



# BLACK LIVES MATTER



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**AN INTRODUCTION TO  
THE BLM MOVEMENT**



# BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

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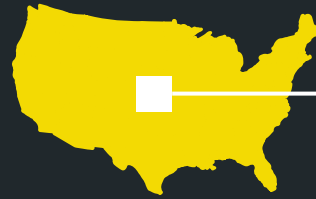
- Movement that advocates for Black Power, Freedom, and Justice
- The broader movement and related organizations advocate against police brutality towards black people
  - Including several other policy changes that are considered to be associated to black liberation
- An estimated 15-26 million people participated during the 2020 Black Lives Matter Movement protests in the US
  - Making BLM one of the largest movements in US history

# RACE IDENTITY OF PEOPLE KILLED

Black people were killed

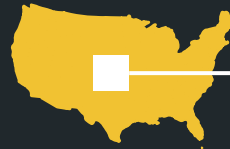
**3.28**

Times more often than people white



**6.78 Black people**

Killed per million



**3.2 Latino**

Killed per million



**2.07 White people**

Killed per million

**02**

**POLICING IN SCHOOLS**

# POLICING IN SCHOOLS



Following the death of George Floyd and nationwide protests against police brutality and racial injustice, there have been growing calls across the country to defund the police and to reallocate budgets for law enforcement, or even to dismantle police departments completely. These ongoing calls also extend to police officers in community-based settings, such as school resource officers (SROs).



# STUDIES SHOW



**In Texas, Hiring More School Police  
Lead To Decreased Graduation Rates  
and College Attendance Rates**

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**In New York City, School Police  
Lead To Decreased Test Scores  
and Attendance Specifically  
For Black Boys**



# DIGNITY IN SCHOOLS

## Policies

- End the Regular Presence of Law Enforcement in Schools
- Create Safe Schools through Positive Safety and Discipline Measures
- Restrict the Role of Law Enforcement that are Called in to Schools

## Background

Dignity in Schools is a movement supporting a set of policy reforms to rid schools of police officers. The policies are focused on the ideals of “Counselors not Cops”



**03**

**BREONNA TAYLOR**



# OVERVIEW OF BREONNA TAYLOR'S DEATH

- On March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor, a 26 year old emergency medical technician, was fatally shot by 3 Louisville Metro Police officers (Jonathan Mattingly, Brett Hankison, and Myles Cosgrove)
- Mattingly, Hankinson, and Cosgrove executed a no-knock warrant and wore plainclothes while entering her apartment in Louisville, Kentucky
- The warrant included Taylor's residence as the police had reason to believe Taylor was a part of illegal activity involving controlled substances with a third party, named Jamarcus Glover
- Taylor's boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, who was licensed to carry a firearm and was present during the altercation, fired his gun first at the officers due to the intrusion and hit an officer in the leg
- The officers responded with over 20 rounds of gunfire, and, as a result, Taylor was shot over 8 times
- Taylor was pronounced dead on the scene, and no drugs were found in her apartment

**“I'm praying to God...We need real change in America. I've got to still raise a little black boy here in the world we live in...Nobody's safe. If this can happen to Breonna, it can happen to anybody.”**

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**BIANCA AUSTIN,  
BREONNA TAYLOR'S AUNT**

Pictured: Breonna Taylor  
Image via The New York Times





## **BREONNA TAYLOR ACT**



A bill made in honor of Breonna Taylor that prohibits the use of no-knock warrants, this will ensure that authorities will no longer be able to forcibly enter a home without first announcing their purpose for doing so. Tragedies such as the one that befell Breonna Taylor, will no longer be possible and justice can now be further pursued in cases where the rights of the police lead to the death of innocents. As long as the law enforcement agency receives funding from the federal government, they will be required to follow this law. Changing the way that authorities can justify unreasonable death, it provides a greater sense of protection against abuse of power against minorities by law enforcement.



# TIMELINE



March 13, 2020- The  
Death of Breonna  
Taylor

01

Petition for Breonna  
Taylor gets popular  
and leads to major  
improvements

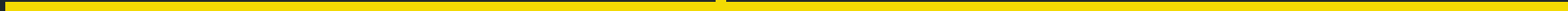
02

June 12- No Knock  
Warrants end in  
response

03

June 19- One of Three  
officers involved in the  
murder has been fired

04



**04**

**CALL TO ACTION**



# WAYS TO HELP

- Create and sign petitions
- Protest (in a socially distant manner)
- Donate to organizations when possible
- Volunteer (feed and aid protestors, sew masks)
- Spread BLM updates and information via social media or other streams of communication
- Write letters to your local and federal government officials and prosecutors

# RESOURCES

Donate to:

- [Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Equal Justice Initiative](#)
- [National Bail Funds](#)

Support black-owned businesses:

- [List of businesses](#) (via New York Magazine)

Volunteer:

- [Help protestors](#) (via ISSUU)

Educate and learn:

- [Books to read](#) (via TIME)
- [Movies to watch](#) (via TIME)



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