

# Let America Be America Again

Langston  
Hughes

Let America Be America Again.

Let it be the  
Let it be the  
Seeking a home

dream it used to be.  
pioneer on the plain  
where he himself is free

AMERICA  
AMERICA

NEVER WAS  
TO ME.

Let America be  
dreamed— Let  
of love / Where  
scheme /

the dream the dreamers  
it be that great strong land  
never kings connive nor tyrants

THAT ANY MAN BE CRUSHED  
BY ONE ABOVE. ♦ # George Floyd ♦ ♦ ♦

IT NEVER WAS AMERICA  
— TO ME.

O let my land be a land where Liberty /  
Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath,  
But opportunity is real, and life is free,  
Equality is in the AIR we BREATHE

THERE'S  
NEVER  
BEEN  
EQUALITY  
FOR ME

NOR FREEDOM  
IN THIS "HOME-  
LAND OF THE  
FREE" ♦ ♦ ♦

Say, who are you  
that mumbles  
in the dark? →

And who are you that  
draws your veil across  
the stars? ♦ ♦ ♦

I am the poor  
white, fooled &  
pushed apart.

I am the negro  
bearing slavery's  
scars. I am the red  
man driven from the land

I am the immigrant  
clutching the hope  
I seek — And  
finding only the  
same old stupid  
plan— of dog eat dog— of mighty crush the weak.

I am the young man, full  
of strength and hope,  
tangled in that ancient  
endless chain of profit, power,  
gain, of grab the land!  
Of grab the gold!

Of grab the ways of satisfying need! Of work the men! Of take  
the pay! Of owning everything for one's own greed!

I am the farmer, bondsman to the soil, I am the  
worker sold to the machine. I am the Negro,  
servant to you all, I am the people —  
humble, hungry, mean —

Hungry yet today  
despite the dream.  
Beaten yet today—  
O, Pioneers! I am  
the man who never  
got ahead, The poor  
Worker bartered through  
the years. ♦ ♦ ♦

Yet I'm the one who  
dreamt our basic  
dream, in the Old  
World while still a  
serf of kings, Who  
dreamt a song so  
strong, so brave, so  
true, That even yet  
its mighty clanging  
sings/In every  
brick and stone,  
in every furrow  
turned That's  
made America  
the land it has  
become. O I'm  
the man who  
sailed those early  
seas In search of  
what I meant to  
be my home —  
for I'm the one who  
left dark Ireland's  
shore, and Poland's  
plain, and England's  
grassy lea, And tom  
from Black Africa's  
strand I came to  
build a "homeland  
of the free."

## THE FREE?

WHO SAID THE FREE  
NOT ME? SURELY  
NOT ME? THE  
MILLIONS ON  
RELIEF TODAY?  
THE MILLIONS  
SHOT DOWN WHILE  
WE STRIKE?

THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE NOTHING  
FOR OUR PAY? FOR ALL THE DREAMS  
WE'VE DREAMED AND ALL THE SONGS  
WE'VE SUNG AND ALL THE HOPES WE'VE  
HELD AND ALL THE FLAGS WE'VE HUNG  
THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE NOTHING FOR  
OUR PAY—EXCEPT THE DREAM THAT'S  
ALMOST DEAD TODAY.

O LET AMERICA BE AMERICA AGAIN  
THAT LAND THAT NEVER HAS BEEN  
YET—AND YET MUST BE—THE LAND

WHERE EVERY MAN IS FREE. THE LAND THAT'S MINE—THE POOR MAN, INDIAN'S, NEGRO'S, ME—WHO MADE AMERICA  
WHOSE SWEAT AND BLOOD, WHOSE FAITH AND PAIN, WHO'S HAND AT THE FOUNDRY WHOSE PLOW IN THE RAIN, MUST BRING  
US BACK OUR DREAM AGAIN. SURE, CALL ME ANY UGLY NAME YOU CHOOSE—THE STEEL OF FREEDOM DOES  
NOT STAIN. FROM THOSE WHO LIVE LIKE LEECHES ON PEOPLE'S LIVES, WE MUST TAKE BACK OUR LAND AGAIN—AMERICA!

O, YES, I SAY IT PLAIN —  
AMERICA NEVER WAS AMERICA TO ME  
AND YET I SWEAR THIS OATH—AMERICA WILL BE!

OUT OF THE RACK AND RUIN OF OUR GANGSTER DEATH, THE RAPE AND ROT OF GRAFT, AND STEALTH, AND LIES  
WE THE PEOPLE MUST REDEEM THE LAND, THE MINES, THE PLANTS, THE RIVERS. THE MOUNTAINS  
AND THE ENDLESS PLAIN—ALL, ALL THE STRETCH OF THESE GREAT GREEN STATES—AND MAKE AMERICA AGAIN!



SANDRA  
BLAND

JONATHAN  
FERR

ERIC  
GAR

AKAI  
GUR

JERRY  
DWIGHT



GEORGE FLOYD



AHMAUD ARBERY



BREONNA  
TAYLOR



TONY MCDADE

PHILAND  
CAST

TRAYVON  
MARTIN

NOT  
ONE  
MORE

FRED  
GRAY

ALTON  
STERLING

ZAHE THOMPSON

TAMIR  
RICE

WALTER  
SCOTT

EMMETT  
TILL

CLIFFORD  
GROVER

JEROME  
REID

SEAN  
BELL

WILL WE WAIT UNTIL  
ALL THESE FILL UP TOO?

(THEY WERE FULL YEARS AGO)

WHAT WILL IT TAKE —  
HOW MANY LIVES WILL IT TAKE

FOR US  
TO WAKE  
UP ???

# WHITE SUPREMACY IS STILL WHITE SUPREMACY

## OVERT

LYNCHING HATE CRIMES  
THE 'N' WORD SWASTIKAS RACIST SLURS  
RACIST JOKES KKK

## OR COVERT

CALLING THE POLICE  
ON BLACK PEOPLE  
NOT ACCEPTING BLACK ANGER  
COLORBLINDNESS  
MAKING IT ABOUT WHITE FEELINGS  
SELF-SEGREGATING  
NEIGHBORHOODS OR  
SCHOOLS - NOT MAKING  
CONSCIOUS EFFORT  
BEING SCARED OF BLACKNESS  
WHITE SAVIOR COMPLEX  
NOT ADDRESSING RACISM IN US  
EDUCATION FUNDING  
FROM PROPERTY TAX  
DISCRIMINATORY /  
PREDATORY LENDING  
MASS INCARCERATION  
RESPECTABILITY POLITICS  
NOT BELIEVING BIPOC  
PATERNALISM · TOKENISM  
"YOU DONT SOUND BLACK"  
"DON'T BLAME ME, I  
DIDN'T \_\_\_\_ (INSERT OVERT  
SUPREMACY HERE)  
"ALL LIVES MATTER"  
DENIAL of WHITE PRIVILEGE  
DENIAL of RACISM  
INEQUITABLE HEALTHCARE  
HOARDING WEALTH —  
ESPECIALLY INHERITED WEALTH  
PRIORITIZING WHITE  
VOICES OR EXPERTISE  
CULTURAL APPROPRIATION  
MERITOCRACY ON WHITE  
TERMS — "BOOTSTRAP" THEORY  
ASSUMING GOOD INTENTIONS  
ARE ENOUGH — NOT SEEING IMPACT  
EURO-CENTRIC BEAUTY STANDARDS  
CLAIMING REVERSE RACISM  
CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY  
EXPECTING BIPOC TO TEACH US  
ENGLISH-ONLY / WHITE ENGLISH ONLY  
"I'M NOT RACIST": "SOME OF MY BEST  
FRIENDS ARE \_\_\_\_" · SELF-APPOINTED ALLY...  
AND SO MUCH MORE .....

**LOOK AT WHITE SUPREMACY.**  
**FIND IT IN OUR STRUCTURES &**  
**SYSTEMS & POLICIES. IN OUR**  
**COMMUNITIES & PRACTICES.**  
♦ IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.  
♦ IN OUR HEARTS. ♦  
♦ ROOT IT OUT. HEAL IT.



"I think America must see that riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. But in the final analysis, a **RIOT IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE UNHEARD**

And what is it that America has failed to hear? It has failed to hear that the plight of the Negro has worsened over the last few years. It has failed to hear that **THE**

**PROMISES OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE HAVE NOT BEEN MET.**

And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice, equality, and humanity. And so, in a real sense, our nation's summers of riots are caused by our nation's winters of delay.

And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE & PROGRESS ARE THE ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OF RIOT PREVENTION**

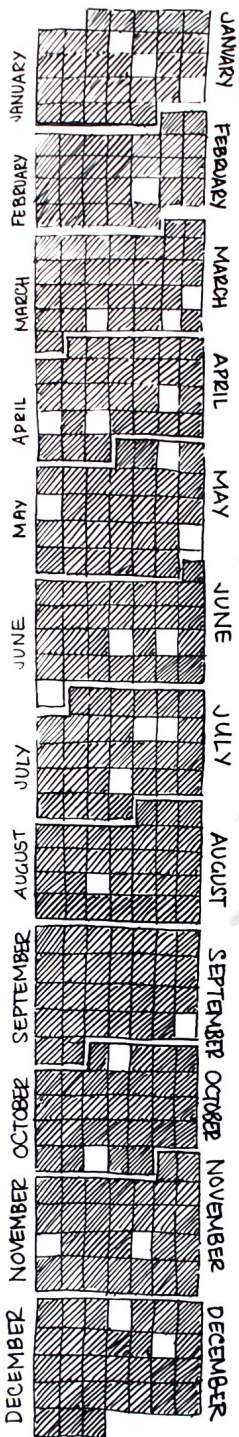
- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

WHITE PEOPLE READING THIS:  
"YOU WILL FEEL LIKE YOUR FOUNDATION IS CRUMBING, YOU WILL WANT TO GRASP ONTO WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN, YOU WILL WANT TO CRAVE TO RUN BACK TO THE COMFORT OF YOUR PRIVILEGE, YOU WILL FEEL HURT, YOU WILL FEEL CONFUSED, YOU WILL FEEL ATTACKED, AND IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL YOU'LL SURVIVE. KEEP GOING. THERE IS WORK TO DO."

- RACHEL CARGLE



2019



mapping police violence

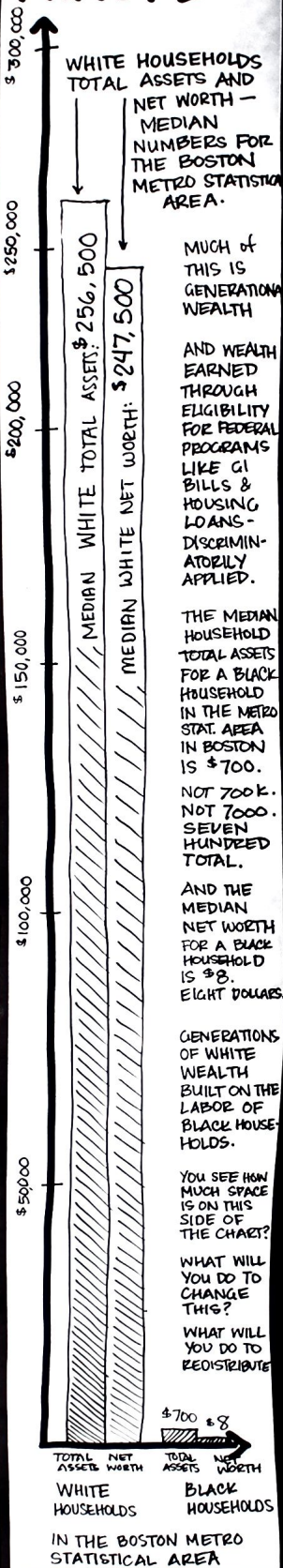
**THERE WERE ONLY 27 DAYS IN ALL OF 2019 WHEN POLICE DIDN'T KILL SOMEONE.**

WHO WAS KILLED ON YOUR BIRTHDAY LAST YEAR??

**BLACK PEOPLE → 3X MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED THAN WHITE PEOPLE.**



# LET'S LOOK AT WEALTH FOR JUST A MINUTE:



**THIS IS ABOUT CAPITALISM & ECONOMIC POLICY, TOO.**

Source: Federal Reserve Bank Boston

IT'S ALSO NOT  
JUST BLACK  
LIVES ONLY-

BLACK HOPE  
MATTER. BLACK  
DREAMS MATTER.  
BLACK STORIES  
MATTER. BLACK  
LUNGS MATTER.  
BLACK GENDER  
IDENTITIES  
MATTER. BLACK  
LOVE MATTERS.  
BLACK HAPPINESS  
MATTERS. BLACK  
MOTHERHOOD  
MATTERS. BLACK  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
MATTER. BLACK  
BIRTHDAYS  
MATTER. BLACK  
ANCESTORS  
MATTER. BLACK  
OPPORTUNITIES  
MATTER. BLACK  
ANGER MATTERS.

BLACK LIBERATION  
MATTERS. BLACK FUN  
MATTERS. BLACK FATHER  
HOOD MATTERS. BLACK  
HOMES MATTER. BLACK  
HUGS MATTER. BLACK  
JOBS MATTER. BLACK  
PRIDE MATTERS. BLACK  
SMILES MATTER. BLACK  
POWER MATTERS. BLACK  
FREEDOM MATTERS.  
BLACK OWNERSHIP  
MATTERS. BLACK FISTS  
MATTER. BLACK LEADER  
SHIP MATTERS. BLACK  
ELDERS MATTER.  
BLACK RELAXATION  
MATTERS. BLACK  
NAPS MATTER. BLACK  
JOY MATTERS. BLACK  
WRITING MATTERS. BLACK  
SOUL MATTERS. BLACK  
WONDER MATTERS.  
BLACK WISDOM MATTERS.

BLACK QUESTIONS MATTER.  
BLACK KNOWLEDGE  
MATTERS. BLACK IDEAS  
MATTER. BLACK CULTURE  
MATTER. BLACK FOOD  
MATTERS. BLACK  
BODIES MATTER.  
BLACK HEARTS  
MATTER. BLACK  
JUSTICE MATTERS.

BLACK MATTERS.  
HOW DO YOU FILL IN THE BLANKS?

BLACK THRIVING MATTERS.  
BLACK STRENGTH MATTERS.  
BLACK LEARNING MATTERS.  
BLACK PERFECTION MATTERS.  
BLACK IMPERFECTION MATTERS.  
BLACK DEPTH MATTERS. BLACK  
TERROR MATTERS. BLACK  
FEAR MATTERS. BLACK  
HANDS MATTER. BLACK  
BABIES MATTER. BLACK  
TASTES MATTER. BLACK  
POETRY MATTERS. BLACK  
POLITICIANS MATTER.  
BLACK TEACHING MATTERS.  
BLACK AUTHORITY MATTERS.  
BLACK RESPECT MATTERS.  
BLACK COMMUNITY MATTERS.  
BLACK AMERICA MATTERS.  
BLACK WOMEN MATTER.  
BLACK MEN MATTER. BLACK  
TRANS & GENDERQUEER  
PEOPLE MATTER. BLACK  
FRIENDSHIP MATTERS.  
BLACK ROMANCE MATTERS.  
BLACK AUTHORS MATTER.  
BLACK ATHLETES MATTER.  
BLACK VISIONS MATTER.  
BLACK IDEAS MATTER.  
BLACK WORK MATTERS. BLACK  
LEISURE MATTERS. BLACK  
IDENTITY MATTERS. BLACK AS  
MATTERS.

BLACK FEELINGS

MATTER. BLACK

VOICES MATTER.

BLACK SONGS

MATTER. BLACK

RAGE MATTERS.

BLACK RELATION

SHIPS MATTER.

BLACK INSTITUTIONS

MATTER.

BLACK-OWNED

ORGANIZATIONS

MATTER. BLACK

LANGUAGE MATTERS.

BLACK HISTORY MATTER.

BLACK ART MATTERS.

BLACK QUEER

BUSINESS MATTERS.

BLACK FAMILIES

MATTER.

BLACK CHILDREN MATTER.

BLACK TEARS MATTER.

BLACK CULTURE

MATTER. BLACK FOOD

MATTERS. BLACK

BODIES MATTER.

BLACK HEARTS

MATTER. BLACK

JUSTICE MATTERS.



**WHITE PEOPLE, ONE MEANINGFUL  
THING WE CAN DO IS DONATE  
TO BLACK-LED  
ORGANIZATIONS  
DOING THE WORK.**

Minnesota Freedom  
Fund:  
<https://minnesotafreedomfund.org>

Black Visions  
Collective  
[www.blackvisionsmn.org](http://www.blackvisionsmn.org)

RECLAIM  
the  
BLOCK

[www.reclaimtheblock.org](http://www.reclaimtheblock.org)


YOUR LOCAL  
BAIL FUND

[massbailfund.org](http://massbailfund.org)  
[phillybailout.com](http://phillybailout.com)  
OR NATIONAL FUNDS:  
[nationalbailout.org](http://nationalbailout.org)  
[brooklynbailfund.org](http://brooklynbailfund.org)  
& many more

TO FAMILIES  
[gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-tony-mcdade](https://gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-tony-mcdade)

[change.org/p/and-beshair-justice-for-breonna-taylor](https://change.org/p/and-beshair-justice-for-breonna-taylor)

EQUAL  
JUSTICE  
INITIATIVE

 [eji.org](http://eji.org)

COLOR  
of  
CHANGE

[colorofchange.org](http://colorofchange.org)

CAMPAIGN  
ZERO

to end police  
violence in America

[joincampaignzero.org](http://joincampaignzero.org)

ACLU:  
[aclu.org](http://aclu.org)

SPLC

[splcenter.org](http://splcenter.org)



BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER

[blacklivesmatter.com](http://blacklivesmatter.com)

[gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-moud](https://gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-moud)

[gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd](https://gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd)  
TO FAMILIES

WHO ELSE  
SHOULD BE  
ON HERE?

**THIS IS OF COURSE  
ONLY A PARTIAL LIST.  
THE IMPORTANT THING IS  
TO DO YOUR RESEARCH AND LISTEN  
TO PEOPLE ON THE GROUND LOCALLY  
DOING THE WORK-TRUST THEIR  
EXPERTISE - IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**

**"Everything we are seeing is the symptom of a larger disease."**

—BRYAN STEVENSON

**RACIST IDEAS ARE NOT THE IMPETUS FOR RACIST POLICIES—THEY ARE A PRODUCT OF THEM.**

**"RACIST POLICIES LEAD TO RACIST IDEAS... When you want to institute a racist policy, you have to make a case for that racist policy. And that case is usually something to demonize a particular racial group. When people resist your racist policy, you typically have to defend that racist policy with racist ideas... I found the cradle as good as gold. Old self-interest—these people have instituted racist policies because it made them money."**

—IBRAHIM X KENDI

**THIS POINTS TO DEEP SYSTEMS OF INJUSTICE: CAPITALISM**



**WHITE SUPREMACY**



**MILITARISM**

*upholds both*



**SO WE NEED NOT JUST NON-RACISM BUT**

**ANTI-RACISM.**

**"FROM WHITE PEOPLE PROTEST ANYTHING WE PROTEST... IS NOT THE HARD THING WE NEED FROM PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THESE ISSUES. WE NEED PEOPLE TO VOTE, WE NEED PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN POLICY REFORM AND POLITICAL REFORM. WE NEED PEOPLE TO NOT TOLERATE THE RHETORIC OF FEAR AND ANGER THAT SO MANY OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS USE TO SUSTAIN POWER. WE NEED THE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS IN THE WORKPLACE TO SHIFT..."**

—BRYAN STEVENSON

**POWER CONCEDES NOTHING WITHOUT A DEMAND. IT NEVER HAS & IT NEVER WILL.**

—FREDERICK DOUGLASS

**COURAGE**

**is the strength to do what is right in the face of fear...**

**WHILE MANY PEOPLE ARE FEARFUL OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF THEY RESIST, I AM FEARFUL OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF I DON'T RESIST.**

**I AM FEARFUL OF COWARDICE.**

**COWARDICE IS THE INABILITY TO AMASS THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE FACE OF FEAR. AND RACIST POWER HAS BEEN TERRORIZING COWARDICE INTO US FOR GENERATIONS.**

—IBRAHIM X KENDI

**AS A MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER WAS CHOKING GEORGE FLOYD TO DEATH, FLOYD CALLED OUT**

**"I CAN'T BREATHE"**

**THAT'S THE SAME CRY THOUSANDS OF KIDS—MOSTLY BLACK & BROWN—YELL OUT EVERY DAY BECAUSE THEY'VE DEVELOPED ASTHMA FROM BREATHING POLLUTED AIR FROM COAL PLANTS & REFINERIES. IT'S THE SAME CRY THAT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF COVID-19 PATIENTS HAVE GASPED OUT AS THEY ARE TRYING TO FIGHT FOR THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE HEALTHCARE THEY NEED... WE ARE FIGHTING FOR A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE HAS BASIC RIGHTS TO CLEAN AIR & WATER, A SAFE HOME AND GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD, & THE HEALTHCARE THEY NEED. EVERYONE DESERVES THE RIGHT TO BREATHE.**

—Vernique Bralovich



If you're tired of hearing about racism imagine how tired people are of experiencing racism!

## OUR ONLY HOPE FOR OUR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

IS A POLITICS OF DEEP SOLIDARITY ROOTED IN LOVE. IN RECENT DAYS WE'VE SEEN WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, ETHNICITIES, GENDERS, AND BACKGROUNDS RISE UP TOGETHER, STANDING IN SOLIDARITY FOR JUSTICE, PROTESTING, MARCHING AND SINGING TOGETHER, EVEN AS SWAT TEAMS AND TANKS ROLL IN. WE'VE SEEN OUR FACE IN ANOTHER AMERICAN MIRROR - THE BEST OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE CAN BECOME ... I'VE GLIMPSED IN A FOGGY MIRROR SCENE OF A BEAUTIFUL COURAGEOUS

NATION STRUGGLING TO BE BORN."

— KEEANGA-YAMAHITA TAYLOR



How will YOU help this nation be born?

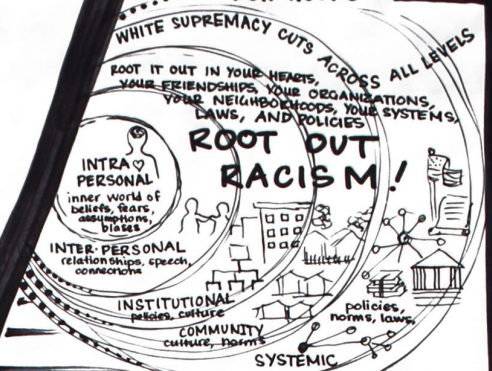
AS I WAS WORKING ON THIS POSTER OUTSIDE AT A PROTEST A LITTLE KID CAME UP TO ME & ASKED IF HE COULD DRAW WITH ME. HE LOOKED ABOUT THREE YEARS OLD AND HAD BROWN SKIN - CURLY HAIR AND THOSE ADORABLE LITTLE-KID JEANS THAT MIMIC ADULT JEANS. AND HE TOOK A SHARPIE & DREW HERE ON THIS LETTER - I'LL ADMIT THAT I GOT A LITTLE PRECIOUS ABOUT THE POSTER LOOKING "NICE" AND WANTED HIM TO DRAW IN THE LINES - SEE "PERFECTIONISM" UNDER "ELEMENTS OF WHITE SUPREMACY CULTURE" AS HE WAS DRAWING AND AS I WAS SITTING THERE TRYING TO CONTROL HIS LITTLE HAND, I STARTED TO WONDER ABOUT ALL THE WAYS HIS BODY WILL BE CONTROLLED BY AND/OR WHITE SUPREMACY IN HIS LIFE - TIME, SLOWLY AND THEN / SO RAPIDLY THIS COUNTRY - WE - WILL TURN HIM INTO A THREAT WHEN HE IS IN KINDERGARTEN AND HAS A BAD DAY, MAYBE SITS ON THE FLOOR & REFUSES TO PUT ON HIS JACKET TO GO TO RECESS. WILL HIS TEACHER GIVE HIM A DETENTION? WILL HE BE LABELLED A DISRUPTION? OR IF HE PUSHES SOMEONE ON THE PLAY GROUND IN FIRST GRADE (AS ALL KIDS DO) WILL SEE HIM AS "OTHER"? OR IF HE STARTS LOVING ART IN SECOND GRADE, WILL THE TEACHERS PRAISE HIS QUIETNESS AND SIGNAL THAT THE LOUD PARTS OF HIM ARE NOT OKAY? IF HE WEARS A HOODIE ON A CRISP DAY WHEN WALKING IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, WILL PEOPLE CALL THE COPS? WHEN HE PLAYS SPORTS WILL PEOPLE SAY HE'S GOOD FOR THAT OR HE'S ONLY GOOD BECAUSE OF HIS RACE? WHEN HE BIKES WILL PEOPLE TRUST THAT IT'S HIS BIKE OR WILL HE HAVE TO WORRY THEY'LL HE STOLE IT? WILL HE EVER BE ABLE TO DRIVE OR NAP IN HIS CAR WITHOUT FEAR THAT POLICE STATE WILL POUNCE MORE TO TELL HIM HE CAN JUST BREATHE EASY? WHEN HE HAS HIS OWN DAUGHTERS WILL HE HAVE TO WALK WITH THEM TO SHOW HE IS NOT A THREAT? WILL BIRD WATCHING EVER JUST BE PEACEFUL FOR HIM, AN ACT OF DEEP RELAXATION? THIS CHILD IS THREE AND ALREADY HE IS BEING SEEN AS A THREAT. HE DESERVES TO BE FREE. WHAT TO LET HIM BLACK AND GROW UP WILL IT TAKE AND ALL THE OTHER BROWN CHILDREN OF THIS COUNTRY - AND EVERY BLACK BROWN PERSON - TO BE FREE.

"JUSTICE IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE IN PUBLIC" - PROFESSOR CORNELL WEST

SO DO WE CHOOSE LOVE?



"THERE MUST EXIST A PARADIGM, A PRACTICAL MODEL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE THAT INCLUDES AN UNDERSTANDING OF WAYS TO TRANSFORM CONSCIOUSNESS THAT ARE LINKED TO WAYS TO TRANSFORM SOCIAL STRUCTURES" - bell hooks -



DEFUNDING the POLICE IS ABOUT HAVING A BETTER THEORY OF CHANGE ABOUT HOW PUBLIC SAFETY HAPPENS

IT HAS BEEN A STRATEGY OF CITIES ACROSS THIS COUNTRY THAT HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO NOT INVESTING IN THE CIVIC AND PUBLIC SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE - SO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLIC HOSPITALS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES - ALL OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE A CITY FUNCTION. THOSE HAVE BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY DEFUNDED, INCREASINGLY PRIVATIZED, AND THE WAY THAT CITIES MANAGE THE INEVITABLE CRISES THAT ARISE FROM THAT, WHEN COMBINED WITH UNEMPLOYMENT, WHEN COMBINED WITH POVERTY, WHEN COMBINED WITH EVICTIONS [AND CLIMATE INJUSTICE OF HEALTH ISSUES CAUSED BY POLLUTION STREAMED BY CORPORATIONS] AND ALL OF THE INSECURITIES THAT WE SEE WRACKING CITIES ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, THE POLICE ARE CALLED IN TO MANAGE THAT CRISIS."

— KEEANGA-YAMAHITA TAYLOR



## IMAGINE THIS:

- FREEDOM ... POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY
- FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE
- AN END TO ROBBERY BY CAPITALISTS OF OUR BLACK & OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES
- DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR SHELTER BY HUMAN BEINGS
- EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT DAY SOCIETY.
- ALL BLACK MEN TO BE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE
- AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE.
- FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK MEN HELD IN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY PRISONS AND JAILS
- ALL BLACK PEOPLE WHEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL TO BE TRIED IN A COURT BY A JURY OF THEIR PEER GROUP OR PEOPLE FROM THEIR BLACK COMMUNITIES, AS DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES
- LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE AND PEACE
- COMPLETELY FREE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL BLACK & OPPRESSED PEOPLE

## SOUND GOOD to YOU?

THAT'S THE PLATFORM OF the BLACK PANTHER PARTY. IF THAT SURPRISES YOU, TIME TO LEARN REAL HISTORY! (UNLEARN & RELEARN)

MAYBE IT TAKES COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES.



HERE IS AN (INCOMPLETE)  
LIST OF BOOKS FOR  
WHITE PEOPLE WHO  
WANT TO UNLEARN  
RACISM &  
LEARN TO  
ENGAGE IN  
NEW WAYS:

HOW TO  
BE AN  
ANTIRACIST  
IBRAM X.  
KENDI

WHITE  
FRAGILITY

WHY IT'S SO  
HARD FOR  
WHITE PEOPLE  
TO TALK ABOUT  
RACISM

ROBIN DIANGELO

Just  
Mercy  
A STORY OF  
JUSTICE & REDEMPTION  
Bryan  
Stevenson

me  
and  
white  
supremacy  
Combat racism, change the  
world, and become a good  
white person  
LAYLA F. SAAD

A BLACK  
WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
OF THE  
UNITED  
STATES  
Daina Ramey Berry &  
Kali Nicole Gross

THE  
HISTORY OF  
WHITE PEOPLE  
PAINTER

THE  
COLLECTED  
POETRY OF  
NIKKI  
GIOVANNI



JAMES BALDWIN  
THE FIRE NEXT TIME

ALSO:  
I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO  
NOTES OF A NATIVE SON  
& MORE

THE  
FIRE  
THIS  
TIME  
JAMES M. WARD

KILLING  
THE  
BLACK  
BODY  
DOROTHY ROBERTS

THE  
NEW  
JIM  
CROW  
MICHELLE ALEXANDER

So you  
want  
to talk  
about  
race

SOME GOOD  
INSTAGRAM  
ACCOUNTS TOO

@ibramxk  
@lunvie  
@mspackyem  
@rachel.cargle  
@ejl.org  
@the.conscious.kid  
@drcarl.turner  
& more.

AIN'T I  
A WOMAN



AUDRE  
LORE

ANGELA  
DAVIS  
WOMEN  
AGE  
SS

SISTER  
OUTSIDER

PLUS SO MANY  
MORE THAT DESERVE  
TO BE ON HERE - GO  
FIND THEM & READ!

BOOK CLUBS &  
RE-EDUCATION ARE  
AN AWESOME PLACE  
TO START, AND ANTI-  
RACISM IS NOT JUST  
A BOOK CLUB FOR US.

ANTI-RACISM  
WORK IS NOT  
SELF-IMPROVEMENT  
WORK FOR WHITE  
PEOPLE ...

IT DOESN'T END  
WHEN WHITE PEOPLE  
"FEEL BETTER"  
IT ENDS WHEN  
BLACK PEOPLE ARE  
LIBERATED!

— RACHEL CARGLE  
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"One must not underestimate the deeply embedded fear of the black man so prevalent in white society. Whites know only too well what exactly must have been done to blacks - and rightly that man is the black man to be angry - hence they blame themselves to receive a reward of due rage rather than to dispel it with open-mindedness and fair play. This interaction between fear and reaction then sets on a vicious cycle that multiplies both the fear and the racism." - Steve Biko

IN A RACIST SOCIETY, IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO BE NON-RACIST. WE HAVE TO

# BE ANTI-RACIST - ANGELA DAVIS

AND: "IF YOU'RE ANTI-RACIST, WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, YOU MUST BE ANTI-CAPITALIST. THE POWER FOR RACISM, THE POWER FOR SEXISM, COMES FROM CAPITALISM, NOT AN ATTITUDE." KIMBER TUBE

- Working for Peace
- Working for Justice
- are always connected,
- as are all people and the
- natural world we share.

(A Nice White Lady came up and wrote her own message on the poster. White ladies - we have such good intentions and we still need to ask. And even though I am a white lady myself, I felt disoriented. I felt awkward adding no please don't write on it please just read for now. THIS, MY FRIENDS, IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHITE FRAGILITY - THE EXPECTATION OF WHITE SOLIDARITY THAT WHITE PEOPLE WON'T CALL EACH OTHER OUT ON STUFF AND INSTEAD JUST LET OTHER WHITE PEOPLE "DO THEIR THING"... SO LET'S LEARN ABOUT

## WHITE FRAGILITY!

THESE PATTERNS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF WHITE FRAGILITY [WHICH IS WHITE PEOPLE'S DISCOMFORT, AVOIDANCE, AND LACK OF "MUSCLE" TO TALK ABOUT RACISM]:

- PREFERENCE FOR RACIAL SEGREGATION & LACK OF A LOSS SENSE ABOUT SEGREGATION
- LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT RACISM IS
- SEEING OURSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS
- FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND OUR GROUP'S HISTORY COMES WITH US
- ASSUMING EVERYONE IS HAVING OR CAN HAVE OUR EXPERIENCE
- UNWILLINGNESS TO LISTEN IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE
- EXPECTATION OF COMFORT
- DISMISSING WHAT WE DON'T GET
- WANTING TO JUMP TO SOLUTIONS
- CONFUSING DISAGREEMENT WITH NOT UNDERSTANDING
- THINKING WE KNOW BEST
- NOT MAKING OTHER WHITES UNCOMFORTABLE RE: RACISM - WHITE SOLIDARITY
- FOCUS ON INTENTIONS > IMPACT
- GUILT THAT PARALYZES OR ALLOWS INACTION
- WHITE RACIAL INNOCENCE
- MERITOCRACY
- DESIRE TO SIMPLIFY OR SUMMARIZE
- INABILITY TO TAKE FEEDBACK
- FRAMING EVERYTHING AS PER-FORMANCE > OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

## & ELEMENTS OF WHITE SUPREMACY CULTURE

dismantling racism.org

- PERFECTIONISM
- SENSE OF URGENCY
- DEFENSIVENESS (over learning/growing)
- VALUING QUANTITY OVER QUALITY
- WORSHIP OF THE WRITTEN WORD
- BELIEF IN ONLY ONE RIGHT WAY
- PATERNALISM
- EITHER/OR THINKING
- POWER HOARDING
- FEAR OF OPEN CONFLICT
- INDIVIDUALISM
- BELIEF THAT "I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO THIS RIGHT" (probably A - my thinking is more right than any other)
- THE BELIEF THAT PROGRESS IS BIGGER & MORE
- BELIEF IN OBJECTIVITY
- CLAIMING A RIGHT TO COMFORT

IT'S AMAZING TO SEE THESE! IF THERE IS GUILT OR SHAME OR DEFENSIVENESS IN READING THAT IS IT! THAT IS WHITE FRAGILITY. GOOD TO FIND IT & NOW YOU CAN KNOW WHERE TO START. ASK YOURSELF - WHAT IS AT RISK IF THESE ARE TH HAPPY LEARNING! ♥

"When we identify where our privilege intersects with someone else's oppression, we'll find our opportunities to make real change." Ijeoma Oluo

## LET'S GO!

White Fragility excerpts from the book, White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo.

The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say we will never forgive you.

"OUR LOYALTIES MUST TRANSCEND OUR RACE, OUR CLASS, AND OUR TRIBE. WE MUST DEVELOP A WORLD PERSPECTIVE"  
-JAGUI PATTERSON, NAACP

- GRETA THUNBERG

OSPREY ORIELLE LAKE

"WE NEED TO EXAMINE THE ROOT CAUSES... AND CARRY OUT DEEP SYSTEMIC ANALYSIS AROUND RACISM, SEXISM, AND OUR ECONOMY OF CONSUMPTION AS WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THE PLANETARY CRISIS WE FACE"

# I CAN'T BREATHE

## IS ABOUT A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN GEORGE FLOYD

LET'S LOOK at CORONAVIRUS.



HOUSING DISCRIMINATION CAUSES GENERATIONAL WEALTH GAPS, RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION...

EDUCATION FUNDING IS BASED ON PROPERTY TAX & SO SCHOOLS IN BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SYSTEMICALLY UNDERFUND & UNDER RESOURCED...



WORSE ACCESS TO EDUCATION MEANS INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF BEING A FRONTLINE WORKER...



FRONTLINE WORKERS HAVE MORE EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE INFECTED...

DISCRIMINATION, SEGREGATION, BODY TRAUMA & UNDERLYING CONDITIONS INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF DEATH RATHER THAN RECOVERY  
SO DESPITE BEING ONLY 11% OF POPULATION



BLACK PEOPLE ON LONG ISLAND WERE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE TO DIE OF THE CORONAVIRUS (EASES EVIDENCE NYC)

## WHY DOES MY SKIN GIVE ME MORE RIGHT TO BREATHE?

PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE EXPOSED TO NEARLY 40% MORE HARMFUL AIRBORNE TOXINS THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS. APPROX. 2/3 OF THE 5.7 MILLION CHILDREN LIVING WITHIN ONE MILE OF A HIGH RISK CHEMICAL FACILITY ARE FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.



BLACK STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED 3X MORE THAN WHITE STUDENTS (WHILE BEING 16% OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL POPULATION THEY ARE 42% OF SUSPENSIONS) KID LEARN ABOUT THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE & SYSTEMIC DE-RESOURCING OF BLACK SCHOOLS

## RACISM IN SCHOOLS

1.7 MILLION

STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOLS WITH COPS BUT NO COUNSELORS

COPS BUT NO SOCIAL WORKERS?

10 MILLION

6 MILLION

COPS BUT NO PSYCHOLOGISTS

3 MILLION

WITH COPS & NO NURSES

→ THIS IS A CITY BUDGETING ISSUE ←



## EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE

SOURCE: ILLUS DEPT OF ED



# VISION for BLACK LIVES POLICY PLATFORM

BLACK HUMANITY AND BLACK DIGNITY REQUIRES BLACK POLITICAL WILL AND POWER. DESPITE CONSTANT EXPLOITATION AND PERPETUAL OPPRESSION, BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AND BRILLIANTLY BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE PUSHING THE U.S. TOWARDS THE IDEALS IT ARTICULATED BUT HAS NEVER ACHIEVED. IN RECENT YEARS M4BL HAVE TAKEN TO THE STREETS, LAUNCHED MASSIVE CAMPAIGNS, AND IMPACTED CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND POLITICS, BUT OUR ELECTED LEADERS HAVE FAILED TO ADDRESS THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS OF OUR MOVEMENT. WE CAN NO LONGER WAIT. ... THIS AGENDA CONTINUES THE LEGACY OF OUR ANCESTORS WHO PUSHED FOR REPARATIONS, BLACK SELF-DETERMINATION AND COMMUNITY CONTROL, AND ALSO PROPELS NEW ITERATIONS OF MOVEMENTS SUCH AS EFFORTS FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE, HOLISTIC HEALING AND RECONCILIATION, AND ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK CIS, QUEER & TRANS PEOPLE. — M4BL.ORG

## WE DEMAND:

END THE WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE

REPARATIONS FOR PAST & CONTINUING HARM

DIVESTMENT FROM POLICE, INVESTMENT IN BLACK COMMUNITIES

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

COMMUNITY CONTROL

INDEPENDENT BLACK POLITICAL POWER & BLACK SELF-DETERMINATION

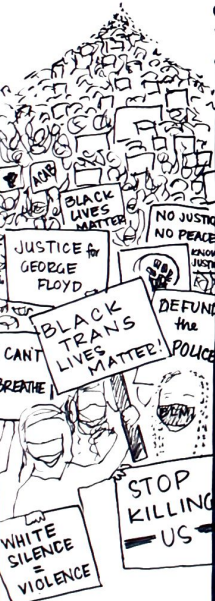
RESPECT the PROTESTORS

IMMEDIATE COVID RELIEF

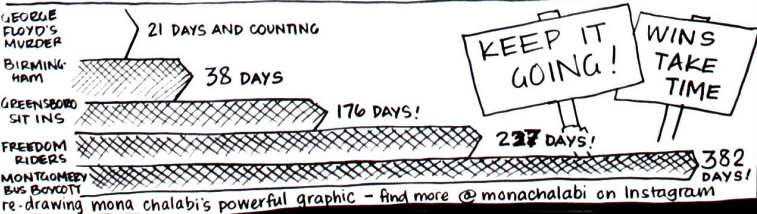
Learn more and find local calls to action at [m4bl.org](http://m4bl.org) and your local Black Lives Matter chapter

**JUSTICE IS NOT A NATURAL PART OF THE LIFECYCLE OF THE US, NOR IS IT A PRODUCT OF EVOLUTION; IT IS ALWAYS THE OUTCOME OF STRUGGLE**

— KEEYANGA-YAMAMTTA TAYLOR



## DURATION OF PROTESTS THAT CREATE REAL CHANGE:



re-drawing mona chalabi's powerful graphic - find more @monachalabi on Instagram

When your childrens  
children ask you what  
you did during this historic  
moment, what do you want  
to be able to tell them?

THERE IS SO  
MUCH MORE TO  
BE SAID. AND  
THERE ARE SO  
MANY VOICES  
WHO HAVE BEEN  
SILENCED FOR  
SO LONG. I  
LEAVE THESE  
EMPTY SPACES  
IN THEIR HONOR.

IN MEMORIAM OF THE  
ADDITIONAL BLACK  
LIVES THAT WERE STOLEN  
DURING THE TIME IT TOOK ME  
TO DEAN  
**REST in ALL THIS POWER**  
THE KILLINGS  
MUST STOP.

DAVID  
MCATEE

ROBERT  
FULLER

MALCOLM  
HARSH

OLUWATOYIN  
SALAU

RAYSHARD  
BROOKS

DOMINIQUE  
"REM'MIE"  
FELLS

RIAH  
MILTON

SO THE QUESTION  
IS NOW...

WHAT WILL  
YOU DO  
IN YOUR  
SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE?

THE BIG  
CHALLENGE OF  
OUR TIME IS TO  
MAKE SURE THAT  
WHEN OUR  
HEARTS  
BREAK,

WE STAY OPEN &  
CONNECTED & CURIOUS  
RATHER THAN COMING  
UP WITH STORIES TO  
JUSTIFY OURSELVES  
BEING VIOLENT TO  
THOSE WE HAVE  
OTHERED" - Jom Bar

THOUGH OUR HEARTS  
MAY BE BREAKING  
OVER 400 YEARS TOO  
LATE, LET THEM BREAK.  
LET OUR HEARTS HURT  
WITH THE PAIN WE HAVE  
SO SUCCESSFULLY NUMBED  
THEM TO. LET OUR HEARTS  
TEAR AND WEEP. LET OUR  
HEARTS BE CONFUSED &  
UNCOMFORTABLE & OTHER  
TO US. AND LET THAT WOULD  
BE WHERE THE LIGHT COME  
IN. LET THAT WOUND SPUR  
US TO COLLECTIVE ACTION,  
TO DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS,  
TO POLICY CHANGE, TO A NEW  
WAY. LET'S JOIN THIS CHANCE  
AND FINALLY- SOMEDAY -  
FIND A PLACE OF INTEGRITY  
IN A NEW AMERICA TRANS LIVES NOW

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please check out the original - in jordan

