in the civil rights movement.

7. Freedom Riders

On **May 4th, 1961**, seven African Americans and 6 whites mounted a Greyhound bus in Washington D.C on a bus tour of the American south to protest segregated bus terminals. They intended to test the Supreme Court's ruling in *Boynton v. Virginia* which declared segregation in interstate bus and rail stations unconstitutional. **Freedom Rides**, in U.S. history, a series of political protests against segregation in interstate bus travel. Their main aim was to end racial segregation in Southern U.S. public transit and to desegregate interstate transportation, including highways, bus stops, and train terminals.

8. March on Washington

This was organised and attended by civil rights leaders such as A.Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin, and Martin Luther King Jr. This was one of the most famous events where more than 200,000 people, both black and white, congregated for the peaceful march with the main purpose of forcing civil rights legislation and establishing job equality for everyone. King's "I Have a Dream" speech quickly became a slogan for EQUALITY AND FREEDOM. (Below in the purple box, I've attached a video of the speech:)

9. Civil Rights Act of 1964

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964-- legislation initiated by JFK before his assassination into law on July 2nd of that year. King and other civil rights activists witnessed the signing. The law guaranteed equal employment for all AND ALSO FINALLY!!! limited the use of voter literacy tests and allowed federal authorities to ensure public facilities were INTEGRATED.

10. Bloody Sunday

On **March 7th, 1965**, the civil rights movement in Alabama took an especially violent turn as 600 peaceful demonstrators participated in the Selma to Montgomery march protesting the killing of black civil rights activist, Jimmie Lee Jackson. As the protestors came across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, they were blocked by Alabama state and local police. Refusing to stand down, protestors moved forward and were viciously beaten and tear gassed by police and dozens of protestors were HOSPITALISED. Though activists wanted to retaliate with violence, King pushed for nonviolent protests and eventually gained FEDERAL PROTECTION for another march.

11. Voting Rights Act of 1965

On **August 6th, 1965**, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act which included a new law that BANNED ALL VOTER LITERACY TESTS and provided federal examiners in certain voting jurisdictions. It allowed the attorney general to contest state and local poll taxes and were later declared unconstitutional in *Harper v Virginia State Board of Election* in 1966.

12. Civil Rights Leaders Assassinated

February 21, 1965 → former Nation of Islam leader and Organisation of Afro-American Unity founder Malcolm X was assassinated at a rally.

April 4, 1968 → Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated and emotionally charged looting and riots followed, putting even MORE PRESSURE on the Johnson administration to PUSH THROUGH additional civil rights laws.

13. Fair Housing Act of 1968

This became a law on **April 11th, 1968** days after King's assassination which prevented HOUSING DISCRIMINATION based on race, sex, national origin and religion. It was the LAST legislation enacted during the civil rights era³.

Helpful links to deepen your understanding:)

If you don't know what Reconstruction (1865-1877) is read: [Reconstruction](#)

To deepen your understanding on Jim Crow Laws: [Jim Crow Laws](#)

To deepen your understanding on Little Rock Nine: [Little Rock Nine](#)

To deepen your understanding on Freedom Riders: [Freedom Riders](#)

Video Speech on "I Have a Dream": [I Have a Dream Speech by Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

Video on Civil Rights Act of 1964: [The Long Battle Towards the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#)

More on Civil Rights Act (1964, 1968): [Brief History of Civil Rights in the U.S](#)

To deepen your understanding on Voting Rights Act of 1965: [Voting Rights Act of 1965](#)

To deepen your understanding on Fair Housing Act: [Fair Housing Act](#)

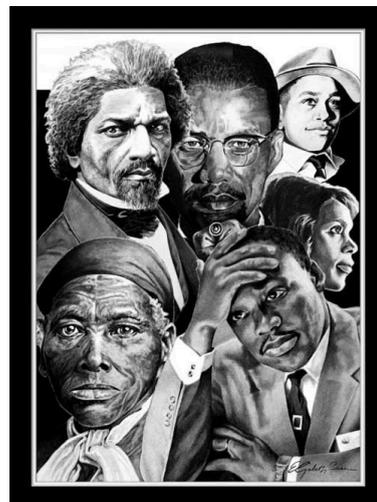
Further Reading:

- Ronald Reagan's "War on Drugs"
[America's war on drugs is rooted in "racist policies"](#)
[Top Nixon adviser reveals the racist reason he started the "war on drugs" decades ago](#)
- The Black Panther Movement
[Black Panthers](#)

KNOW YOUR HEROES (CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS)!!

There are so many activists out there but these people are especially known for their fight against social injustice and have had a lasting impact on the lives of oppressed people TO THIS DAY!! If you don't know these people, READ about them. I've attached easy and brief readings to each activist:)

1. [Rosa Parks](#)
2. [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)
3. [Malcolm X](#)
4. [A. Philip Randolph](#)
5. [Bayard Rustin](#)
6. [Harriet Tubman](#)
7. [Sojourner Truth](#)
8. [W.E.B. Du Bois](#)



³ History.com Editors. "Civil Rights Movement." *HISTORY*. 27 Oct. 2009. Web. 5 Jun. 2020.
<<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement>>

Further Information on Racism

This is CRUCIAL in understanding the historical context behind the racism and prejudice taking place in today's society, especially in the United States. Please. Please READ this to EDUCATE YOURSELVES. ALL OF YOU. I BELIEVE THAT WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THIS, IT WILL TAKE US NOWHERE. UNDERSTAND these terms to learn WHY PREJUDICE AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE ARE STILL in place to this day. THESE ARE THE ROOT CAUSES. READ IT.

1. What is institutionalised oppression?

Prejudice and institutionalised oppression are at the ROOT of a great deal of bullying, abuse, and other violence. Institutional oppression is the SYSTEMATIC MISTREATMENT of people within a social identity group, supported and ENFORCED by the society and its institutions, SOLELY BASED ON THE person's membership in the social identity group. In other words, it happens when social and written rules, laws, regulations, privileges ALLOW a dominant group as a whole to benefit at the expense of a subordinate group. The practice IS BASED on the belief in inherent SUPERIORITY or INFERIORITY. The ASSUMPTION of superiority can PERVADE thinking consciously and unconsciously. It is a matter of RESULT regardless of INTENT. STEREOTYPES of certain targeted groups support the maintenance of institutionalised oppression by seemingly VALIDATING MISINFORMATION AND BELIEFS. There are both OVERT and COVERT forms of oppression.

Institutionalized oppression and the ensuing systematic racism damages lives, RESTRICTING access and capacity for contribution as well as damaging the ethical society we ALL ASPIRE TO CREATE. When systemic injustices REMAIN UNSPOKEN OR ACCEPTED, unethical white privilege is FOSTERED. INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT SEE THEMSELVES AS RACISTS BUT THEY CAN STILL BENEFIT FROM SYSTEMS THAT ARE PRIVILEGE WHITE FACES AND VOICES. When individuals and groups point out system injustices and inequalities, the DOMINANT culture is made accountable. This creates GREAT INJUSTICE (as we can see today...), where blacks are flooded with ASSUMPTIONS, STEREOTYPES, and REALITIES that shape their view of who they are and AFFECT the way others treat them!!! People are, as a result, subconsciously accepting the dominant group's belief that they are not as worthy or collude with the dominant group in oppression some other group "seen as even less worthy".

In a PERFECT WORLD, NO ONE would care if people were different, AS LONG AS THEY AREN'T INFLECTING HARM TO ANYONE. In a PERFECT WORLD, people wouldn't be bothered or harmed by others because they are of different RACES, SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, or GENDER IDENTITIES, APPEARANCES, INCOMES, CULTURES. Different colors of skin and shapes of faces and bodies would be CELEBRATED rather than JUDGED. PREJUDICE because of differences leads to bullying and hate crimes. The negative assumptions about POC being dangerous HAVE LED TO NUMEROUS INNOCENT PEOPLE BEING HARASSED AND KILLED BY POLICE OFFICERS BLINDED BY THEIR BELIEFS. IT HAS LED TO VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF PEACE⁴

⁴ Irene Van Der Zande. "Understanding Institutionalized Oppression | Kidpower International." *Kidpower International*. n.d. Web. 5 Jun. 2020.
<<https://www.kidpower.org/library/article/understanding-institutionalized-oppression/>>

UNDERSTANDING SYSTEMIC RACISM IS PARAMOUNT AND TO IDENTIFY THESE SYSTEMIC PRIVILEGES ENABLE US TO EMBRACE THE POV OF PEOPLE WHOSE CULTURES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY SILENCED.⁵

Further Exploration:

[What is Systemic Racism? \(VIDEOS!\)](#)

[The Ugly Side of America: Institutional Oppression and Race](#)

[Know your history: Understanding racism in the US](#)

[Lens of Systemic Oppression](#)

2. What started the #blacklivesmatter movement?

In 2013, the movement began with the use of the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter on social media after the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin in February 2012. The night of the verdict, several downtown businesses boarded up their windows in anticipation of property damage. The movement was founded in 2013 in response to Martin's murder and is a global organisation whose mission is "TO ERADICATE WHITE SUPREMACY AND BUILD LOCAL POWER TO INTERVENE IN VIOLENCE INFLECTED ON BLACK COMMUNITIES BY THE STATE AND VIGILANTES. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are WINNING immediate improvements in our lives. They are a collective of liberators who BELIEVE IN INCLUSIVE AND SPACIOUS movement. They AFFIRM the lives of Black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, undocumented folks, folks with records, women, and all Black lives along the gender spectrum. They are working to achieve a world where black lives are NO LONGER SYSTEMATICALLY targeted for demise."⁶⁷

On the day of Zimmerman's acquittal, a Bay Area activist by the name of Alicia Garza wrote "I continue to be surprised how little Black lives matter" and "I will continue that. Stop giving up on black life." The next day, Solespace, a downtown art gallery offered a safe place for traumatised people to EXPRESS THEMSELVES CONSTRUCTIVELY, by making art. The death of Michael Brown in Ferguson was the national tipping point, the moment when Americans were jolted awake by this new rallying cry. Wesley Lowery also points out to SEARCH FOR THE MOVEMENT'S DEEPER ROOTS. Though BLM protests originated with the recent police killings (2013) he wants us to RECOGNISE THAT THE POLITICS animating these protests have long been around. He traces the movement's origins to the hope of a "postracial" America that was symbolised by BARACK OBAMA'S election, and which has not proved to be little more than a phantasm of campaign rhetoric. The PERSISTENCE OF POLICE VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE initiated this NEW GENERATION into a cycle that has characterised America's fraught racial history. While BLM arose in a moment of disappointment and grief, it has helped to INAUGURATE a new era in the struggle for racial justice. More cases in which JUSTICE WILL BE DELAYED OR DENIED are certainly on the horizon; for each gain in police reform, there will be another GLARING EXAMPLE OF WHY

⁵ Mary Frances O'dowd. "Explainer: what is systemic racism and institutional racism?." *The Conversation*. 1 Jun. 2020. Web. 5 Jun. 2020.

<http://theconversation.com/explainer-what-is-systemic-racism-and-institutional-racism-131152>

⁶ N.a. "The BLM Effect: Hashtags, History and Race | Reimagine!." *Reimagine!pe.org*. n.d. Web. 5 Jun. 2020.

<https://www.reimaginepe.org/21-2/arnold-BLM>

⁷ Black Lives Matter. "Home - Black Lives Matter." *Black Lives Matter*. 1 Aug. 2019. Web. 5 Jun. 2020.

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

MORE IS NEEDED. The cycle between hope and despair today SEEMS TO BE IN OVERDRIVE. EACH MORNING, we awake to a country that is SIMULTANEOUSLY MORE DISHEARTENING AND MORE HOPEFUL than the day before. The new era for America's racial justice movement seems not unlike previous ones. In the 1960s, while black Americans often PROTESTED INJUSTICE and POLICE BRUTALITY with RALLIES AND MARCHES, white Americans TERRORISED these peaceful protests with THREATS + ACTS OF VIGILANTE VIOLENCE THAT WENT IGNORED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.⁸

PEOPLE WERE HUNGRY TO GALVANIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES TO END STATE-SANCTIONED VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE, the way that the Ferguson organisers and allies were doing. The BLM is adaptive and decentralised WITH a set of guiding principles. The BLM Global Network would not have been recognised worldwide IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FOLKS IN ST. LOUIS AND FERGUSON WHO PUT THEIR BODIES ON THE LINE DAY IN AND DAY OUT, and who STILL continue to SHOW UP FOR BLACK LIVES.⁹

Further Exploration:

[Origins of a Movement](#)

[The BLM Effect: Hashtags, History, and Race](#)

[The Early History of the Black Lives Matter Movement, And the Implications Thereof](#)

3. What's statistics regarding police brutality?

The term "police brutality" was first used in 1872, when the Chicago Tribune reported the BEATING OF A CIVILIAN under arrest at the police station. One of the MAIN causes and factors that encourage police brutality include the INSTITUTIONALISED SYSTEMS of police training, management, and culture; a criminal-justice system that DISCOURAGE PROSECUTORS from pursuing police misconduct vigorously. In 2019, the police KILLED 1,099 people. BLACK PEOPLE were 24% of those killed DESPITE BEING ONLY 13% of the POPULATION. They are THREE, (yes, 3!!) times more LIKELY TO BE KILLED BY POLICE THAN WHITE PEOPLE AND THEY ARE 1.3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE UNARMED COMPARED TO WHITE PEOPLE. 99% OF KILLINGS BY POLICE FROM 2013-2019 HAVE not resulted in officers being CHARGED with a crime. (go look at [Mapping Police Violence](#) to visually see the STATS!)

I kept this brief since I've explained the history of police brutality in History 101 but here are some sources to further deepen your understanding in the purple section.

Police Brutality

1. [Shielded from Justice: Police Brutality and Accountability in the U.S](#)
2. [The history of police brutality in the US goes back to slave patrols in the 1700s](#)
3. ["It was a modern-day lynching": Violent deaths reflect a brutal American legacy](#)
4. [Police killings of black people: the legacy of lynching writ large: COMMENTARY](#)
5. [Ongoing Police Violence](#)

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Further Readings

- White Fragility?
[White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo](#)
- White Privilege?
[What is White Privilege, Really?](#)
[Understanding White Privilege](#)
[What is White Privilege? by Sharon Martinas](#)
[White Privilege in a World Where Black Lives Matter](#)
- Anti-blackness?
[Let's Talk about Anti-Blackness](#)
[Recognizing and Dismantling your Anti-Blackness](#)
["Anti-blackness" is a form of racism that is specifically damaging for people](#)



Inspirational Quotes from Civil Rights Activists!

These quotes continue to resonate with us, DECADES later!! Remember these quotes and never forget what they were fighting for. These are a few quotes that I found interesting and touching. Please give it a read, it won't take longer than a few minutes:)

Martin Luther King Jr.

1. "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope"
2. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that"
3. "The time is always right to do what is right"
4. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"
5. "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity"
6. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend"

Malcolm X

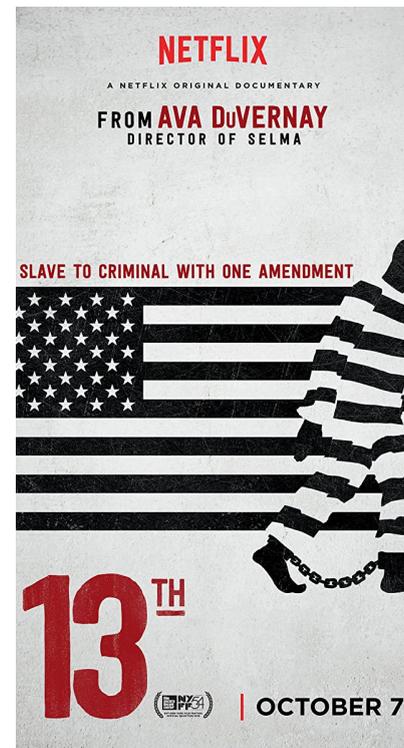
1. "A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything"
2. "There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance next time"
3. "Without education, you're not going anywhere in this world"
4. "It's just like when you've got some coffee that's too black, which means it's too strong. What do you do? You integrate it with cream, you make it weak. But if you pour too much cream in it, you won't even know you ever had coffee. It used to be hot, it became cool. It used to be strong, it became weak. It used to wake you up, now it puts you to sleep."
1. "If there is no struggle, there is no progress" -*Frederick Douglass*
2. "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly" -*Langston Hughes*
3. "In the end, it's not about finding policies that work; it's about forging consensus, and fighting cynicism, and finding the will to make change" -*Barack Obama*
4. "Won't it be wonderful when black history and Native American history and Jewish History and all of U.S history is taught from one book. Just U.S history" -*Maya Angelou*
5. "I don't want a Black History Month. Black history is American history" -*Morgan Freeman*
6. "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." -*Harriet Tubman*

TV shows and films

The films that are highlighted with green are available on Netflix Japan and the ones that are highlighted with orange are not available but can still be accessed through Hulu or you can borrow them at the nearby DVD store:)) Personally, I AM A HUGE FAN OF watching films and it's also just SO EASY to understand it visually and also doesn't require too much effort to WATCH IT! I highly recommend these shows, whether it be a documentary or fictional TV series, it really HELPED ME to understand the underlying issue of the racism that's still continuing to this day! If you don't have a netflix account, DM me! I want everyone to have the chance to watch these shows!!! :) Also, if you have other films that portray racism concurrently today, please lmk and I'll add it on the list!!

1. 13th (documentary explaining how mass incarceration is an extension of slavery)

The title of the documentary refers to the 13th amendment, which provides that “neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to the jurisdiction”. This documentary gives us a good insight into how the modern-day prison labor system links to slavery featuring commentary from a range of experts. The documentary begins with a sense of urgency through the voice of President Obama, lamenting that the “United States is home to 5% of the world’s population, but 25% of the world’s prisoners. DuVernay immediately establishes a connection between the statistics and the post-civil war era because without giving historical and cultural context, you can’t exactly tell the story. The documentary follows the decades of lynchings, racial violence and Jim Crow laws that led to the civil rights movement. The number of prisoners in the U.S gradually increases as the documentary plays and examines the “law and order”, a rhetoric that was popularised by Nixon and Reagan in the late 1960s to justify the violence against Black Panther party. It also features the Central Park jogger case where 5 innocent black and latinos teenagers were convicted of the brutal 1989 beating and rape. ‘This case led the republican presidential nominee at the time, Donald Trump, to urge New York to bring back the death penalty’. The film also highlights the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a conservative policy group that provides model legislation for state lawmakers, including bills that potentially benefited for profit prisons. The main takeaway from this film is “for people to examine their own thoughts and feelings about how they may be complicit in the institution of mass incarceration.”



Source from the Washington Post

2. Explained: The Racial Wealth Gap (TV episode 3 by VOX)

The “Explained” series is known for explaining complex historical and societal issues in a



clear, visually-attractive manner. In this 20 minute episode from VOX, the show addresses how slavery and discrimination fueled a massive racial wealth gap. The median wealth among white households in America is \$171,000. Among black households, it's \$17,600. The racial wealth gap is massive and the gap is only increasing. The episodes highlights a meeting between Sherman and 20 black leaders, a bill known as “Special Order #15” which was passed to give black families access to plot of “not more than 40 acres of tillable ground”. However, after Lincoln was assassinated, the new president Andrew

Johnson reversed the course. The result of this was that thousands of freed slaves who had received land were evicted by the end of the year.

After the great depression, ‘housing’ defined true economic power in America but in order to buy a house, a loan is required. The main problem was that the companies who built the home credit based their approval on risk which was associated with race and black families moving in was especially seen as a threat to housing prices. In 2008, when Wall Street crashed, everyone did suffer, but had immense impact on the black communities signficinalty. White communist only lost 13% while black communities lost 53% of their wealth. After this crash, the government didn’t do enough to help these black homeowners, hence their wealth was lost with no way to gain it back. Overall, this show helped the audience to learn the role of racism in our laws and its effect on the nation today. One of the significant results of racism in the American policies is the racial wealth gap.

Source from: HITC by Tom Llewellyn

3. Patriot Act: The Broken Policing System

The episode, *The Broken Policing System* in the series “Patriot Act” with Hasan Minhaj, is a political talk show addressing police brutality and the system that is causing it. This episode was taken at the time of the anniversary of Michael Brown, Laquan McDonald and Eric Garner’s deaths; victims of police brutality. He further discusses the number of movements that have significantly affected the way we see racism in the United States. In this episode, Minhaj begins to break down the many problems with police brutality and the political system’s contribution to it. With special guests from Seth Stoughton, a law professor who was a city cop and state investigator for a number of years, and Dave Grossman, a former professor who now teaches a class about warrior policing to law enforcement officers, he continues to expand on the notion of the counterproductivity of using violence towards people. This episode is very interesting and greatly recommended for those who want an in depth analysis about the troubles of police brutality on innocent people.



Source from .Affinity by Jilleen Barrett

4. Who killed Malcolm X

The documentary “Who Killed Malcolm X” is about an activist who embarks on a difficult case, seeking truth in the name of justice. This regards the reviewing of the case files linked to the 1965



murder of the Black nationalist leader, Malcolm X, who was shot dead at the age of 39. This Netflix series delves into the wrongful conviction of two men who were jailed, along with the four men who escaped from arrest. Malcolm X was an African American leader in the civil rights movement, who was also the minister and supporter of black nationalism. Throughout his activism against racial segregation, he urged many other black Americans to protect themselves against white aggression. On his release from prison on parole in 1952, X has not only

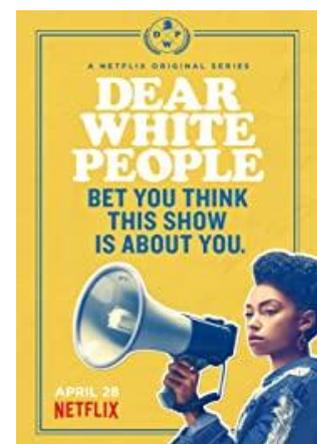
become the minister and spokesperson for the Nation of Islam, he also helped the group become the largest black nationalist organization within the African American community.

In this documentary, the self-trained investigator, Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, further analyzes the assassination of this Black nationalist, in search for the truth of his murder and killer. This series also recounts a number of attempts by the authorities to ensure Malcolm X’s security before his assassination and flaws in the way the murder investigation was carried out. In this very informative documentary, it highlights the global issue of unjust killings of innocent people due to the color of their skin.

Source from TRTWORLD

5. Dear White People (Fictional TV series)

This comedy filled drama series, “Dear White People” highlights the *post-racial* society that is still being dealt to this day, when a group of colored students move into a predominantly white Ivy League college. The students are faced with a great deal of cultural bias, social injustice, along with misguided activism. One thing to acknowledge when watching this show is that this show is not about white people. This is directed towards EVERYONE who views people of color as ‘outsiders’. This delves into the inconsiderate and ignorant behaviour that white people act, as we see these people do a number of immoral things such as hosting a ‘black face’ themed party for white people only, and creating politically incorrect parties for all those burdened by the protagonist’s demands for racial sensitivity. This is a very impactful tv series with an undertone of satirical humor, as it helps people understand and realize the privilege that they acquire, solely on the color of their skin. It accentuates the idea that racism is hardly invisible to people of color, where in the perspective of a white progressive culture, it may be conceived otherwise.



The creator of this show, Justin Simien, explains that there are two main objectives for this show; one is to allow people to step into the characters, to feel the constant fear of being condemned, due to the

color of their skin. The other thing is to make people who have actually gone through these experiences feel that they are not alone; ‘I think both of those things allow black folks to feel more human in society’.

Source from The New York Times

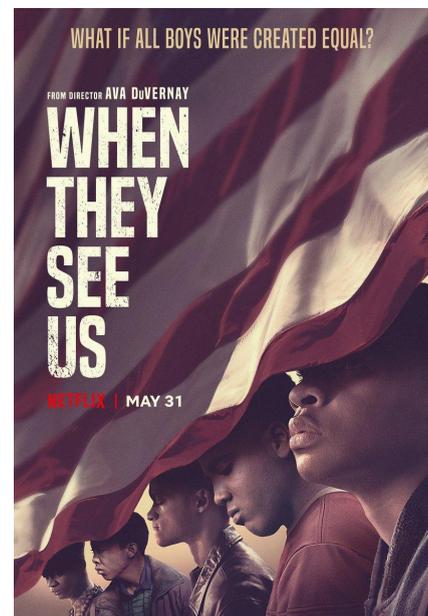
6. When They See Us (TV Mini Series)

“When They See Us” is a limited TV series in which it highlights the hard hitting reality of unjust treatment towards innocent black people. The title “When They See Us” merely emphasizes the lack of freedom of speech and voice colored people have, as it signifies the feelings of inferiority that they must face on a day to day basis. This series is a true story set in **1989**, where a group of teenage boys (Korey Wise, Kevin Richardson, Antron McCray, Yusef Salaam, and Raymond Santana) were subsequently charged for the violent rape and assault of 28-year-old Trisha Meili. This show follows the journey of these five teens fighting the convictions, in hopes for their exoneration. From the first questioning, to their final exoneration in **2002**, we see the agonizing pain and fear that is experienced with these young teens. This series forces you to pause and reflect upon black/minority youths and white supremacy, which is prevalent in the world to this day; especially at times like these, it is vital to understand that white privilege and supremacy EXISTS and always have. The limited series promotes awareness for the activism of racial equality, and allows the audience to judge for themselves how innocence and guilt can get rendered and rectified.

The coverage of violent crime is a staple of American news, however, only the bare minimum of stories are able to capture the attention of the country. The series profoundly highlights the inherent problems in American criminal justice. It gets the

audience closer to understanding why juvenile and adult prison populations rapidly increased in the 1990s and how the United States became one of the largest incarceration systems in the world.

“Every young black male who was in the park last night is a suspect in the rape of that woman who is fighting for her life.”. Reflect on that. Why did these investigators quickly build a case around these boys, rather than conducting a full investigation? “When They See Us” should inspire people to recognize that crime-control policies and the racist ideas behind them **MUST CHANGE**.



Source from The Atlantic

7. American Son

This drama show, “American Son” helps deepen the audience’s compassion and understanding of police violence and racism in America amid the current protests. The movie tells the story of two estranged parents who reunite in a police station in Miami, Florida while seeking answers about their missing son. This show is very helpful to allow people the privilege of stepping into the lives of this family and being on this roller coaster ride with these characters; it gives the opportunity to reflect on who we are as a society now. We are currently at a time where police brutality is a big problem in our culture, and this show reminds us of the beauty that we have within the black community. Especially at times like these, it is important to remember this message, as it acts as a driving force for people to continue to fight and protest for racial equality.

“American Son” will remind you that, while scrolling through your social media feed filled with videos of police brutality and protests, the killings of black women and men come with an agony. It is vital to get angry about injustice and it is important to demand for systematic change, however, it is also important to remember to grieve the loss of human life.



Source from Entertainment Tonight

8. LA 92

“LA 92” is a documentary regarding the trials of Rodney King. On April 29, 1992, four Los Angeles policemen -- three of them being white -- were acquitted of the savage beating of Rodney King, an



African American man. His beating was then caught on camera, and was broadcasted into homes across the nation and worldwide; the acquittal, due to the racial and economic inequality in LA, has resulted in five days of rioting. Although there was viable evidence of what had happened, the verdict was proven otherwise. The officers involved were indicted on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and excessive use of force. However, this case was quickly acquitted, due to a predominantly white jury’s bias. This documentary reminds you of the IGNORANT way people are treating the murder and killings of colored people, as they DESENSITIZE this concept of releasing actual footage of deaths to the media. This also addresses the case in which a shop owner shoots the death of a young innocent girl, receiving JUST a probation and a \$500 fine. This prevalent theme of constantly victimizing the white and privileged people has never been served justice, and this documentary coerces you to TAKE ACTION,

because frankly, we are tired of repeating history.

Source from National Geographic

9. Just Mercy

“Just Mercy” is a drama highlighting courtroom struggles against racial injustice and mass incarceration, as the protagonist, Bryan Stevenson, heads his way to Alabama to fight for those who were wrongly condemned or cannot afford proper representation upon themselves. This movie is greatly recommended for those who are interested in learning more about the systemic racism that plagues our society. It is a way to change long-term underrepresentation of people of colour and women in Hollywood. This powerful true story about Equal Justice Initiative, and the importance of confronting injustice is key to understanding the PROTESTS of the recent murder of George Floyd, along with many unjust killings of innocent people. Stevenson was able to win “major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults”. Remember that you cannot understand these present-day issues without understanding the PERSISTENT REFUSAL to VIEW BLACK PEOPLE AS EQUALS. This movie helps us realize that WE are the ones who can impose change. WE need to teach others to not create presumptions of those who are colored or considered as ‘minorities’. WE are equal and must stand by each other.

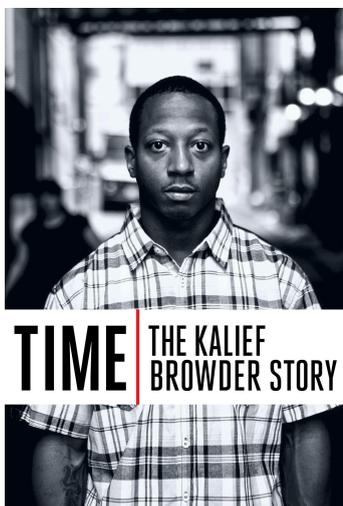
This movie will be free in the month of June! The Warner Brothers said they believe “in the power of story” and want people to view the film as part of the ongoing national dialogue surrounding race relations. So please watch this movie:)



Source from The Star

10. Time: The Kalief Browder Story

Not only does this docuseries “Time: The Kalief Browder Story” address the criminal injustice system on minorities, but it also depicts the issues with solitary confinement. This story delves into a young



16-year-old black boy who’s life suddenly changes due to arrest cases, and accusations of stealing a backpack. This resulted in him spending more than three years in a jail complex, where much of it was in solitary confinement. He committed suicide shortly after charges were dropped, due to this traumatic and tragic event. In this docuseries, we see a number of security camera footage which essentially depicts the environment of chaos and violence that was overlooked by corrections officers. In one of the videos, Kalief is shown being slammed down on the ground for just appearing to do nothing more than talking back to a corrections officer. This series accentuates the issues of solitary confinement, as a young teenager was obligated to confine himself for over 300 days. This experience of being incarcerated is traumatic enough, but to be alone can cause permanent damage ESPECIALLY

because he is just a young boy. The worst part of this story is that this young boy has not been convicted of a crime; he is awaiting his day in court, yet the officers continued to TORTURE HIM for no valid reasoning. This docu series is recommended for those who are wanting to educate themselves on the unethical aspects of solitary confinement, along with racial injustice upon young men.

Source from NPR

11. Fruitvale Station

The film “Fruitvale Station” is an indie film featuring Michael B. Jordan, addressing the incident of an unarmed black man, Oscar Grant, getting shot in the back by a white Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer. The deaths of these and other African-American young men touch some of the most unrestrained nerves in the body politic and intractable issue of law and order, violence and race. This movie depicts the last 24 hours of Oscar Grant’s life, flashing back from a horrifying snippet of actual cell phone video of the hectic moments before the shooting. These matters of racial injustice and police violence are hardly absent in this movie; it is not that the movie is disengaged from the painful, public implication of Grant’s fate. Every detail of character and place in this movie embeds the whole notion of class, masculinity and the tricky relations among diverse people. The creator of the movie, Coogler, had the intention of making Oscar a fully human presence, to pay him the respect of acknowledging his complexities and contradictions; Oscar, in this movie, is merely a reflection of EVERY INNOCENT BLACK MAN who is in fear of being attacked by white, privileged officers who have the ability and power to do so. Unfortunately, although this movie unfolds with a terrible sense of inevitability, we all know how it ends. This movie is a wake up call for those who do not realize that we must act upon these issues now, in order to make a change in this world. (Please note that this movie rated R. If you are under 17, please watch this with your parents, as it exposes violence, profanity, and other REAL and BRUTAL factors of life!)



Source from The New York Times

Further videos to deepen your knowledge on BLM and racism

If you don't have the time to watch a movie, these short videos will help you to understand the BLM and the root causes of racism even further! If you're not the reading type of person, these motivational speeches and videos are definitely a life-savior! I'm still collecting videos that help spread information quickly so please recommend me more:))

1. [Obama: "You matter, your lives matter, your dreams matter"](#)
 - a. Former US president Barack Obama had a message for young people of colour, saying "I want you to know you matter, your lives matter, your dreams matter". He also discussed the idea that both voting and protest can "bring about real change"
2. [What Happens When I Try to Talk Race with White People](#)
 - a. This is an insightful short video featuring Renni Eddo-Lodge that succinctly sums up the issues at play when discussing racism with white people. Easy and accessible language amongst maybe some of the more academic content online.
3. [White People, Enough: A Look at Power and Control \(TED x CSU\)](#)
 - a. In her analysis of race and interpersonal violence, Jaelyn Coates identifies the impact of racism on relationships and provides a new framework for creating healthy and affirming relationships across difference.
4. [Let's get to the root of racial injustice \(TED x Rainier\)](#)
 - a. In this inspiring and powerful talk, Megan Francis traces the root causes of our current racial climate to their core causes, debunking common misconceptions and calling out "fix-all" cures to a complex social problem.
5. [Not All Superheroes Wear Capes- How You Have The Power to Change](#)
 - a. Often described as a force to be reckoned with, Nova Reid is a diversity and anti-racism campaigner and consultant who uses her professional background in mental wellbeing to focus on mindset change, working with organisations and individuals to improve diversity and systems of discrimination from the inside-out. Nova is a passionate advocate for equality and helping people be the change they want to see in the world. This talk was given at a TEDx event using the TED conference format but independently organized by a local community.
6. [We Cannot Stay Silent About George Floyd \(Patriot Act Digital Exclusive\)](#)
 - a. AHMAUD ARBERY, RUMAIN BRISBON, PHILANDO CASTILE, WILLIAM CHAPMAN, KEITH CHILDRESS, JR, STEPHON CLARK, JOHN CRAWFORD III, GEORGE FLOYD, EZELL FORD, ERIC GARNER, BRENDON GLENN, OSCAR GRANT, FREDDIE GREY, AKAI GURLEY, BOTHAM JEAN, ATATIANA JEFFERSON, BETTIE JONES, TRAYVON MARTIN, ERIC REASON, TAMIR RICE, TONY ROBINSON JR, JONATHAN SANDERS, WALTER SCOTT, ALTON STERLING, BREONNA TAYLOR!! Hasan responds to the recent protests in America over police brutality in this video.
7. [James Corden: It's Time for Change in the US](#)



- a. James Corden offers a message of support and love for those fighting for justice. After, bandleader Reggie Watts shares his perspective and experience of growing up black in America. And James shares British rapper Dave's moving performance of "Black" from this year's BRIT Awards.
8. [#BLM - How a Hashtag Sparked a new Movement Against Racism in the USA \(2015\) | Foreign Correspondent](#)
 - a. For African Americans like J.C. Faulk, the great civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s was unfinished business. Battles were bravely fought and won, but somewhere along the way the ball got dropped. Now, black America is rising up again over the mounting death toll of unarmed civilians killed in encounters with police, and the incomprehensibly routine atrocities that torment gang-infested neighbourhoods. This time there's no Martin Luther King. #BlackLivesMatter is a leaderless movement that wants to shake up America by harnessing direct protest and the mobilising power of social media.

Podcasts to Listen to!!

Obviously, I haven't listened to all of them but am still working on it! Podcasts are super helpful and are also a super easy way to gain knowledge. Listen to it before you go to bed, when you're on the train, or when you're not doing anything special!

1. Code: Switch NPR (The Black Table at the Big Tent)

- a. This is NPR's flagship podcast about race and culture, so it definitely contains multitudes. It takes on race and racism across a spectrum of identities and offers personal stories, historical context, and impactful analysis on the challenging past and present of race in America.



2. The Nod (I Want That Purple Stuff)

- a. Although this show just ended its run, you should absolutely go back and listen to old episodes to hear its nuanced exploration of Black life. As much as hosts Brittany Luce and Eric Eddings talk about the struggles of the Black experience, they also celebrate the joys.

3. United States of Anxiety (40 acres in Mississippi)

- a. *United States of Anxiety* continues to be one step ahead of the national discourse. This show began reporting on the extreme polarization visible in the lead up to the 2016 election. This season, they take us all the way back to the Civil War, when American first began trying to build a multi-racial democracy, and investigate why we still haven't arrived today.

4. The Stakes (White Like Me)

- a. This limited run series asks a simple question: How do we create a society that works for more people?

5. Scene on Radio: "Seeing White" series (Turning the Lens)

- a. This Peabody-nominated series is academic in its scope of exploring the roots and meaning of white supremacy.

6. The Heart: "Race Traitor" series (Who Taught You to Be White?)

- a. This series asks, even after you've intellectually rejected white supremacy, how does it show up in a room? Phoebe Unter, who is white, goes on a journey to disrupt the white value system she has inherited.

7. Reveal (Reproducing Racism)

- a. *Reveal* is an investigative journalism show that digs deep into stories of of injustice and holds the powerful accountable. While not every episode is about race, structural racism is certainly an enduring theme.

8. Come Through with Rebecca Carroll (Elie Mystal: Call it a Lynching)

- a. Host Rebecca Carroll wants us to acknowledge that race is at the center of every issue in America and that it's finally time to have a conversation about it.
- 9. Afropunk Solution Sessions (Racism is a Virus)**
- a. There is an urgency to Afropunk's conversations about Black "culture, activism, and politics" — it seeks to find immediate solutions to historic problems.
- 10. Pod Save the People (Justice for Ahmaud Arbery)**
- a. Hosted by organizer and activist DeRay Mckesson, *Pod Save the People* offers a salient analysis of the day's headlines and their deeper impact on race, society, and culture.
- 11. Floodlines (Antediluvian)**
- a. *Floodlines* takes us back to August 29, 2005 to investigate the ways in which Hurricane Katrina — a natural disaster — was very much man-made.
- 12. 1619 (The Fight for a True Democracy)**
- a. In August of 1619, a ship carrying more than 20 enslaved Africans arrived in Virginia. On the 400th anniversary of this fateful moment, *1619* looks at how slavery would be woven into the very threads of America's democracy.
- 13. There Goes the Neighborhood (Premium Elevation)**
- a. This is a podcast about how and why gentrification happens. Season 1 was presciently recorded in 2016 as developers begin pushing out Black and brown Brooklynites who had lived in the borough for generations. Season 2 takes us to Los Angeles as it become one of the least affordable cities in the country. As developers look for land that sits safely above rising sea levels, Season 3 introduces us to the "climate gentrification" happening in Miami.
- 14. 74 seconds**
- a. In July 2016, officer Jeronimo Yanez shot Philando Castile during a traffic stop in a Twin Cities suburb. The world watched the aftermath, live on Facebook. Yanez was charged in Castile's death. Jurors found him not guilty on all charges June 16, 2017. *74 Seconds* tells the story of the first police shooting to go to trial in the state of Minnesota.
- 15. Hi-Phi Nation: "Crime and Punishment" series (criminal minds)**
- a. Although usually a show about philosophy, this season *Hi-Phi Nation* turns its microphone on the American criminal justice system, examining its "unquestioned assumptions about right and wrong, responsibility and excuse, freedom, protection, and discretionary decision-making." Particularly poignant is "Gender Justice," an episode that looks at how a desire for a more feminist and progressive prosecution may be contributing to mass incarceration.
- 16. In the Dark, Season 2 (July 16, 1996)**
- a. Curtis Flowers has been tried 6 times for the same crime. The second season for this podcast investigates Flowers' conviction, and the D.A who has spent more than two decades trying to have Flowers executed

17. Uncivil (The Ring)

- a. *Uncivil* tells the untold stories of the Civil War. These are stories of resistance, disruption, spy missions, and more. It rewrites American history and puts Black resistors in the spotlight.

18. Caught (I Just Want to Come Home)

- a. According to the ACLU, one out of every three Black boys born today can expect to go to prison in his lifetime. *Caught* looks at how mass incarceration often begins with juvenile detention.

19. Ear Hustle (Bird Baths and a Lockbox)

- a. It was and is easy for our systems of mass incarceration to make the U.S. prison system feel to many like a monolith devoid of humanity, but *Ear Hustle* shines light on the lives inside.

20. Natal (Myeshia's Story)

- a. According to the CDC, black women in America are 3 to 4 times more likely to die than a white woman during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the year after the baby's born. Natal is a podcast series that looks at what it means to give birth while Black.

21. 70 Million (How Bail Shackles Women of Color)

- a. This series documents how communities are addressing mass incarceration — through diversion, bail reform, recidivism, and the adoption of technology — at a local level.

22. Momentum: A Race Forward

- a. Features movement voices, stories, and strategies for racial justice

23. Intersectionality Matters!

- a. Podcast hosted by Kimberle Crenshaw, an American civil rights advocate and a leading scholar of critical race theory

24. About Race

25. Nova Reid and Vicki and Selina from loveprojectlove

- a. A powerful conversation about race, racism, and white privilege

Source from *bellocollective.com*

Books to Read

I haven't read most of these books and the one's I've highlighted are books that I have so if you want to read it, please LMK and I'll give it to you!! Books are a paramount resource that really helps you to grasp the context in depth so if you have the time go give it a read! also lmk your thoughts if you've read some of these or want to recommend more:))

1. Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge

A necessary WAKE-UP call to the pervasive INSTITUTIONALISED RACISM, Eddo-Lodge's searing polemic reconstitute the frame of the argument around race, removing it from the hands of those with LITTLE EXPERIENCE OF ITS RESONANCES.

[Waterstones Reviews](#)

2. Heavy: An American Memoir by Kiese Laymon

A provocative memory that explores what the weight of a lifetime of SECRETS, LIES, and DECEPTION does to a BLACK body, a BLACK family, and a nation teetering on the brink of MORAL COLLAPSE.

[goodreads](#)

3. The New Jim Crow: Mass incarceration and the age of colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

"Two years after Obama's election, Alexander put the entire criminal justice system on trial, exposing racial discrimination from lawmaking to policing to the denial of voting rights to ex-prisoners. This bestseller struck the spark that would eventually light the fire of Black Lives Matter."

[Ibram X. Kendi, The New York Times](#)

4. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

A poetic and powerful book, as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. It captures the longing of lonely children, the BRUTE INSULT of BIGOTRY and the wonder of words that can make the world right.

[Penguinrandomhouse](#)

5. White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo

This book explores the COUNTERPRODUCTIVE reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are CHALLENGED, and how these reactions contribute to maintain racial inequality.

[Amazon](#)

6. Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Daniel Tatum

This book explores the psychological aspect of racism. Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see black, white, and latino youth CLUSTERED in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem to address or a COPING strategy?

[Amazon](#)

7. Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Americans have built an empire on the idea of "Race", a FALSEHOOD THAT DAMAGES us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men.. bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to

inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?

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8. Beloved by Toni Morrison

Sethe was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has borne the unthinkable and not gone mad, yet she is still held captive by memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. Meanwhile Sethe's house has long been troubled by the angry, destructive ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved.

[goodreads](#)

9. The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein

The author, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that American cities came to be racially divided through DE FACTO SEGREGATION. That is, through individual prejudices, income differences, or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies.

[epi.org](#)

10. So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Widespread reporting on aspects of white supremacy--from police brutality to the mass incarceration of Black Americans--has put a media spotlight on racism in our society. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. How do you tell your roommate her jokes are racist? Why did your sister-in-law take umbrage when you asked to touch her hair--and how do you make it right? How do you explain white privilege to your white, privileged friend?

[Amazon](#)

11. Me and White Supremacy

Based on the viral Instagram challenge that captivated participants worldwide, *Me and White Supremacy* takes readers on a 28-day journey of how to dismantle the privilege within themselves so that they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of color, and in turn, help other white people do better, too.

[Amazon](#)

12. If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin

Harlem, the black soul of New York City, in the era of Aretha Franklin and Ray Charles. The narrator of Baldwin's novel is Tish nineteen, and pregnant. Her lover Fonny, father of her child, is in jail accused of rape. Flashbacks from their love affair are woven into the compelling struggle of two families to win justice for Fonny. To this love story James Baldwin brings a spare and impassioned intensity, charging it with universal resonance and power. *If Beale Street Could Talk* affirms not only love between a man and a woman, but love of a type that is dealt with only rarely in contemporary fiction.

[Amazon](#)

13. White Rage by Carol Anderson

From the Civil War to our combustible present, acclaimed historian Carol Anderson reframes our continuing conversation about race, chronicling the powerful forces opposed to black progress in America. As Ferguson, Missouri, erupted in August 2014, and media commentators across the ideological spectrum referred to the angry response of African Americans as "black rage," historian Carol Anderson wrote a remarkable op-ed in *The Washington Post* suggesting that this was, instead,

"white rage at work. With so much attention on the flames," she argued, "everyone had ignored the kindling."

[Amazon](#)

14. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X, Alex Haley

Through a life of passion and struggle, Malcolm X became one of the most influential figures of the 20th Century. In this riveting account, he tells of his journey from a prison cell to Mecca, describing his transition from hoodlum to Muslim minister. Here, the man who called himself "the angriest Black man in America" relates how his conversion to true Islam helped him confront his rage and recognize the brotherhood of all mankind.

[goodreads](#)

15. *On The Come Up* by Angie Thomas

Insightful, unflinching, and full of heart, *On the Come Up* is an ode to hip hop from one of the most influential literary voices of a generation. It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; and about how, especially for young black people, freedom of speech isn't always free.

[goodreads](#)

16. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

Set in the deep American South between the wars, it is the tale of Celie, a young black girl born into poverty and segregation. Raped repeatedly by the man she calls 'father', she has two children taken away from her, is separated from her beloved sister Nettie and is trapped into an ugly marriage. But then she meets the glamorous Shug Avery, singer and magic-maker - a woman who has taken charge of her own destiny. Gradually, Celie discovers the power and joy of her own spirit, freeing her from her past and reuniting her with those she loves.

[goodreads](#)

17. *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo

Papi's death uncovers all the painful truths he kept hidden, and the love he divided across an ocean. And now, Camino and Yahaira are both left to grapple with what this new sister means to them, and what it will now take to keep their dreams alive. In a dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love, award-winning and bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives.

[goodreads](#)

18. *I'm Still Here Black Dignity in a World Made For Whiteness*

For readers who have engaged with America's legacy on race through the writing of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Michael Eric Dyson, *I'm Still Here* is an illuminating look at how white, middle-class, Evangelicalism has participated in an era of rising racial hostility, inviting the reader to confront apathy, recognize God's ongoing work in the world, and discover how blackness--if we let it--can save us all.

[Amazon](#)

19. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.

[goodreads](#)

20. *Noughts and Crosses* by Malroie Blackman

The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Until the first steps are taken towards more social equality and a limited number of Noughts are allowed into Cross schools... Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum – a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger...

malorieblackman.co.uk

21. Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

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22. All American Boys by Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely

Rashad and Quinn—one black, one white, both American—face the unspeakable truth that racism and prejudice didn't die after the civil rights movement. There's a future at stake, a future where no one else will have to be absent because of police brutality. They just have to risk everything to change the world.

goodreads

23. Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away.

Amazon

24. My Sister. The Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

When Korede's dinner is interrupted one night by a distress call from her sister, Ayoola, she knows what's expected of her: bleach, rubber gloves, nerves of steel and a strong stomach. This'll be the third boyfriend Ayoola dispatched in, quote, self-defence and the third mess that her lethal little sibling has left Korede to clear away. She should probably go to the police for the good of the menfolk of Nigeria, but she loves her sister and, as they say, family always comes first. Until, that is, Ayoola starts dating the doctor where Korede works as a nurse. Korede's long been in love with him, and isn't prepared to see him wind up with a knife in his back: but to save one would mean sacrificing the other...

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25. BRIT(ish) on Race, Identity, and Belonging by Afua Hirsch

We are a nation in denial about our imperial past and the racism that plagues our present. *Brit(ish)* is Afua Hirsch's personal and provocative exploration of how this came to be – and an urgent call for change.

Amazon

26. Black Feminist Thought by Patricia Hill Collins

In *Black Feminist Thought*, the authors sets out to explore the words and ideas of Black feminist intellectuals and writers, both within the academy and without. Here Collins provides an interpretive framework for the work of such prominent Black feminist thinkers as Angela Davis, bell hooks, Alice Walker, and Audre Lorde. Drawing from fiction, poetry, music and oral history, the result is a superbly crafted and revolutionary book that provided the first synthetic overview of Black feminist thought and its canon.

[Amazon](#)

27. Queenie by Candic Carty Williams

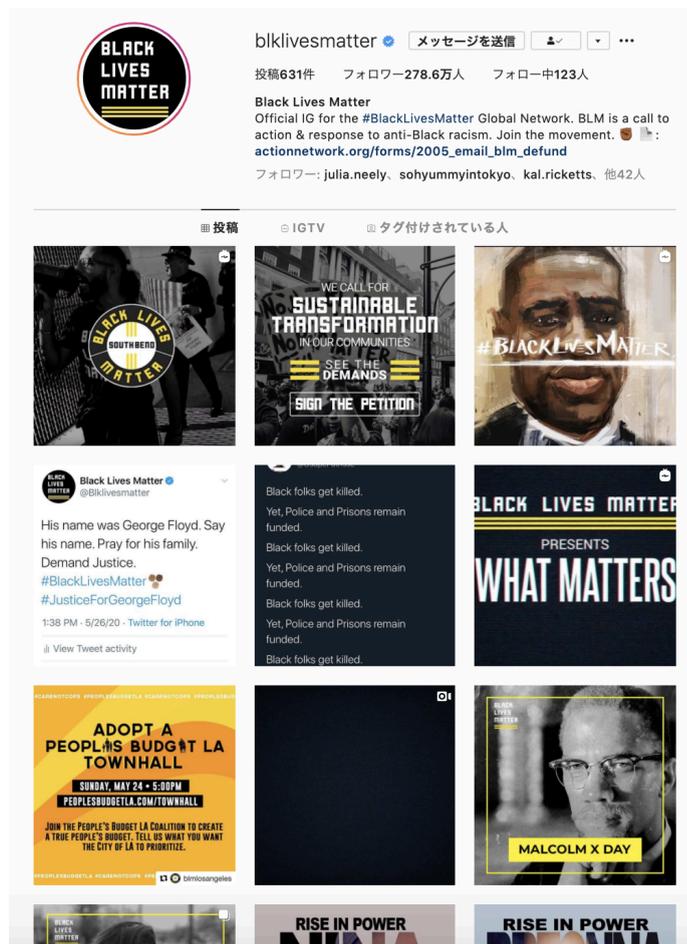
Queenie Jenkins is a 25-year-old Jamaican British woman living in London, straddling two cultures and slotting neatly into neither. She works at a national newspaper, where she's constantly forced to compare herself to her white middle class peers. After a messy break up from her long-term white boyfriend, Queenie seeks comfort in all the wrong places...including several hazardous men who do a good job of occupying brain space and a bad job of affirming self-worth.

[goodreads](#)

Source: <https://www.vogue.co.uk/arts-and-lifestyle/article/black-lives-matter-reading-list>

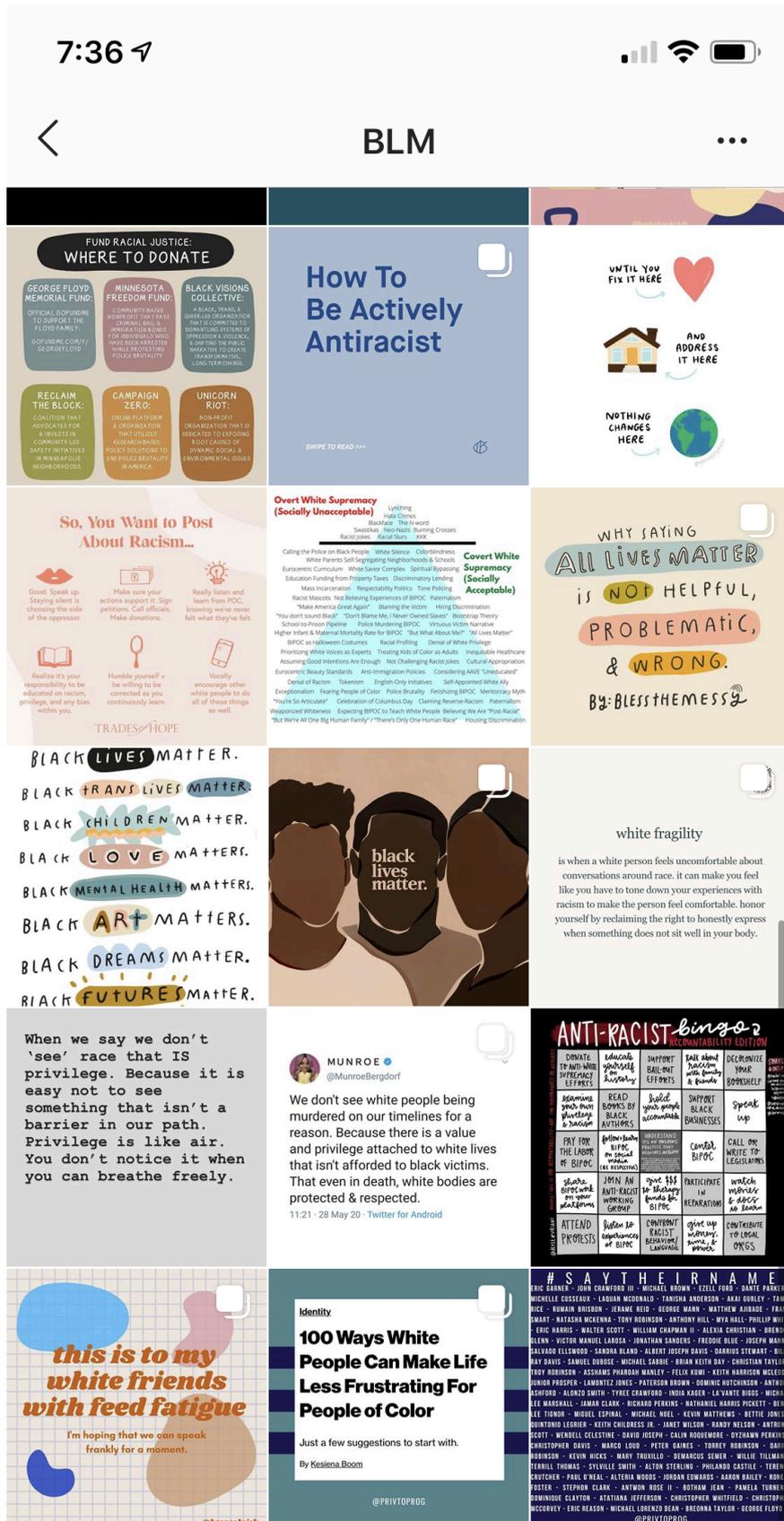
Accounts to follow on instagram for more information

1. @blkivesmatter
2. @colorofchange
3. @NAACP
4. @blackvisionscollective
5. @privtoprog
6. @fridacashflow
7. @showingupforracialjustice
8. @civilrightsgorg
9. @reclaimtheblock
10. @ethelsclub
11. @unitedweddrea,
12. @eji_org
13. @mvmnt4blkives
14. @theconsciouskid
15. @yourrightscamp
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18. @novareidofficial
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20. @dontecolley
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26. @rachel.cargle
27. @laylafsaad
28. @domrobxtrts
29. @thegriefcase
30. @mireillecharper
31. @AOC
32. @janayathefuture
33. @galdemzine
34. @privtoprog
35. @standforhumanity
36. @thedailyshow



Educational Instagram Posts!! (that I found useful!)

These are only some of the posts that helped ME to understand this whole issue. Feel free to ask me if you want these posts and if you have any other educational instagram posts please share it with me!!







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 We stand against racial discrimination. We condemn violence. You, I and we all have the right to be respected. We will stand together.
 #BlackLivesMatter

STAY SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT ACTUALLY MATTER.
WE CANNOT STAY SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT ACTUALLY MATTER.

Activist explains pleas for peaceful protests

Why I am NOT contributing to Blackout Tuesday
 and why you should reconsider

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When people choose to riot, there are a million things in society that are wrong, not just the incident that caused it.

READALONG
 TO EDUCATE & TO SUPPORT
BLACK LIVES MATTER

I've linked some great resources in my story highlights I'd urge you all to check out. Please continue to spread valuable information and protest/donate/read/educate!!! Black lives matter!! Defund the police!!!!

George Floyd
 No Universal Healthcare
 Starvation Wages
 Mass Incarceration
 Long History of Police Brutality
 Lack of Opportunities
 Racist Politicians
 Racist Justice System
 No Reparations
 No Access to Affordable Education

75 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

YOU POSTED A BLACK SQUARE TILE ON YOUR INSTAGRAM. NOW WHAT?

non-monetary support
 Being an ally doesn't stop when we are in a bind financially.

HOW TO DONATE TO BLM WHEN YOU HAVE NO MONEY
 a black woman named zoe amira posted a video on youtube. this video is an hour long and filled with art and music from black creators. It has a ton of ads, and in result will rack up a ton of revenue. 100% of the ad revenue from the video will be dispersed between various btm organizations, including bail-out funds for protesters. It will be split between the following, dependent on necessity

1. brooklyn bail fund
2. minnesota freedom fund
3. atlanta action network
4. columbus freedom fund
5. louisville community bail fund
6. chicago bond
7. black visions collective

As millions of people across the country take to the streets to raise their voices in response to the killing of George Floyd, the ongoing problem of unequal justice, many people have reached out asking how we can sustain momentum to bring about real change. Ultimately, it's going to be up to a new generation of activists to shape strategies that best fit the times. But I believe there are some basic lessons to draw from past efforts that are worth remembering. First, the waves of protests across the country represent a genuine and legitimate frustration over a decades-long failure to reform police practices and the broader criminal justice system in the United States. The overwhelming majority of participants have been peaceful, courageous, responsible, and inspiring.

FAQs
 for those who **DON'T UNDERSTAND ACAB**
 (ALL COPS ARE RACIST/ALL COPS ARE BASTARDS)



Articles to Read

Articles are a short read and will only take a few minutes to read it! These are some of the articles that I found useful to understand the context and gain knowledge on. I'm always open to reading articles as they are an efficient way to understand what's going on:-) PLEASE recommend me good articles to read on so I can further understand this situation!!!

There are many articles that you can read to deepen your knowledge about this issue but this google drive folder includes many informational articles, essays, and texts. Here is the link to access the Black History Month Library:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0Bz011IF2Pu9TUWixVWxybGJ1Ync>

^^ I PERSONALLY FOUND THIS LINK VERY VERY USEFUL!!! PLEASE SHARE IT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!!!

1. [How Black Lives Matter Changed the Way Americans Fight for Freedom](#)
2. [10 Habits of Someone Who Doesn't Know They're Anti-Black](#)
3. [Black Lives Matter: If You're White, Pass The Mic](#)
4. [D.C Man Who Opened Door to Protesters](#)
5. [Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race \(long read\)](#)
6. [100 Ways White People Can Make Life Less](#)
7. [When Police Officers are Told They're in a War, They Act Like It](#)
8. [A Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Explains Why This Time Is Different](#)
9. [3 More Former Cops Charged in the Killing of George Floyd](#)
10. [How Black Lives Matter Evolved](#)
11. [Why You Need to Stop Saying "All Lives Matter"](#)

→ I've linked so many more other articles to read in other sections as well so please read those too:)

40+ Petitions you can sign to make a difference!!

To sign the petition and for more information click the link. It takes less than a minute to sign your name/email address and if you do this through your computer it automatically saves your information so you won't have to keep retyping the same information:) I've taken the basic summary from each petition link so please take the time to read and understand before you just sign your name off!!!Also, DO not donate to change.org

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Category: Individual Victims

1. [The Minneapolis Police Officers to be charged for murder after killing innocent black man](#)
 - a. To stand up to the Minneapolis Police Department as they remained completely unphased by the incident. To no more white privilege and and police privilege
2. [Justice for George Floyd who was murdered by a Minneapolis police officer](#)
 - a. To reach the attention of Mayor Jacob Frey and DA Mike Freeman to beg to have the officers involved in this situation and for charged to be filed immediately
3. [Justice for George Floyd](#)
 - a. Sign the petition addressed to the FBI, The President, The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Mayor Jacob Frey, and Minnesota Attorney general Keith Ellison

4. [Justice for George Floyd](#)
 - a. An open demand to Mayor of Minneapolis Jacob Frey, Hennepin County Attorney Michael O. Freeman, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehensions to arrest, and indict the involved officers involved as follows: Derek Chauvin and Tou Thao
5. [Justice for Breonna Taylor](#)
 - a. Breonna Taylor was an award-winning EMT and model citizen. A division of the Louisville Police Department performed an illegal, unannounced drug raid on her home. Not a single officer announced themselves before ramming down her door and firing 22 shots, shooting Breonna 8 times, killing her. Not only were the police at the wrong house, but the man they were looking for had already been arrested earlier that day.
6. [Julius Jones is innocent. Don't let him be executed by the state of Oklahoma.](#)
 - a. When Julius Jones was 19-years-old, he was convicted of a murder he says he did not commit. I need your help to save his life. Julius has lived on death row for almost 20 years, and is held in solitary confinement for 23 hours a day. He is allowed one hour of sunlight a day, and three showers a week. Every minute we wait to take action, Julius is suffering. Every second that goes by brings Julius closer to being executed for a crime he didn't commit. At the time of the crime for which he was convicted, Julius was a 19-year-old student athlete with a promising future, attending the University of Oklahoma on an academic scholarship. It is clear that Julius' lawyer did not adequately defend him, and that explicit racial bias played a significant role in the process
→ [Justice for Julius](#) (more info with how to help and where to send emails)
7. [Justice for Belly Mujinga](#)
 - a. This petition exists to help find and prosecute the individual who assaulted Belly Mujinga at London Victoria whilst knowingly being infected with COVID-19. This cruel and senseless act of unprovoked violence ultimately likely lead to her death at the hands of this relentless virus and the hospitalisation of her colleague.
8. [Willie Simmons has served 38 years for a \\$9 robbery](#)
 - a. In 1982, Army veteran Willie Simmons, was prosecuted under Alabama's habitual offender law. Mr. Simmons had three prior convictions, one of which was for grand larceny. He told reporter Beth Shellbure the other two were for receiving stolen property. He was convicted of 1st-degree robbery and sentenced to life without parole for stealing \$9. Simmons has spent the last 38 years in prison. This is clearly a case of cruel and unjust punishment.
9. [Justice For Tamir Rice](#)
 - a. More than a year after police shot and killed my 12-year-old cousin Tamir Rice as he played in a park with a toy gun, a grand jury declined to charge the officers who opened fire on Tamir in less than 2 seconds of arriving to the scene. Please sign my petition asking the Department of Justice to launch a

federal investigation into prosecutor McGinty's handling of the grand jury process; and for the killing of 12 year old Tamir Rice.

10. [Justice For Tony McDade](#)

- a. Tony McDade was a transgender black man who got killed by police in Tallahassee. As of right now I haven't seen many people talking about this, but I would really like to get his name out there. It would be very appreciated if you could sign this petition and encourage others to do so as well.

11. [Justice For João Pedro](#)

- a. 14-year-old João Pedro was killed by the Rio de Janeiro police. In 2019 alone, Rio police killed 1,814 people; an all time record. The victims mostly being young black males. João was shot at his home and his body was taken by the Rio de Janeiro police. His family waited 17 hours until receiving news of his whereabouts. They finally found his dead body at a medical examiner's office. The family counted 72 bullet marks on the walls of the house. Cops say João died in a shootout started by criminals. Neighbors say that is a lie.

12. [Disbarment of George E. Barnhill](#)

- a. We are calling for the disbarment of prosecutor George E. Barnhill. We feel his decision to sit on the case of Ahmaud Arbery's murder for three months was out of prejudice/racism and a personal relationship with the murderers. We need to feel like there is JUSTICE in the justice system and not based on racism, prejudice, or personal feelings. Mr. Barnhill displayed a clear case of not being able to disconnect himself from this case and look at the clear cut facts involved.

13. [Fire Racist Criminal Michael J Reynolds from the NYPD](#)

- a. An NYPD officer went to Nashville, TN, for a bachelor's party, and broke into his neighbor's home by kicking in the door, then assaulted them while calling them racial slurs. Because our criminal justice system is profoundly broken, "It ended with Reynolds getting [only] about two weeks in jail and three years probation." To make matters worse, this racist criminal is still employed by the NYPD. There is no reasonable argument for leaving a violent, racist, convicted criminal on the police force, armed with a gun in New York City.

14. [Justice for Regis Korchinski-Paquet](#)

- a. Regis Korchinski-Paquet was murdered by Toronto Police. A call was made for a domestic incident and Toronto police officers were present on the 24th floor in a High Park apartment building to "observe" 29-year old, Regis. Shortly after, she allegedly fell off the balcony. Toronto Police specifically contacted all news channels to not show up and that her death was ruled as a suicide when many eyewitnesses saw Regis being pushed off the balcony. The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) is now conducting an investigation due to the high possibility of police brutality.

15. [Free Anthony Wint](#)

- a. Anthony Wint was never offered a plea bargain and went to trial. Anthony Wint was never identified by any of the victims or witnesses. Anthony Wint did not match DNA samples produced at trial. Anthony Wint's fingerprints were never matched at the scene of the crime. Anthony Wint, up until the onset of his mental illness, maintained his innocence. Only the testimony of Nelson Baptiste convicted Anthony Wint. The state used a government informant who bartered his compliance with the court to gain leniency.
16. [Justice for Alejandro Vargas Martinez](#)
- a. Alejandro is a innocent 15 year old, African American who got shot 7 times while walking to Boone High School, in December of 2018. NO ARREST HAVE BEEN MADE!!! By signing this petition you are raising awareness to help find his killers and make sure they they get what they deserve. Send this petition to your friends and family, send this to your local news, make Alejandro's name heard and most of all bring him justice.
17. [Free Siyanda](#)
- a. Siyanda was 20 years old at the time of her attack and the aggressors are more than twice her age. These attackers claimed that they did not harm her, yet she sustained horrific injuries. The police admitted in court to not having investigated this hate crime against Siyanda. The jury failed to understand the direction of the judge and did not understand the charges Siyanda faced, even though she proved in court she was attacked.
18. [Jennifer Jeffley](#)
- a. Jennifer Jeffley was 15 years old when she was arrested for the murder of Maria Palomina. A murder that she did not commit. Innocent of the crime that she was convicted of, Jennifer has been behind bars more than 20 years serving a life sentence. We are pleading with Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, to free Jennifer.
19. [Justice for Darrius Stewart](#)
- a. 19 year old Darrius Stewart lost his life in 2015 by a police officer In Memphis in a case of mistaken identity. He was completely unarmed. His mother, Mary Stewart, has been trying to file a suit since 2016. Again and again they dismiss the case. On February 10th, 2020 his mother filed another suit against the cop as an individual and we will not let them shut it down again. Sign and demand they recognize this case.
20. [Justice for Amiya Braxton](#)
- a. This petition is being created for my sister Amiya Braxton. On October 4th 2016 Amiya was stepping off of her school bus and was hit and killed by a car. 11 months later my family and I met with the District Attorney John Weddle and Sadie Gardener. Neither of them took the case seriously and it showed because shortly after that my family was informed that Karen Carpenter would not be charged. My family started doing press conferences and still nothing happened. Now it's almost 4 years later and we still have no

justice for Amiya. By signing this petition you will help the family get one step closer to getting justice for her. Thank you and God Bless.

21. [Justice for Dion Johnson](#)

- a. #DionJohnson - Pulled over on the side of the highway to get some rest, (Loop 101 & Tatum) A DPS trooper stopped behind the parked vehicle where he saw a man in the car sleeping. DPS trooper stated there was a “struggle” where he was shot and killed him. #Dion was only 28 yrs old and UNARMED. This happened in Phoenix Arizona May 25 @ 5:30am. The family still has no answers about his death, this is someone’s son, brother, uncle, friend & cousin. Let’s help his friends and family get the JUSTICE they deserve! WHERE IS THE BODY CAMERAS? We want answers !!!!

22. [Justice for Emerald Black](#)

- a. On June 7th, 2019, Emerald Black a pregnant, black woman, and her fiance were pulled over by police officers after coming from a doctors appointment. The reason for being pulled over was for bad registration tags. The officers spoke to Ms. Black's fiance while she stayed in the car. The officers began to order her out of the car. Ms. Black was clearly pregnant and she had let them know that she had just gotten back from a doctors appointment where she was also informed that she was at a high risk for a miscarriage. Despite this, the officers yanked Ms. Black, still in her hospital clothes, and threw her to the ground. They taunted her, piled on top of her, and stomped on her stomach causing her to miscarry. The stomp had also left a shoe mark. Because of the abhorrent attacks done by the police, Ms. Black suffered not only physical, but emotional injuries. She lost her unborn child. That is something that she will have to carry the rest of her life. WE ARE DEMANDING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SAN LEANDRO PD'S TREATMENT OF EMERALD BLACK. Justice must be brought to Ms. Black.

23. [Justice for Crystal Mason](#)

- a. Texas resident Crystal Mason is one of the most recent victims of voter disenfranchisement, a form of voter suppression that affects more than six million Americans. On March 28, 2018, Judge Ruben Gonzalez sentenced Ms. Mason to five years in prison for “voting illegally as a felon on probation,” and more recently turned down Ms. Mason’s bid for a new trial. Ms. Mason has always maintained that she was unaware that her name had been purged from electoral roll and was ineligible to vote in the 2016 presidential election. Ms. Mason and her legal team are working together to appeal the decision to a higher court.

24. [Justice for Tete](#)

- a. We, the people of Portland and/or Oregon, demand that you take immediate action for the safety of the community and for Tete Gulley’s family. Tete Gulley was a 31 year old queer Black transient. She was also known by some of her family as Otis. She was found hanging from a tree on the evening of

May 27th in Rocky Butte Park. The cause of death was determined to be suicide at the scene. Tete's mother was told the autopsy concluded it had been a suicide, but she was not given any paperwork. The Oregon medical examiner has also denied both the OPB and Portland Mercury for a records request, saying there isn't sufficient public interest. This petition is to prove otherwise.

25. [Justice for Sean Reed](#)

- a. Yesterday, excessive use of violence ended the life of a unarmed man by the name of Sean Reed. We, the residents of Indiana, are tired of the lack of discipline not only shown by, but given by and to our officers in these predicaments. I, and all who sign this agree that those officers should be charged with murder, because it fits the definition of the word. A man running from you is not a threat to your life, which is the only reason that a firearm should be drawn. This cannot be allowed to continue, the more senseless deaths caused by police officers on our african american brothers and sisters, the less we can trust any of you. They had no reason to pull their firearm, let alone the fact that they shot this young man several times!

26. [Jail Time for Dylan Mota and Jacob Robles](#)

- a. On Saturday, May 30th, 2020, there were protests on the corner of Mooney and Caldwell. The protests were completely peaceful, and no property or people were damaged. Until, at approximately 3:18pm, two Trump supporters ran over an innocent civilian in a blue jeep. Their names are DYLAN MOTA and JACOB ROBLES. The two men were briefly in police custody, and then let go. These men knowingly and purposely ran over a human being, smiling while doing so, and we have the whole thing on video. These men are a danger to Visalia and our community at large, and we demand justice.

27. [Fire Jared Campbell](#)

- a. Very recently, a video was released of a little kid screaming after getting maced by an officer named Jared Campbell. He is part of the Seattle Police Department and has a badge number of 8470. We must not stand for this. How inhumane is it to mace an innocent child who has the right to speak up? Do you think that children, the future adults of the world, will build a positive relationship with the police if this keeps happening? The fact that he believed a child was so threatening that he needed to use pepper spray is beyond me. When asked for his badge number, since it was covered in black tape, Jared refused to give it out. No one with good intentions would hide their identification.

28. [Justice for Cameron Green](#)

- a. Cameron Green was shot and killed April 21st by correctional officer, Carlton Fidler after being invited to his home by two teenage girls. Fidler covered up the incident after shooting Cameron multiple times claiming Cameron broke into his home. Fidler killed Cameron and he tampered with evidence while portraying Cameron as a home invader. Fidler planted his home items in the

pockets of Cameron to make the allegations of a home invasion true. Cameron was a loving father, son, brother, and friend. He had a two year old daughter and a family to care for. He deserves justice. The police department covered up the murder of Cameron Green. Please sign this petition to help get justice for Cameron. His family deserves peace.

29. [Justice for Young Uwa](#)

- a. Uwa a 22 years old year one student who frequents her local church to study, was raped and bashed In the head with a Fire extinguisher,in her local Church. The security personnel in the church is the main suspect because even hoodlums fear to attack a church not to talk of rape and murder. It is the modus operandi of the Nigerian Police to drag their feet or try to protect the rapist in exchange of some money. A lot of women have been raped over the past one week. Police officers in Nigeria are pretty much figure heads. They mainly function as bodyguard for the rich, political thugs, oppressors etc. This petition is certainly going to put them on the spot.

30. [Let The Grand Jury Decide Not Don Kleine](#)

- a. On May 30, 2020 James Scurlock (22 years old) was shot by Jacob Gardner, while protesting for justice and equality in Omaha, Ne. This young man was killed by Jacob Gardner who owns The Hive & Gatsby's Bar. Today, only 3 days later, the Attorney General, Don Kleine, stated Jacob Gardner doesn't have a CCW, believes this was a "senseless crime" and reiterated that Nebraska law doesn't allow "use of deadly force to protect your property", however, no charges are being filed because "there was consensus among law enforcement that Gardner's actions were justified". The same officers that are being protested against. We, the citizens of Omaha, are demanding the Grand Jury have the opportunity to decide if charges will be filed, not Don Kleine or his office.

31. [Arrest Jennifer Watson of Denver, CO for attempted murder\]](#)

- a. On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Jennifer Watson purposefully tried to run over a peaceful protester during the protests against police brutality and the murder of George Floyd. In this video, Jennifer can be seen purposefully hitting a protester with her car, driving with him on the hood of her car, and then intentionally making an immediate u-turn in a second attempt to deliberately run him over after he was able to get off of her car the first time she hit him. Protesters at the event were able to capture Jennifer's actions on camera.

32. [Justice for Rashad Cunningham](#)

- a. RASHAD CUNNINGHAM who was recently killed by the police in Gary IN in-front of our home while being dropped off after a night out .. There was no “ traffic stop” the car was parked in our parking spot.. the officer drove past, reversed & shined the spotlight on them... INSTANTLY STARTED QUESTIONING THEM, Rashad knew his rights.... he was explaining to the

officer, he is sitting outside of the house, returning home.. NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG the officer questioned them for their IDS (him, his best-friend & my step brother were in the presence) the officer walked up to rashad seen he had a CLEAN/LICENSED TO CARRY HANDGUN in his lap. the officer opened fire on Rashad with no hesitation. Not a chance to give his ID . Didn't even ask my baby did he have a gun license, just shot him in cold blood 5/6 times.. that is OVER KILL.

33. [I want Sandra Bland's case reopened](#)

- a. Sandra Bland was arrested for a traffic stop on July 10, 2015 by Brian Encinia. She was found dead in her cell three days later. Encinia was never indicted, in spite of the fact, that he physically assaulted her her on camera. It was found that the jail did not follow proper protocols in this case. There is a new video that has come to light. It is quite possible that this video was hidden from the grand jury. I would like the case reopened. Please join me.

Category: General

1. [Mandatory Life Sentence for Police Brutality](#)

- a. Far too many times police brutality has got off with just a slap on the wrist while families are left to grieve the loss of a loved one at their hands. The justice system's protection of their own at all cost leaves civilians and especially people of color feeling not protected or served but hunted. It's time to put an end to this gross injustice! This abuse of power has gone on for far too long. As a law abiding citizen who happens to also be a black man. I personally shouldn't have to fear that if I accidentally run a red light that I could end up dead and not make it home to my family. We cannot and will not continue to endure such trauma at the very hands of those who swore to protect and serve. It has happened so many times that it's becoming the norm to see an unarmed black man killed by police and no justice being served. The punishment of losing your job or going on administrative leave for brutally killing someone does not fit the crime. There needs to be criminal charges brought against any officer that believes they have the power to be judge, jury, and executioner on the spot! Even if a crime is committed or someone resist arrest that person still deserves to see their day in court. The only way we can change this narrative is by inflicting a heavy and stern punishment such as life imprisonment for those who choose to abuse their authority as Police and brutally take the lives of those in the community their called to protect and serve.

2. [Make false 911 calls a criminal offense](#)

- a. As seen in the disgusting video posted of Amy Cooper as she called 911 to report a fraudulent crime supposedly committed on her by an African American man, police departments across America have historically been weaponized against People of Color. This behavior will continue until the

perpetrators of these calls are arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Using 911 as a personal hotline to remove / harass/ or arrest PoC for, in many cases, living their lives not only wastes police resources, it puts the lives of minorities in danger. While police are responding to fraudulent crimes, real crimes can go unpunished or unsolved, and the resulting lag in police response can result in the loss of life. When 911 is used to report fraudulent crimes committed by minorities, the offended should be immediately apprehended, jailed, and prosecuted. Only when this behavior is harshly punished will it be curtailed.

3. [RAISE THE DEGREE](#)

- a. Derek M Chauvin is a Minneapolis police officer who killed George Floyd on Memorial day. May 25, 2020. The chokehold he used isn't even LEGAL in MMA, because it can kill someone in MINUTES. He has done this so many times against Latinos, Native Americans, and Black people. In 2008 he shot an unarmed Black man, he was one of the officers that helped MURDER Wayne Reyes, a Latino man, with SIXTEEN bullets. He is guilty. People of color will not be silenced by this system any longer.

4. [National action against police brutality](#)

- a. WE HAVE WITNESSED THE CONFESSIONS OF POLICE THEMSELVES WHO HAVE TESTIFIED THAT THEY WERE MADE TO ISSUE SUMMONSES AND "MAKE ARRESTS WITHOUT CAUSE" AND THE SUBSEQUENT "HARASSMENT" WHICH FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR REFUSAL. WE HAVE HEARD TESTIMONY IN COURT HOW THEY INDEED PLANTED NARCOTICS ON INNOCENT VICTIMS SIMPLY TO MEET THE QUOTA REQUIRED CONCERNING AN ARREST!! YET, THOSE INDIVIDUALS REMAIN INCARCERATED FOR THE CRIME ACCUSED!! (more information on link!!)

5. [We Need KCPD Accountability](#)

- a. Over the last decade we have had numerous instances of the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) killing citizens in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. From December 3, 2019 to March 12, 2020 alone, the KCPD has killed five brown or black people.
- b. Our citizens deserve to have a say in who governs the KCPD, who is killing members of our community. We must get local control over the KCPD! The Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners (KCBOPC) has never included a member that lives east of Troost which, is the area that suffers the most from police violence. The KCBOPC has acknowledged for example, that body cameras for the KCPD, has been left out of the budget entirely. KCPD body cameras is one way to provide accountability amongst KCPD officers.
- c. Kansas City is one of only a few cities still operating under a model that was established in 1939! The governor appoints four seats on the KCBOPC. We have been getting not help from the appointment of any other KCBOPC seats.

6. [Ban the use of inhumane rubber bullets](#)
 - a. Over the past week, there have been nationwide protests in the United States for the Black Lives Matter Movement, police brutality, and due to the tragic death of George Floyd in the hands of the Minneapolis police. There have been various occurrences where peaceful protesters have been shot with rubber bullets by the police, despite them doing nothing wrong to begin with. Multiple people have been majorly injured from these rubber bullets! Rubber bullets can be extremely lethal. They may cause bone fractures, injuries to internal organs, or even death. It's been proven that rubber and plastic bullets are too dangerous for crowd control and have even been banned in various regions including Kosovo and Catalonia.
7. [Ban the use of rubber bullets for crowd control](#)
 - a. Rubber bullets are not safe to be used for crowd control. They are made of a metal core and coated in rubber. It is not safe to be firing them into crowds, and we have seen over the past few days many protestors losing eyes or damaging their faces due to a rubber bullet hitting them. These bullets are supposed to be aimed at the ground, but we cannot trust law enforcement to do that as we have seen. Rubber bullets can seriously injure, and even kill people. The damage they cause to protestors is immense, and the costs are unimaginable. Sign the petition in hopes they will see this petition and call for a ban on rubber bullets. Let our people protest and let our people assemble. Rubber bullets don't protect or control a crowd, they only add unneeded injury to protestors. This isn't "crowd control" when it purposely wounds protestors. These rubber bullets are large too. They are about the size of the palm of your hand. They do not need to be that big, and they do not even need to exist. They generate useless violence, as law enforcement officials are harming protestors in the name of crowd control. **BAN THE USE OF RUBBER BULLETS NOW! STOP LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM HURTING MORE PROTESTS IN THE NAME OF CROWD CONTROL. THEY ARE INHUMANE AND CAN PROVE TO BE LETHAL.**
8. [The Trayvon Martin Law - Stop this from happening again](#)
 - a. Most importantly, it calls for a new law to be made in Trayvon's name. A law that will prevent someone from claiming self-defense after they've done the following: TRAYVON MARTIN LAW includes: 1. Unless you are a member of Law enforcement you are not allowed to chase an unknown person while you're in possession of a concealed weapon unless that person has harmed you or they are attempting to cause bodily harm to you or someone else. Following, chasing or confronting an unknown person who is in an authorized area or public area while you're in possession of a concealed weapon just because you think they're suspicious will waive your right to claim self-defense should said person end up dead. An aggressor carrying a deadly or concealed weapon can't claim self-defense if they follow, chase, or confront

an unknown person who isn't in the act of committing a violent crime towards them or anyone else, and that person ends up dead. If you think said person is suspicious contact law enforcement instead of taking the law into your own hands. (MORE information on link!!)

9. [NYU: Cut Ties with NYPD](#)

- a. We urge NYU to protect its students, a diverse and international community who deserve to feel safe and protected. College is a time where you should be able to find yourself, explore interests and protest for the things you believe in without fear. The NYPD has created a conflict zone in our homes and has taken these rights away from your students. NYU, we hope to see you on the right side of history. Make your students, alumni and faculty proud.

10. [Demand Congress pass the police SHIELD Act](#)

- a. We demand Congress give us that SHIELD: Standards – Establish nationwide equal rules governing all police stops, searches, restraints, questionings and arrests//Humanity – Set universal requirements for all police training, addressing stress management, burnout and psychological bias//Information – Build and maintain public databases of all violent police actions at both the individual and precinct levels.//Enforcement – Create independent elected citizen panels to review local police actions and *give them the power to remove bad cops!*// Leverage – Empower communities to swiftly remove chiefs of police and police commissioners via local recall elections.// Demilitarization – Stop giving the police military-style rifles. Stop giving them tanks. Police are guardians, not warriors.

11. [Denounce the City of Chicago's Treatment of Protesters](#)

- a. We completely denounce the city's escalation against peaceful protesters. We denounce the Governor calling in the national guard to aid Chicago Police in their militarization of these protests. We are calling on Mayor Lightfoot and Governor Pritzker to protect the peaceful protesters' first amendment rights. We are calling on them to 1) stop using teargas and violent crowd control tactics, 2) make concessions on the ongoing police brutality of the CPD, and 3) prosecute police officers who assaulted protesters over the weekend.

12. [Federally Required IAT and Psychological Screenings for Police Officer Employment](#)

- a. Since Chauvin was involved in incidents during his tenure as an officer, a re-screening should be required every 6 months to a year while the officer is employed. Much like how a doctor or lawyer is re-examined on their knowledge to ensure they are fit to practice, an officer should be required to take a re-examination too. These requirements should be federally mandated to ensure that across the country, officers are screened effectively. I appreciate you for taking the time to read this. (MORE information on link!!)

Organisations YOU can Donate Money to RIGHT NOW

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1. [Black Lives Matter](#)
 - a. Enough is enough. Our pain, our cries, and our need to be seen and heard resonate throughout this entire country. We demand acknowledgment and accountability for the devaluation and dehumanization of Black life at the hands of the police. We call for radical, sustainable solutions that affirm the prosperity of Black lives.
2. [blacklivesmattercarrd](#)
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3. [Black Visions Collective](#)
 - a. Vision statement: As an organization dedicated to Black liberation and to collective liberation, we need a radical and ongoing investment in our own healing. By claiming love for our own bodies, our own psyches, our own experiences, and by building the resources we need to integrate healing justice into all that we do, we are insisting on conditions that can carry us towards the next generation of work, and towards a deeper place of freedom for all of us.
4. [Black Lives Matter Global Network](#)
 - a. A chapter-based national organisation working for the validity of Black life. They are working to rebuild the Black liberation movement
5. [National Bail Fund Network](#)
 - a. The National Bail Fund Network is made up of over sixty community bail and bond funds across the country. We regularly update this listing of community bail funds that are freeing people by paying bail/bond and are also fighting to abolish the money bail system and pretrial detention.
6. [Reclaim the Block](#)
 - a. Reclaim the Block began in 2018 and organizes Minneapolis community and city council members to move money from the police department into other areas of the city's budget that truly promote community health and safety. We believe health, safety and resiliency exist without police of any kind. We organize around policies that strengthen community-led safety initiatives and reduce reliance on police departments. We do not believe that increased regulation of or public engagement



with the police will lead to safer communities, as community testimony and documented police conduct suggest otherwise.

7. [NAACP](#)
 - a. Founded by Thurgood Marshall in 1957, the Legal Defense and Education Fund is a nationwide organization that fights for racial justice and investigates police-involved murders. Its [donation page states](#), "Donate today to help us win landmark legal battles, protect voters across the nation, and advance the cause of racial justice, equality, and an inclusive society." If you want to contribute more than one donation, you can opt to donate monthly.
8. [The ACLU And The ACLU Of Minnesota](#)
 - a. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is a nonprofit organization that was born in 1920. According to its website, "The ACLU works in the courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States." Cullors notes that The ACLU and The ACLU of Minnesota are coming together to conduct a fair, transparent investigation following the death of George Floyd. To support the organization's investigation, donate on its website.
9. [Dignity and Power Now](#)
 - a. Started in 2012, the organization fights for the dignity and power of all incarcerated people, their families, and communities. DPN has programs focusing on activism, health and wellness, and leadership building. Help in its fight by donating through Paypal to the organization.
10. [The Okra Project](#)
 - a. collective that seeks to address the global crisis faced by Black Trans people by bringing home cooked, healthy, and culturally specific meals and resources to Black Trans People wherever we can reach them," its website explains. The project runs off of donations to pay Black Trans chefs to cook for Black Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) people, at no charge for them. How can you help in this mission? One session costs 90 dollars, which includes chef's pay and groceries. This breaks down to 18 people could donate five dollars, nine people could donate 10 dollars, six people could donate 15 dollars, three people could donate 30 dollars, or one person could donate 90 dollars. So get a group of friends together and donate to make this possible.
11. [Color of Change](#)
 - a. Color Of Change helps people respond effectively and take action to injustice in the world. "It doesn't cost anything to be a member, but when you donate, you help us take on more winning campaigns, launch more strategic initiatives, and go after the people who are standing in the way of progress — for Black people and all people," the [donation page explains](#). Color Of Change designs campaigns to challenge decision makers and hold them accountable for policies and practices that promote inequality.

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Thank you so much!!