

## Who's Next? Structural Racism and Police Violence in the United States of America

We all watched the 8 minutes and 15 seconds of a white man kneeling on the neck of George Floyd as he, and now witnesses of a murder, begged him to stop.

### Everyone's cries went unanswered

After the pure horror of the trauma, [26 million people responded by taking to the streets](#), no longer begging, but demanding "no more"

Risking their lives during one of the [worst respiratory pandemics](#) in world history to march against police violence; the murder of Afrikans in the streets; and the systems that allow it.

Rubber and metal bullets flying, human beings on both sides suffering [great bodily harm](#), [including death](#), [sacrificing life](#) to sustain the charge for equality

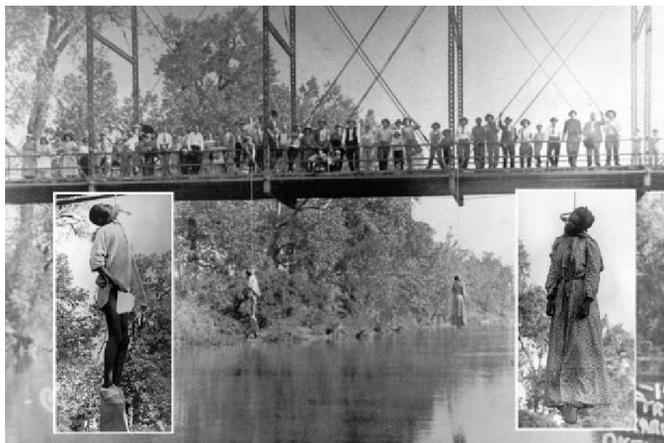
Our country speaks of wanting to crush the anti-fascism groups because they ignore the calls for peace and continue to tear down statues, burn buildings, and break windows to [end racist idolization](#) and the thought that only the rich have power.

### Free all political prisoners. The forensics [absolve Assata](#)

Historically this is our issue. This has been happening to us since we were snatched and sold from our homes in Afrika. George Floyd is not an anomaly because we had LaQuan McDonald before George, just like we had Rekia before Sandra, before Korryn, before Atatiana, Bettie and Breonna.

No longer do we question if it will happen again. Our need to know is how many months the family has been fighting for justice; is there video; and will it ever end

The history behind the mass killings of Afrikan people is well documented. We have paper



clippings, photographs, and postcards of lynchings and yet the USA cannot pass an Anti-lynching Act

### Let Us Breathe

We were told [We Cannot Charge Genocide](#) because genocide does not and did not happen to Afrikan people trafficked to the Americas, the Caribbean and beyond

The Afrikan diaspora is simply systematically killed with no repercussions. This disturbance of the white psyche believes we are not equals, so why should we be treated as such.

### **Mother Africa has no equal**

Those who pretend things are different know the truth: our Courts have not strayed far from the jurors chosen to avenge [the murder of Emmett Till](#), and the Devils still lie.

### **Mike Brown was murdered**

There are those who believe our dignity as human beings can be challenged simply by tossing a banana our way. The entire world has been indoctrinated into believing that Afrikans are less intelligent and unworthy of dignity. We carry this burden within us. We walk through life so emotionally drained that our [babies' low birth rates are manifestations of the ravages of racism that attack our bodies](#)

Grieving for the loved ones taken from us during a violent state sanctioned act is not the only time our soul bleeds. It flows when our bodies are raped and beaten, and our minds, so traumatized, we commit [suicide](#) by [fratricide](#)

The American government has allowed [Afrikan people to be murdered on the streets](#) while assuring it [will not protect safe retreat in our homes](#). We have been psychologically harassed to a point where the new question is whether we agree to define genocide as a persistent attack on the collective peace of mind of a people

### **Legal Standing...**



### **Recommendations**

Acknowledge the Genocide of African people and convene the Genocide Convention

Acknowledge America is a Neo-Nazi State

Acknowledge that the Americas and European wealth was made on the backs of Africans and their descendants

Begin reparation discussions during the Decade of People of African descent

Demand monthly mandatory reporting under the Deaths In Custody Act and mandatory reporting from individual States

Demand the US pass the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act



## Resources

[Rate of civilians killed by police annually in selected countries as of 2019](#) (per 10,000,000 residents). Statista.com

The Lynching of Laura and L.D. Nelson, [Original Lynching Postcard](#). Baker Artists Portfolio, Program of GBCA

[A Single Photo from Baton Rouge that's Hard to Forget](#), The Atlantic, Reporters Notebook, Jonathan Bachman, Reuters