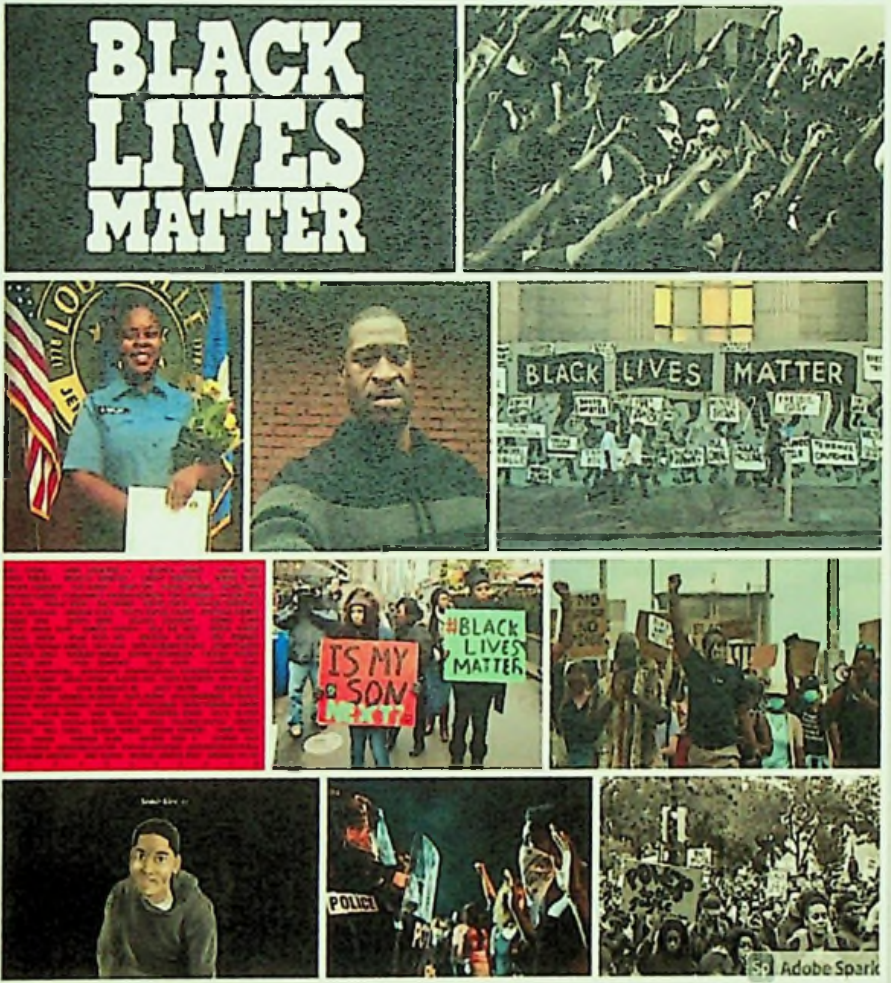


# SYSTEMIC RACISM



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## INTRODUCTION

FOR OVER 500 YEARS BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND RIGHTS. AMERICA IS SUPPOSED TO BE A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY BUT IT HAS BECOME A LAND FULL OF PRIVILEGE. SYSTEMIC RACISM IS A HUGE ISSUE HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY. IT IS DEFINED AS A FORM OF RACISM THAT IS EMBEDDED THROUGH LAWS WITHIN SOCIETY. IT LEADS TO ISSUES LIKE DISCRIMINATION, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, HOUSING, VIOLENCE, AND MURDER. IN 2010 BLACK AMERICANS HAD ONLY 2.7% OF THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH AND ONLY MADE A MEDIAN NET WORTH OF \$11,000 BECAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT FOR BLACK AMERICANS WAS TWICE AS HIGH AS WHITE AMERICANS. WHEN TRAYVON MARTIN WAS BRUTALLY SHOT AND MURDERED, BLACK AMERICANS SAID ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. ONE OF THE BIGGEST ORGANIZATION CREATED WAS #BLACKLIVESMATTER. THIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO END WHITE SUPREMACY AND THE VIOLENCE INFLECTED ON BLACK COMMUNITIES. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME EQUAL RIGHTS NO MATTER WHAT THEIR SKIN COLOR IS.

"THE CALL FOR BLACK LIVES TO MATTER IS A RALLYING CRY FOR ALL BLACK LIVES STRIVING FOR LIBERATION."



IN 1937, THE BANKS OF THE OHIO RIVER FLOODED LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. THIS PHOTO TAKEN BY MARGARET BOURKE SHOWS AFRICAN AMERICANS LINED UP OUTSIDE A FOOD BANK. ABOVE IS A BILLBOARD WITH A SMILING WHITE FAMILY OF FOUR RIDING IN A CAR. THE BILLBOARD READS "WORLD'S HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING. THERE'S NO WAY LIKE THE AMERICAN WAY". THE WHOLE IMAGE SHOWS THE GAP BETWEEN WHITE PEOPLE AND THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FACED BY MINORITIES.



## 9 YEARS STRONG

9 YEARS AGO TRAYVON MARTIN WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY GEORGE ZIMMERMAN WHILE ON HIS WAY TO VISIT FAMILY. GEORGE ZIMMERMAN GOT OFF AND WASN'T HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS WHICH ANGERED MANY ESPECIALLY PATRISSE CULLORS. PATRISSE INSTANTLY SPRANG INTO ACTION AND CREATED #BLACKLIVESMATTER WHICH IS AN ONLINE COMMUNITY TO HELP TAKE DOWN ANTI-BLACK RACISM ACROSS THE WORLD. SHE STATED "WE FIRMLY BELIEVED OUR MOVEMENT, WHICH WOULD LATER BECOME AN ORGANIZATION, NEEDED TO BE A CONTRIBUTING VOICE FOR BLACK FOLKS AND OUR ALLIES TO SUPPORT CHANGING THE MATERIAL CONDITIONS FOR BLACK PEOPLE."



## THE COMBAHEE RIVER COLLECTIVE



THE COMBAHEE RIVER COLLECTIVE WAS A BLACK FEMINIST SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION ACTIVE IN BOSTON. THESE WOMEN ARGUED THAT THE WHITE FEMINIST MOVEMENT AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WERE NOT ADDRESSING PARTICULAR NEEDS FOR BLACK WOMEN ESPECIALLY BLACK LESBIANS.





## LOVE YOUR HAIR



IN THE SHORT FILM 'HAIR LOVE', THE LITTLE GIRL WAS GOING THROUGH THE STYLES AND CAME ACROSS STRAIGHT HAIR. INSTANTLY SHE WANTED THIS STYLE AND DIDN'T BOTHER LOOKING AT ANY OTHER BUT THANKFULLY THE CAT GAVE HER A LOOK. THE LOOK THE CAT GAVE MADE THE LITTLE GIRL REALIZE THAT SHE SHOULD MOVE ON SO SHE DID. A TED TALK DONE BY CHEYENNE COCHRANE CELEBRATED THE AMAZINGNESS OF NATURAL HAIR. CHEYENNE SPOKE UP THE IDEA "THAT STRAIGHTER AND LONGER HAIR MEANT BETTER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL" BECAUSE THE WAY SOCIAL MEDIA PLAYS US. YOUNG GIRLS ARE BEING INFLUENCED CONSTANTLY TO LOOK A CERTAIN WAY OR ACT A CERTAIN WAY TO FIT IN. THIS ISSUE IS DESTROYING YOUNG GIRLS' SELF IMAGE IN THEIR NATURAL STATE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO TEACH YOUNG BLACK GIRLS TO LOVE THEIR NATURAL HAIR JUST THE WAY IT IS SO LET'S

BIBLE STUDY AT A CHURCH IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TELLING HIS VICTIMS, "I HAVE TO DO IT." A MUSLIM WOMAN IS SEATED ON A BENCH IN FRONT OF A COFFEE SHOP IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHEN A WOMAN BEGINS SCREAMING ANTI-MUSLIM EPITHETS. A SWASTIKA AND OTHER ANTI-SEMITIC GRAFFITI APPEAR AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN STAPLETON, COLORADO. A LONE GUNMAN CARRYING AN ASSAULT RIFLE AND A HANDGUN STORMS A WELL-KNOWN GAY CLUB IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, KILLING 49 PEOPLE AND WOUNDING 53 OTHERS,"(SPLC). IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 260,000 HATE CRIMES HAPPEN EACH YEAR BUT ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF THEM GET REPORTED. BEING BIASED AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF THEIR BACKGROUND NEEDS TO STOP. SO END THE HATE!

GEORGE FLOYD      XAVIER EMMANUEL SERRANO ROSADO  
TRAYVON MARTIN    JAVIER JORGE- REYES  
DARRIUS STEWART   SHANE EVAN TOMLINSON  
AHMAUD ARBERY    LUIS OMAR OCASIO- CAPO  
ANTWON ROSE        JUAN RAMON GUERRERO  
SANDRA BLAND       ERIC IVAN ORTIZ- RIVERA  
YVETTE SMITH       PETER O. GONZALEZ- CRUZ  
ERIC GARDNER        LUIS S. VIELMA  
WILLIAM CHAPMAN   KIMBERLY MORRIS  
NATASHA MCKENNA   EDDIE JAMOLDROY JUSTICE  
BREONNA TAYLOR    DARRYL ROMAN BURT II  
ANTWON ROSE        DEONKA DIEDRA DRAYTON  
BOTHAM JEAN        ANTHONY LUIS LAUREANO DISLA  
MICHAEL DEAN       JEAN CARLOS MENDEZ PEREZ  
PHILANDO CASTILE   LAQUAN MCDONALD  
JOSEPH MANN        JORDAN EDWARDS  
TERENCE CRUTCHER   WALTER SCOTT  
CHAD ROBERTSON    TAMIR RICE  
MS. YUAN            EMMETT TILL  
XIAOJIE TAN         MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
DAOYOU FENG        DAUNTE WRIGHT  
PAUL ANDRE  
CHUI FONG ENG      .....AND THE LIST GOES ON  
CALIN ROQUEMORE  
EDWARD SOTOMAJOR JR  
FRANKY JIMMY DEJESUS VELAZQUEZ  
STANLEY ALMODOVAR III





I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME EQUAL RIGHTS IN AMERICA. "A YOUNG WHITE MAN OPENS FIRE AND KILLS NINE AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO WELCOMED HIM INTO

STOP THE STIGMA THAT STRAIGHT HAIR IS THE WAY TO GO.

THIS PICTURE FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS "THE DROP SINISTER" ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF SOCIAL CONCERN. IT IS SAID TO BE THE FIRST PORTRAIT OF AN AMERICAN INTERRACIAL FAMILY WITH A BLACK MAN AND A WHITE WOMEN. THE LITTLE GIRL WHO IS MIXED WILL GROW UP BEING INSULTED JUST BECAUSE SHE IS INTERRACIAL. THIS PAINTING ALSO ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF PREJUDICED OPINIONS BECAUSE IN AMERICA, BLACK AMERICANS ALWAYS GET DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN OR WHO THEIR ANCESTORS ARE. THIS NEEDS TO STOP BECAUSE SOMEONE'S SUCCESS IN LIFE SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. EVERYONE WHO GROWS UP GOOD AND TRUE TO THEMSELVES SHOULD HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN LIFE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

## ACTIVISTS



EMMETT TILL'S MURDER BROKE SILENCE TO THE TRUTH ABOUT SYSTEMIC VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE JIM CROW SOUTH. ON AUGUST 24, 1955 INSIDE BRYANT'S GROCERY AND MEAT MARKET IN MISSISSIPPI, 14 YEAR OLD EMMETT TILL ALLEGEDLY WHISTLED AT A WHITE WOMAN, CAROLYN BRYANY. FOUR DAYS LATER BRYANT'S HUSBAND AND BROTHER IN LAW DROVE TO EMMETT'S UNCLE'S HOME AND BRUTALLY MURDERED TILL SO BADLY THAT HE WAS UNRECOGNIZABLE. AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH MURDER, IT TOOK THE ALL-WHITE JURY 67 MINUTES TO DELIVERY A NOT GUILTY VERDICT.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ★ ATTEND A RALLY AND SAFELY PROTEST
- ★ WATCH A FILM LIKE "13TH", "IM NOT YOUR NEGRO", "TED TALKS: AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FOUNDERS OF BLACK LIVES MATTER"
- ★ DONATE TO AN ORGANIZATION, SOME INCLUDE: BLACK LIVES MATTER, NAACP, COLOR OF CHANGE
- ★ SIGN A PETITION
- ★ USE YOUR VOICE
- ★ BE AN ACTIVIST
- ★ SUPPORT BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES
- ★ SUPPORT BLACK ARTISTS
- ★ INITIATE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE
- ★ EDUCATE OTHERS

LISTEN AND BE MINDFUL TO OTHERS

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