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# Ode To The Non-Peaceful Protester

**Anta**

I was born a disturbance.

And for as far as I can remember I disturb shit.

I'm non-compliant, for I come from a non-compliant line of people.

So whenever I can, I show up for my people, that's a thing I do.

The working-class kids, the immigrants, the undocumented, the workers, the lesbians, the gays, the trans people, the refugees, the sex workers, the stateless, the prisoners, the unhoused, the Muslims & the Jews.

I protest the wars, the benefits cuts, the borders, the state, the police, the Negrophobia, the killings of our babies (*Zyed et Bouna on vous oublie pas*), the femicides, the homophobia, the transphobia, the whorephobia, the islamophobia, the antisemitism, and all 50 shades of fascism. (*Sebastien Deyzieu, mais pas des ailes!*)

I demand justice, I demand peace, I demand all the rights, all the money, all the means of production, all the housing, all the freedom of movement, freedom of being, freedom of faith, sexual orientation and identity and sovereignty for the people, and death to the necro-state and the 12.

I was shouted at, I was gassed, I was threatened, I was bruised,

I was shot at, I was humiliated, I was arrested, I was put into cuffs, and my picture taken, and searched, and questioned.

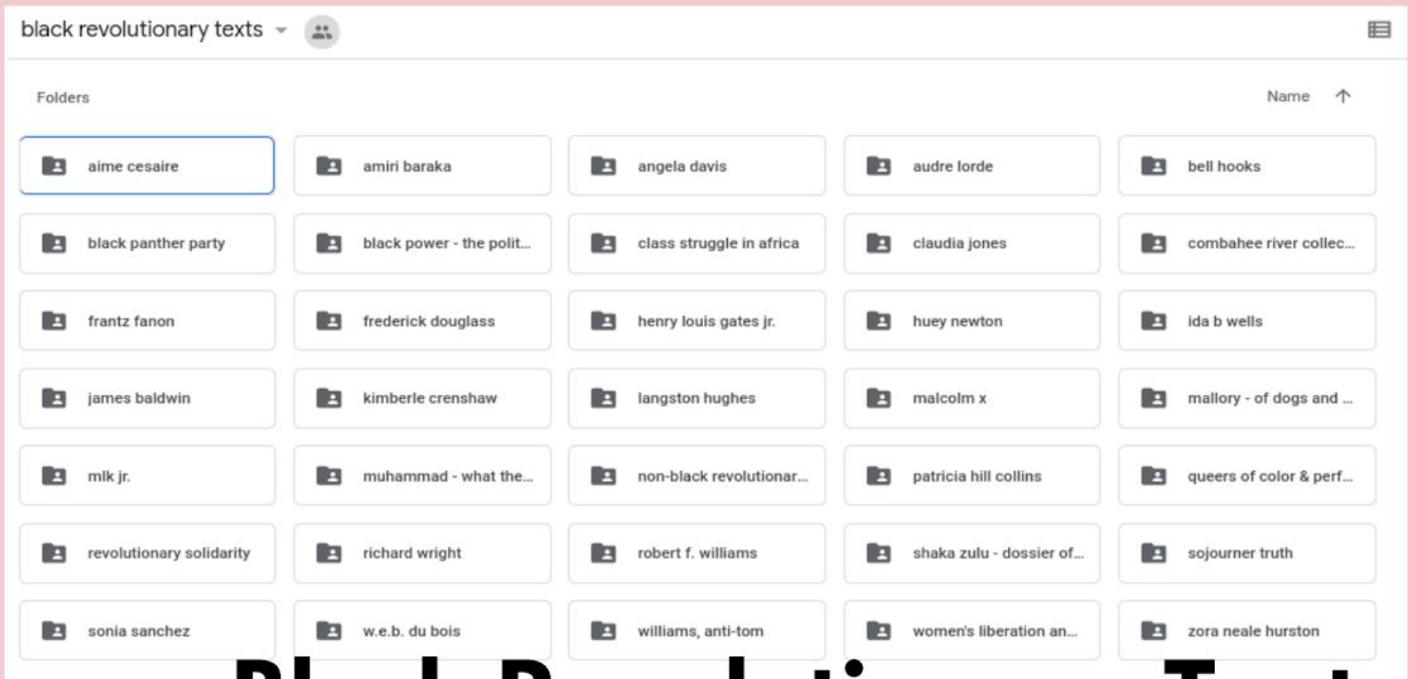
And I cried and I laughed and I danced and I ran, and I lost my voice, and I lied, and I cooked, and I produced propaganda in schools and workplaces, and I distributed thousands of leaflets, and I marched, and I went to molotov cocktail workshops, and I screamed, and I got sick, and I screamed fuck the police (*like cop porn*), and I was bored, and I was saved, and I gave all my money, and I sat in, and I died in, and I was alone, and I was legion.

Demos take you everywhere, they take you to church, (*96' Saint Bernard*), to night demos, savage demos, boring demos, posh neighbourhood demos, looting demos, mourning demos, demos at prisons, demos at immigration holdings, demos at airports and courts and ministries.

Sometimes they even take you to love.

What they do not do, is take you to a peaceful demo.  
They were never designed to be peaceful.  
For the enemy is everything but.



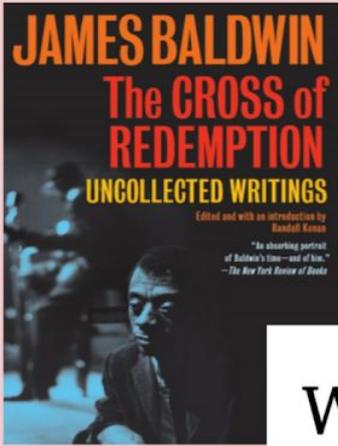


# Black Revolutionary Texts

If you've been on Instagram or Twitter in the past few days, you've probably been lucky enough to see links to a google drive of Black Revolutionary Texts. In fact, I think there are several. (The one I'm linking to here was curated by Alijah Webb.) It couldn't be easier or cheaper to access so many important works. There's no excuse not to educate yourself...

To make it even easier, I'm including a few things I read and loved this week. I know it's insane for these writers to be in the Quaranzine... but this stuff is free online anyway, so I'm just bringing them directly to you. Why not.

*-Lucy*



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## We Can Change the Country

### A 1963 Essay

BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING ELSE, I have an announcement to make. I want all of you, and your wives and your children and your brothers-in-law and everyone you know, to resolve as of this moment that you will buy no presents for Christmas. And when I say no presents, I mean not a nail file, not a toothbrush, and I want you to tell your children, as of this moment and on Christmas Day, that the reason there is no Santa Claus this year is because we have lost the right—by the murder of our brothers and sisters—to be called a Christian nation. And until we regain that right, we cannot celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. And I am very serious about this for two reasons: (a) morally, I think this nation should be, for the foreseeable future, in mourning; (b) one must face the fact that this Christian nation may never have read any of the Gospels, but they do understand money.

We are not—we who are on the barricades in this unprecedented revolution—in the position of someone in the Congo or someone in Cuba. That is, we cannot take over the land. The terms of this revolution are precisely these: that we will learn to live together here or all of us will abruptly stop living. And I mean that. This is not, and never has been, a white nation. I am not a pupil or a ward of Senator Eastland.\* I am an American. My forefathers bled and suffered and died to create this nation, and if my forefathers had not dammed all those rivers and picked all that cotton and laid all that track, there would not be an American economy today.

We are living, at the moment, through a terrifying crisis, and let me try to put it in the cruelest and most abrupt terms that I can. Let us say that a hundred years ago, when I was technically emancipated from the land and given over to the landlords and the bosses—let us say that I

was happy in my place and that I loved doing all that singing and dancing down on the levee. Now I, and my father and my grandfather, to say nothing of my grandmother and her mother, never for a moment believed that we were singing and dancing down on the levee because we were so happy, and not for a moment does any black man that I've ever encountered believe that he really was what the country said he was. But what has happened is that the country (by "the country" I mean our government and most of our citizens) believes that I was happy in my place. They believe it so strongly that now they have the courage to ask, What does the Negro want? Well, I know what the Negro wants, and any man who is able to walk and talk knows what the Negro wants. If you know what *you* want, then you know what *I* want.

It is the American Republic—repeat, the American Republic—which created something which they call a "nigger." They created it out of necessities of their own. The nature of the crisis is that I am not a "nigger"—I never was. I am a man. The question with which the country is confronted is this: Why do you need a "nigger" in the first place, and what are you going to do about him now that he's moved out of his place? Because I am not what you said I was. And if my place, as it turns out, is not my place, then you are not what you said you were, and where's your place? There has never been in this country a Negro problem. I have never been upset by the fact that I have a broad nose, big lips, and kinky hair. *You* got upset. And now you must ask yourself why. I, for example, do not bring down property values when I move in. You bring them down when you move out.

Now there are several concrete and dangerous things that we must do to prevent the murder—and please remember there are several million ways to murder—of future children (by which I mean both black and white children). And one of them, and perhaps the most important, is to take a very hard look at our economic structure and our political institutions. For example, the North (for as long as I've been in the North, and I was born in the North) has prided itself on not being like the Southern racists. In the North they don't have signs up saying "white" and "colored." No one tells you where you can and cannot go. In the North, you have to find that out day by day, by what we call trial and error. But the moment you go anywhere near what The Man is

really concerned about—I mean his pocketbook—what happened in Birmingham happens in New York.

New York is a segregated city. It is not segregated by accident; it is not an act of God that keeps the Negroes in Harlem. It is the real estate boards and the banks that do it. And when you attack that, that's where the power is. For example, I ask all of you to ask yourselves what would happen if Harlem refused to pay the rent for a month. We've got to bring the cat out of hiding. And where is he? He's hiding in the bank. We've got to flush him out. We have to begin a massive campaign of civil disobedience. I mean nationwide. And this is no stage joke. *Some laws should not be obeyed.*

Secondly, when I talk about our political institutions, there is no reason for any American to continue to be victimized by what we still refer to as the Republican and Democratic parties. Speaking for myself, I cannot imagine voting for any Republican, because the party contains Goldwater. I can't imagine voting for any Democrat, because that party contains Eastland. It is important to bear in mind, or to recover the notion, that we are responsible for our government and the government is responsible to us. The government is supposed to represent *us*. It is time that the government knew that if the government does not represent us, if it insists on representing a handful of nostalgic Southern colonels, the government will be replaced.

For a very long time, we have operated on the theory of the lesser of two evils. For example, I myself was so terrified of that salesman called Nixon that I allowed myself to be stampeded into the Kennedy camp. And I believe that was done, if you remember, by a phone call to Martin Luther King, when he was in jail. That swung the Negro vote. Well, the man has been in power for quite some time. If we care about this country—and not only the area of civil rights—it is time to serve notice on our representatives that they are under the obligation to represent us and that they cannot be said to represent us if they continually betray twenty million citizens. It is time to let the government know that we will no longer accept this peculiar, pathetic excuse: "We have no right to act." If they can invade Cuba, they can act. It is time to say, and unequivocally, that I—speaking now for myself, Jimmy Baldwin, and speaking for myself as though I were white even—I don't see any reason

why I should invade Havana. I would much rather invade Miami.

The moral leaders of the Free World are in great trouble. This is not a free country, and if you doubt me, when you leave here, walk or ride up to 125th Street and walk through those streets and ask yourself what you'd feel like if you lived there, why you lived there if you did, and why it looks like a concentration camp. I mean the police walking two by two and three by three. Ask yourself what chances you would have, if you lived there, to get theft or fire or life insurance. Now, this, as I said, is not an act of God. It is an act of the nation, and it began not quite a hundred years ago when the North signed a bargain with the South: they would take me out of the cotton fields and lift me over to the factories, where I've been ever since. If you doubt me, check it out with your labor unions. Ask yourself why the Puerto Ricans and the Negroes are pushing carts in the Garment Center and nobody else.

Now we are here not only to mourn those children, who cannot really be mourned. We are here to begin to achieve the American Revolution. It is time that we the people took the government and the country into our own hands. It is perfectly possible to tap the energy of this country. There is a vast amount of energy here, and we can change and save ourselves. We don't have to be at the mercy forever of these sordid political machines. It is possible to create a third party, you know.

And finally, let me leave you with this: the government pretends it has no right to arrest Governor Wallace, but I know that governors have been impeached. The FBI has not been able to find a single bomber. In Alabama alone, fifty bombings and not one culprit—not yet. The FBI can't find them. Let me tell you why they can't find them. They can't afford to. They stay at the homes of the people who did the bombings. And when they come into town they investigate the students. We are the guilty party. When they come into Birmingham and Mississippi, they don't investigate the Ku Klux Klan or the White Citizens' Council or the mayor. They investigate the people in the streets ...

If I had done one-tenth of what General Edwin Walker has done in Mississippi, if I had been inciting a mob to murder children, I would be in jail. When Robert Williams armed the Negroes in Monroe, North Carolina, the Justice Department hounded him out of this country on charges of kidnapping and called him—I've seen the posters in the post

office myself—a psychopathic, dangerous, armed kidnapper. Well, General Edwin Walker is white and Robert Williams is black, and that is the reason one is in Cuba and the other is—probably working in the Justice Department. If we don't now move, literally move, sit down, stand, walk, don't go to work, don't pay the rent, if we don't now do everything in our power to change this country, this country will turn out to be in the position, let us say, of Spain, a country which is so tangled and so trapped and so immobilized by its interior dissension that it can't do anything else.

We have already paid a tremendous price for what we've done to Negro people. We have denied, and we are paying for the denial of the energy of twenty million people. No society can afford that. The future is going to be worse than the past if we do not let the people who represent us know that it is our country. A government and a nation are not synonymous. We can change the government, and we will.

(1963)

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\*Senator James Oliver Eastland (1904–1986) represented the state of Mississippi in the United States Senate briefly in 1941 and later from 1943 until 1978. He was a vocal opponent of civil rights legislation.

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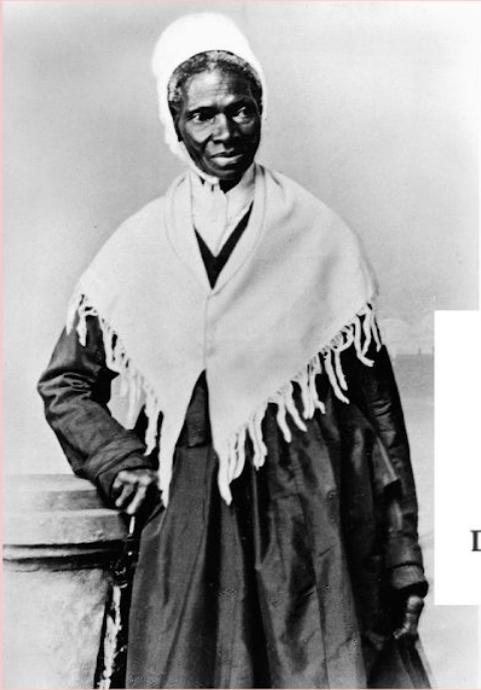
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Sonia Sanchez's advice to young activists and change-makers...

**'That's what I would say to young people: It's a long, long, long walk towards peace and towards freedom and towards justice. But it's a glorious walk. It's the only walk. It is the only walk that has kept me sane on this Earth. The only walk that I've wanted to walk. And it's a walk, also, that is covered with great people. As you walk this walk, you will meet a lot of great people who have also walked this walk, too. And they will say to you: Welcome, welcome to this path of freedom, this path of justice, this path of peace. This path that says simply: Welcome. We need you, for this Earth. You know, this Earth will not be a just Earth until you young people pick up the mantle of peace and justice and freedom.'**

-Sonia Sanchez



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## Speech Entitled “Ain’t I a Woman?”

by

**Sojourner Truth**

Delivered at the 1851 Women’s Convention in Akron,  
Ohio

Well, children, where there is so much racket there must be something out of kilter. I think that ‘twixt the Negroes of the South and the women at the North, all talking about rights, the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what’s all this here talking about?

That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain’t I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain’t I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man – when I could get it – and bear the lash as well! And ain’t I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother’s grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain’t I a woman?

Then they talk about this thing in the head; what's this they call it? [member of audience whispers, "intellect"] That's it, honey. What's that got to do with women's rights or Negroes' rights? If my cup won't hold but a pint, and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half measure full?

Then that little man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, 'cause Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had nothing to do with Him.

If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it. The men better let them.

Obliged to you for hearing me, and now old Sojourner ain't got nothing more to say.

- Sojourner Truth



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# I Want To Be An Ally But I Don't Know What To Do

## A Resource Guide

@gisellebuchanan

## Don't Be Afraid To Be Wrong

I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY'RE NERVOUS TO SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT TO LEARN AND DON'T WANT TO BE WRONG, BUT YOU WILL BE WRONG SOMETIMES WHEN YOU TAKE A RISK. YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ENDURE BEING CHECKED A FEW TIME IN YOUR JOURNEY TOWARDS TRUE ALLYSHIP.

SOME PEOPLE ARE ASKING YOU TO BE QUIET. OTHERS ARE ASKING YOU TO BE VOCAL. TO AMPLIFY BLACK VOICES. IN THIS TIME, BOTH ARE NEEDED AND NECESSARY. LEARN HOW TO DISCERN WHAT EACH MOMENT REQUIRES.

PRO TIP: IT'S DIFFICULT TO BE WRONG IF YOU PLAINLY SHARE FACTS.

@gisellebuchanan

[Read more via Giselle Buchanan on Instagram](#)

Sent: Jun 3, 2020, 9:49 AM

To: [My parents]

Subject: Education

# *Hey Mom and Dad, mostly Dad,*

*Anon.*

*Before you say things like, “there are just a few bad apples,” I implore you to read up and educate yourself on the system of policing, and the institution of the police. Why, if it is just a handful of bad cops, are the police across the country beating the living shit out of peaceful protesters? Why, despite the property damage, the cost of each tear gas canister, the cost of jailing each arrested person, will the state still not charge the officers who were with the one that knelt on the neck of George Floyd until he died in the street, as being complicit in his murder? Does an institution that allows all this to go on just to protect “a few bad apples” strike you as an institution worthy of your respect?*

*What do the police actually protect? What people do they serve? Not the poor. Not black people. Not brown people. These people are used in a cycle of predatory policing that keeps departments funded and the jails filled with people who have been unable to pay their speeding tickets, or who have been trapped into predatory loans. (Read Jackie Wang’s *Carceral Capitalism*—it is short and easy to read, you can do it in a day).*

*Consider the following. While people were dying of a virus in a pandemic, doctors and nurses were struggling to find safety equipment, and the state didn't have the money or resources to help provide or facilitate these essential, life saving pieces of fiber. State governments around the country, and of course the White House, were rushing to reopen businesses because of the economic toll the shutdown was taking. As soon as protests began, and some businesses were looted, state and federal government rushed in with money, guns, and people. (A couple things here: firstly, the media has disproportionately focused on this--99% of protests have been peaceful, or have started off that way until the police or white supremacists instigated violence. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#). Secondly, the businesses that have seen the largest damage are corporations like Target, for instance, for whom this doesn't matter. They are insured, they have billions in cash reserves, they are getting press. Who cares about a Target getting looted? Is that more disturbing than the police killing black people with impunity?) All of a sudden, when property is at stake, the state has this trove of reserves it can dip into to supply a quelling of dissent with. But not for saving lives, as during the peak of the Coronavirus. It's almost as if the government values property over lives. Hence, the deployment of police (a force used to protect property, not people) and its vicious tactics.*

*There is plenty of evidence that shows defunding the police and allocating those resources to mental health initiatives, to education, to equal loan and mortgage access ([you can watch a quick explanatory clip on redlining here](#)), etc, has reduced crime and delinquency substantially. Dallas is running a pilot program of this, the first in any large US city, with good results. There are alternatives. Try and imagine them, instead of harking back to a racist, classist, outdated system that works only in favor of the state and the rich.*

*This doesn't just happen here in the US. Just last week, after what happened in Minneapolis, [a police officer in Paris pinned down a black man with his knee in his neck](#). This is not a matter of "bad apples," but of a flawed system that empowers violence with impunity.*

*Here is a list I compiled of resources that might help expand your horizons. I do feel, in the spirit of full transparency, that your ideas here are outmoded, conservative, and that you are ignoring a huge issue that, really, at this point, given what is taking place across the world, should be self-evident.*

*There are articles, podcasts, books, Netflix movies (this part is easy—just sit down and press play!) that I hope will lead you in the right direction. I've also included at the end a very lengthy list of horrible videos that show police violence. This is not necessarily for you to watch, but hopefully the sheer length of the document will allow you to see that this is more than just a "few bad apples." That is really not something anyone should be saying.*

*Anyway, here goes. Love you. \**

## **Articles:**

*A Short History Of US Law Enforcement Infiltrating Protests*

*History Of Policing In America: Starts and Ends With Protecting Private Property*

*There's One Big Reason Why Police Brutality Is So Common In The US. And That's The Police Unions.*

*The Police Are Not Here To Protect You*

*Why So Many Police Are Handling The Protests Wrong*

*The Rebellion In Defense Of Black Lives Is Rooted In U.S History. So, Too, Is Trump's Authoritarian Rule.*

*The Police in America Are Becoming Illegitimate.*

*Has Policing In America Gone Too Far?*

*Violence in Minneapolis is Rooted in the History of Racist Policing in America*

*Protests Against Police Have Broken Out Across The Country. Here's How Policing Has Evolved In The US Since Its Beginnings In The 1600s.*

## **Movies you can watch right now (most are on Netflix):**

1. *13th*
2. *Explained: The Racial Wealth Gap*
3. *Time: The Kalief Browder Story*
4. *When They See Us*
5. *Who Killed Malcolm X?*
6. *The House I Live In*

## **Books I think are worth your time:**

- *Carceral Capitalism* by Jackie Wang
- *American Prison* by Shane Bauer
- *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X Kendi
- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

- *A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn*
- *Citizen by Claudia Rankine*
- *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race by Renni Eddo-Lodge*
- *The End of Policing by Alex Vitale ([you can download this for free here](#))*

*Videos of police brutality ("a few bad apples")*

Police spitting on detainees. Threatening to beat and run over protesters. Emptying water bottles of protesters. Spraying mace point blank in peaceful protesters' faces while they sit still and comply.

Who Is This Serving? Who Is This Protecting?

A Spreadsheet Containing Countless Videos Of Police Violence

*\*The writer's Dad responded with a change of heart. <3*



# HOW TO BE A WHITE OR NON-BLACK ALLY AT A RALLY

## **AMPLIFY BLACK VOICES. DON'T LEAD CHANTS.**

Make space for Black folks to lead chants.

## **DON'T POST PHOTOS/VIDEOS/IG LIVE WITH PROTESTERS' FACES**

Protesters will face repercussions if they are identified, so blur faces and only document encounters with law enforcement.

## **BE A PHYSICAL BARRIER**

Use your body and your privilege to create distance between Black people and the police. The police are less likely to harm you.

## **DON'T PROVOKE OR ANTAGONIZE THE POLICE**

Black folks will face much harsher retaliation than you from police.

## **DON'T POLICE OR TONE DOWN BLACK PROTESTERS**

## **IF SOMEONE IS GETTING ARRESTED, ASK THEIR NAME & BIRTHDATE**

Share this info with organizers so they can be bailed out.

## **STAY ON MESSAGE**

Don't use a BLM protest to push another agenda or cause.



Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2020 1:19 PM

To: my boss's boss's boss's boss

Cc: my boss

Subject: [My employer's] Response to George Floyd

**Hi *[my boss's boss's boss's boss],***

*Another Anon.*

I hope you are well and that you are healthy and safe in the midst of the CoronaVirus and Black Lives Matter protests.

Firstly, I want to say that I attended your diversity panel at the [xxx] conference back in October. I am inspired by the work you've done to implement diversity inclusion at [xxx].

I just gave you a call – and I hope I am not overstepping my bounds by reaching out. I wanted to inquire about [insert company's name here] response to George Floyd's death and to the subsequent protests and civil unrest around the world. Do you know if [company name] has made a public statement with regards to our stance on the recent events that took place? What kind of stand is [company name again] taking on racial injustice and police brutality? How is [company name] contributing to fighting race-based violence and what is [company name] doing to become a more inclusive and diverse environment?

Though I know several diversity programs like [xxx] have been put into place to promote hiring diversity and inclusion, I have not heard much discussion surrounding the protests or police brutality.

People across the country [/around the world] and in [the place I live] are deeply enraged and saddened by the current state of affairs. I am certain these feelings extend to [company name's] employees as well. I think it would inspire hope within the firm to see that [company name] is taking action. In fact, this is the perfect time for [the kind of company I work for] to take a stand.

It is a time to open up dialogue amongst employees and to ensure that non-white employees and people of color feel safe and feel heard within company walls.

There are a large number of organizations addressing racial injustice, structural inequity and economic disparity. [Company name] should seize this opportunity to improve its optics by displaying support for these organizations, and by helping to fight racial inequality and race-based violence.

I am proud to call myself a [company name] employee. I would be even prouder if [company name] took a stand while other large companies remained silent.

I hope to hear back from you on this.

Thank you,

[my name]



*Also, Happy Pride Month!*

*It's a great time to remember the rioters who started it all.*



**Things You Can Watch: [The Death & Life Of Marsha P. Johnson](#)**

# Lapsed Librarian

Matt Nelson

**Date:** Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 8:29 PM

**Subject:** In case you want some ideas on what to do right now//the beginning of a thread

**To:** Everyone [at the school where I teach]

## First off, hello my friends! I miss you!

I wanted to start a dialogue and share some resources I've been seeing and donating to.

Emily and I are starting a 28 day course called "[Me and White Supremacy](#)," by Layla F. Saad wherein each day you reply to a few prompts and are encouraged to share with others. I am very willing to go through these 28 days with anyone and share my responses. Apparently there are pdfs floating around of an outdated version, but since this is now a book, Saad has requested that people support by buying the book. That said, there are many black and brown folks offering anti-racist/anti-white-supremacy training and I'm hoping to learn more from others. If you know of any, please add them to the google doc attached below.

### *Things to read! And where to buy them.*

First, many bookstores are shipping, but you can also get an ebook if you're okay reading on a screen. May I encourage you to check to see if any of these black-owned bookstores have the book you want and can ship.

[Uncle Bobbie's](#)

[The Key Bookstore](#)

[Mahogany Books](#)

[Semicolon Bookstore](#)

[The Lit Bar](#)

[Ashay By The Bay](#) (children's books)

[Underground Books](#)

[SISTAHSFIFI](#) (SciFi focused)

[Eso Won Books](#)

[Hakim's Bookstore](#)

AfriWare Books

Fulton Street

Eye See Me (children)

Frugal Bookstore

Harriet's Bookshop

Sisters Uptown

Loyalty Books

Turning Page Bookshop

Wild Fig Books

Brave + Kind Books (children)

The Listening Tree (children)

If none of these have the book you're looking for, may I suggest using [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org) as an alternative to amazon. They've partnered with many independent bookstores including some on the list above, and donate part of your sale to these indie stores.

Okay, here is a very incomplete list of some books that talk about race or whiteness or the experiences of black folks and I'd love to talk to you about any of them or read them with you! Maybe we could include this in a staff book group.

### **Race/Racism**

How to Be Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Stamped co-written by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds

Faces at the Bottom of the Well by Derrick Bell (late Dean at U of O)

White Fragility and What Does It Mean To Be White by Robin Diangelo

### **History**

Stamped From The Beginning Ibram X. Kendi

The History of White People by Nell Irvin Painter

An African American and Latinx History of the United States by Paul Ortiz

A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn

### **Memoir/Essays**

The Fire Next Time and Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin

Between the World and Me and We Were Eight Years in Power Ta-Nehisi Coates

Zami and Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde

Freedom is a Constant Struggle by Angela Davis

Survival Math by Mitchell Jackson (Portland author)

Heavy by Kiese Laymon

The Autobiography of Malcolm X told to Alex Haley

Soul on Ice by Eldridge Cleaver

## **Prison**

Are Prisons Obsolete? by Angela Davis

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

Lockdown America by Christian Parenti

## **Education**

Multiplication is for White People and Other People's Children by Lisa Delpit

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

Savage Inequalities by Jonathan Kozol

Okay, so maybe a book seems like a longer term goal and you want to act now or later in person...here are some places local and national to donate to or learn more about.

## **Portland**

Black United Fund of Oregon

Critical Resistance PDX

SEI

Portland African American Leadership Forum

Black Lives Matter PDX

Don't Shoot PDX

SURJ PDX

NAACP PDX

Snack Bloc PDX

PDX Equity In Action

## **National/Other Places**

George Floyd Memorial

Justice for Breanna Taylor Petition

Justice for Ahmaud Arbery

In Memory of Tony McDade

National Bail Fund Network

Brooklyn Community Bail Fund

Richmond Community Bail Fund

Chicago Community Bail Fund

NW Community Bail Fund

Again, I value your already great effort in educating the youth, and have great belief that all of you are working in your own way to help.

And yet, there's more. I keep thinking, can I do more? Sometimes it's yes, and sometimes it's no. Some days yes, some days no. If you feel stuck, if you feel broke, or already feel pulled in eighty thousand tasks, I appreciate you reading this. I feel like too often I am operating out of shame, even though in the classroom, I ask students everyday to work through the discomfort of...duh duh duh...ALGEBRA...so why am I not asking this of myself? I'm trying to say that I am here for you, here to support, and here to learn with you. I am not an expert nor is this list perfect. I've attached all these listings in an open google doc that can be edited, amended, and read.

Yours,

Matt





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**Birthday Cards Demanding Justice For Breonna Taylor**

Sarah Jean Alexander

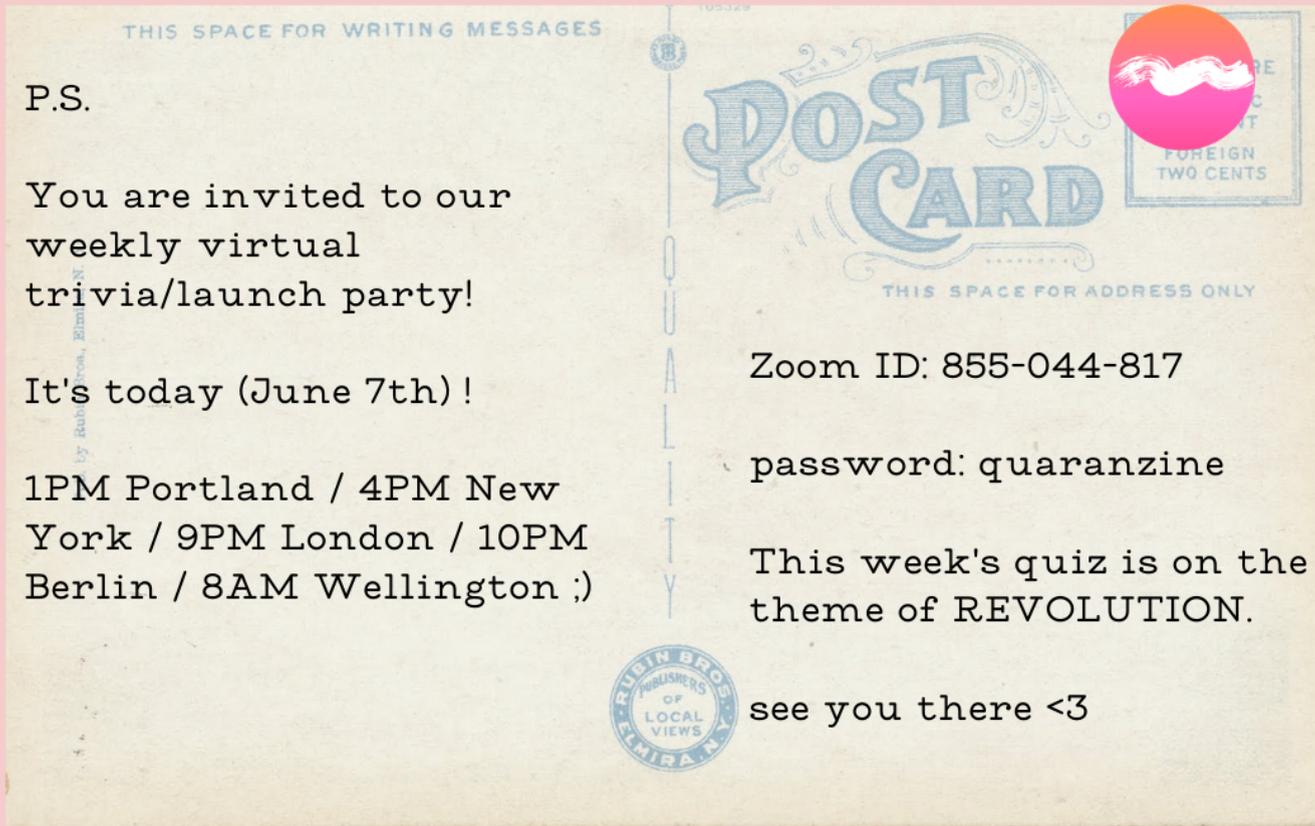




**Things You Can Watch: [What Happened, Miss Simone?](#)**

That's all for this week.

Thank you so much for reading!



We'll be back next Sunday with a new issue.

Don't forget to  
[follow us on instagram](#)  
if you want to!

And if you want to contribute something to a forthcoming issue...  
Email us: [profoundexperience@gmail.com](mailto:profoundexperience@gmail.com)

Stay safe!!!



5/26 - 4 officers fired for murdering George Floyd - Minneapolis, MN 5/28 - Univ of Minn cancels contract with police - Minneapolis, MN 5/28 - 3rd Precinct Police station neutralized by protestors - Minneapolis, MN 5/28 - ATU Local 1005 refuses to bring police officers to the protests, or transport arrested protestors, Minneapolis, MN 5/29 - Activists commandeer hotel to provide shelter to homeless - Minneapolis, MN 5/29 - Officer Chauvin who killed George Floyd arrested - Minneapolis, MN 5/29 - Louisville Mayor suspends "no-knock" warrants in response to police's 3/12 #BreonnaTaylor killing and subsequent protests - Louisville, KY 5/30 - US Embassies across Africa condemn police murder of George Floyd - Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, DR Congo 5/30 - MN AG Ellison takes over prosecution of the murdering officer (and possibly the other officers) - Minneapolis, MN 5/30 - TWU Local 100 Bus Operators refuses to transport arrested protestors - NYC, NY 5/31 - 2 abusive officers fired for pulling a couple out of car and tasing them - Atlanta, GA 6/1 - Minneapolis public schools end contract with police - Minneapolis, MN 6/1 - Confederate Monument removed - Birmingham, AL 6/1 - CA Prosecutors launch campaign to stop DA's from accepting police union money - CA 6/1 - Tulsa Mayor Bynum agrees to not renew Live PD contract - Tulsa, OK 6/1 - Louisville police chief fired after shooting of #DavidMcatee at BBQ joint - Louisville, KY 6/1 - Confederate statue ordered to be removed - Bentonville, AR 6/1 - Dems and Reps begin push to shut down a Pentagon program that transfers military weaponry to local law enforcement departments - Nationwide 6/2 - Minnesota AFL-CIO calls for the resignation of Bob Kroll, the president of the Minneapolis police union - Minneapolis, MN 6/2 - ATU Local 85 announces refusal to transport police officers or arrested protestors - Pittsburgh, PA 6/2 - Racist Ex-Mayor Rizzo statue removed - Philadelphia, PA 6/2 - 6 abusive officers charged for violence against residents and protestors - Atlanta, GA 6/2 - Confederate soldier statue removed - Alexandria, VA 6/2 - Robert Lee statue removed - Fort Myers, FL 6/2 - Civil Rights investigation of Minneapolis Police Dept launched - Minneapolis, MN 6/2 - Resolution to prevent law enforcement from hiring officers with history of misconduct announced by San Fran DA Boudin and Supervisor Walton - San Francisco, CA 6/2 - Survey indicating 64% of polled sympathetic to protests, and 47% disapprove of police handling + 54% think burning down of precinct fully or partially justified 6/2 - NJ AG announces policing reforms 6/2 - Minneapolis City Council members publicly call for disbanding the police and replace with community-oriented, nonviolent public safety and outreach capacity - Minneapolis, MN 6/3 - 1 officer fired for tweets promoting violence against protestors - Denver, CO 6/3 - Minneapolis Institute of Art, First Avenue, Walker Art Center end use of MPD for events - Minneapolis, MN 6/3 - Officer Chauvin charges upgraded to 2nd Murder, and remaining 3 officers also charged and taken into custody - Minneapolis, MN 6/3 - VA Governor announces removal of Robert E Lee statue - Richmond, VA 6/3 - Richmond VA Mayor Stoney announces RPD reform measures: establish "Marcus" alert for folks experiencing mental health crises, establish independent Citizen Review Board, an ordinance to remove Confederate monuments, and implement racial equity study 6/3 - County commissioners deny proposal for \$23 million expansion of Fulton County jail - Atlanta, GA 6/3 - Minneapolis Parks and Recreation cut ties with the Minneapolis Police Dept - Minneapolis, MN 6/3 - US Army tells soldiers to disobey any orders to attack peaceful protestors - Nationwide 6/3 - LA Announces \$100-150 million cut from LAPD budget, Reinvested into communities, moratorium on gang database, sharper discipline against abusive cops, in effect immediately - Los Angeles, CA 6/3 - Seattle changes mind and withdraws request to end federal oversight/consent decree of police department - Seattle, WA 6/4 - #BreonnaTaylor case reopened? - Louisville, KY 6/4 - Portland schools superintendent 'discontinues' presence of armed police officers in schools - Portland, OR 6/4 - MBTA (Metro Boston) board orders that buses won't transport police to protests, or protestors to police - Boston, MA 6/4 - King County Labor Federation issue ultimatum to police unions, to admit to and address racism in Seattle PD, or be removed - Seattle, WA 6/4 - Mural of racist ex-Mayor Frank Rizzo to be removed, replaced with new artwork - Philadelphia, PA 6/5 - City of Minneapolis bans all chokeholds by police - Minneapolis, MN 6/5 - Racist ex-Mayor Hubbard statue removed - Dearborn MI 6/5 - NFL condemns racism and admits it should have listened to players protests 6/5 - California Gov. Newsom calls for statewide use-of-force standard, said he would work with the California Legislative Black Caucus and community leaders on crafting the new standards. Said carotid hold used on George Floyd should be illegal 6/6 - Fuji Bikes suspends sales to US police 6/6 - Abusive Buffalo cops charged (arrested?)

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