

# Black Lives Matter

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# The Black Lives Matter Movement

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the murder of Trayvon Martin. It has since grown and is making more of an impact since George Floyd passed at the hands of a racist police officer. People around the world are protesting for fair rights for citizens of black descent.



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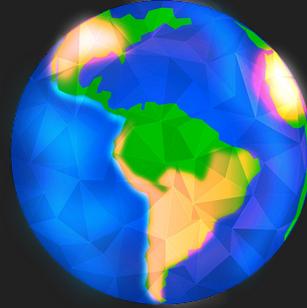
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# #BLM around the Globe



Calgary



Australia



St. Lucia

# George Floyd's Story

On May 25, 2020, Floyd was killed in Minnesota during an arrest for allegedly using a counterfeit bill. The arresting officer, a white man, knelt on Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and lying face down on the ground. During those nine minutes, Floyd was begging the officer to get off him. Floyd kept saying "I can't breathe". Two other officers helped to further restrain Floyd while a fourth prevented witnesses from helping. During the last three minutes of this nine minute event, Floyd had stopped moving and had no pulse. The arresting officer did not take his knee off Floyd's neck until response medics told him to. George Floyd died because of racial injustice.



# Further Racial Injustice...



Breanna Taylor



Ahmaud Arbery

# Peaceful Protests - Martin Luther King Jr.



# Peaceful Protests - Viola Desmond



# Benjamin to the Rescue...

## Political Changes

- Every applicant to the Police Academy should have a lie-detector test to determine if they racially profile. If they do, they would **not** be allowed to join the Police Force.
- Every officer currently on the force should have a mandatory 2 year lie-detector test, to determine where they stand on racism; people's opinions could change after dealing with the public. If opinions change, they would be **removed** from the force.

## Personal Changes

- Talk to my friends about racism and try to help them understand that we are all equal despite the color of our skin.
- Defend my sisters and myself from those who racially profile us by trying to educate them.
- Continue to be proud of my heritage and family decent.

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