

## Statement on the Brutal Murder of George Floyd and Other Black Lives Taken

As an organization that has worked for all of its history to stop violence, we mourn the tragic, brutal, indefensible murder of George Floyd. Structural racism and police brutality pervade our culture; the pain these abuses cause, and the ways they diminish us as a country are incalculable.

The devaluation of Black lives and the disparate treatment of minorities – in our justice, healthcare, education, economic and other systems – are intolerable, and have gone on for much too long.

George Floyd, of course, is only the latest Black life lost to police brutality. Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Philando Castile, Sandra Bland, Eric Garner are among the many whose names are familiar to us for the worst possible reason – because they were killed by police. There are so many more whose names are carved on tombstones, and across the hearts of those who loved them, yet, whose deaths went unrecorded in every sense -- and did not create headlines, inspire public rage or calls for justice.

There must not be one more.

Nor can we allow the health disparities that take such a disproportionate toll on the Black community, especially now as we grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, to continue. We need to remake our justice system, our health care system, our education system, and our economic system in ways that are equitable, responsive and fair.

This rebuilding demands deep changes in our culture as well, and more and better services to help children recover from the trauma of the violence and bias that are all around them.

For many years, Futures Without Violence has worked to change multiple systems. We know that progress does not come easily, but that it is possible. We need accountability for police officers, prosecutors and judges and we need to root out all those who are biased or abusive. The days when police accountability can be sporadic or lacking altogether are over.

The terrible pain we feel right now is creating an unprecedented, broad-based wave of activism, especially among our young people of color. And activism leads to change. The responsibility belongs to each one of us to be sure that change is swift, meaningful and lasting. As a country, we cannot allow racism, injustice and violence to continue. As people of conscience, we each have a duty to resist and to act. The costs of silence and inaction are a burden we can no longer bear.





### WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Young Women's Freedom
Center

#SayHerName

Justice for Breonna

**Black Lives Matter** 

NAACP

Black Women-Led Girls
Organizations (SF Bay Area)

The Loveland Foundation

Black Mental Wellness

Reclaim the Block

**Ujima Community** 

### **BEING AN ALLY**

Showing up for Racial Justice

If You Are White...

Guide to Allyship

Supporting Black Lives
Matter if Money is Tight

The Best and Worst Ways
to Support The Protests on
Social Media as a Non-Black
Person

Code of Ethics for White Anti-Racists

### TRANS COMMUNITIES

**Black Visions Collective** 

Marsha P. Johnson Institute

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund





## JUSTICE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMPILED BY THE OBAMA FOUNDATION

### **GET INFORMED:**

Learn about police violence and anti-racism in America.

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights—New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing The recommended reforms in this report, which are intended to create accountability and build better relationships between law enforcement and communities of color, stem from President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Equal Justice Initiative—Tragic Death of George Floyd Reveals

Continuing Problem of Police Violence A reflection on the

current state of police reform with recommendations for

progress.

<u>Campaign Zero—Solutions</u> A look at data- and research-informed policy solutions that communities can put in place to end police violence.

Center for Policing Equity—The Science of Justice: Race, Justice, and Police Use of Force This detailed report delves into police administrative data to show disparities in the use of force. You can watch the director of the Center, Phillip Atiba Goff, deliver a TED talk on fighting racism and improving policing here.

The Opportunity Agenda—Promoting Accountability Learn how police accountability works, and the four mechanisms—community-based, political, civil, and criminal—for holding law enforcement accountable.

<u>The National Museum of African American History and Culture—</u>
<u>Talking About Race</u> An online portal to help families, individuals, and communities talk about racism and commit to being antiracist.

### TAKE ACTION:

Take steps and lend support to encourage reform.

Color of Change—Sign a Petition to End Violent Policing
Against Black People

Official George Floyd Memorial Fund—Go Fund Me

<u>Nationwide Bail Fund</u>: Help support bail for protestors in your community.

### **GET ENGAGED:**

Connect with these organizations on the front lines of social justice.

Black Futures Lab

Campaign Zero

**Center for Policing Equity** 

Movement For Black Lives

NAACP Legal Defense Fund

New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP)

# Resources for Learning and Reflection

### **RESOURCES:**

Anti-Racism as Violence Prevention, Futures Without Violence

The Urgency of Intersectionality, TED talk by Kimberlé Crenshaw

14 Black Activists and Authors Providing Crucial Insight Into Racial Justice in the US, Global Citizen

How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X Kendi

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

<u>Essential Readings and Music for all ages</u>, in English and Spanish, from Los Angeles Public Library

Articles, Podcasts, Books, TV & Film from GoodGoodGood

The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: 40 TV Series, Documentaries,
Movies, TED Talks and Books to Add to Your List by Parade.com

**PODCASTS:** (Compiled by UC San Francisco)

1619 (New York Times)

**About Race** 

Code Switch (NPR)

Intersectionality Matters! hosted Crenshaw

Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast

Pod For The Cause (Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights)

Pod Save the People (Crooked Media)

Seeing White

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO FOLLOW:**

25 Anti-Racist Instagram
Accounts for Follow for
Listening, Learning and Taking
Action by Parade.com

(list below compiled by UC San Francisco)

Antiracism Center: Twitter

Audre Lorde Project:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Black Women's Blueprint:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Color Of Change:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Colorlines:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

The Conscious Kid:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Equal Justice Initiative (EJI):

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Families Belong Together:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Justice League NYC:

Twitter | Instagram

Gathering For Justice:

Twitter | Instagram

The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

The Movement For Black Lives (M4BL):

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

MPowerChange:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Muslim Girl:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

NAACP:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

National Domestic Workers Alliance:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

RAICES:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ):

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

SisterSong:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

United We Dream:

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

Zy Bryant, student activist in Charlottesville, VA

Make it Right Project by Kali Holloway, Independent Media Project

### FOR PARENTS RAISING ANTI-RACIST CHILDREN:

### **Books:**

Coretta Scott King Book
Award Winners: books for
children and young adults

31 Children's books to support conversations on race, racism and resistance

### **Podcasts:**

Parenting Forward podcast
episode 'Five Pandemic
Parenting Lessons with Cindy
Wang Brandt'

Fare of the Free Child podcast

Integrated Schools podcast episode "Raising White Kids with Jennifer Harvey"

### **Articles:**

How White Parents Can Talk
To Their Kids About Race |
NPR

Teaching Your Child About
Black History Month | PBS

Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup from Pretty Good

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