

Black Lives Matter

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On February 26, 2012 at about 7:15 p.m shots were heard in Twin Lakes, Florida. The victim was Trayvon Martin, an African American, 17 year old boy. The shooter was George Zimmerman, a white 35 year old. Zimmerman said to the police, “He seems very suspicious and he keeps staring at houses.” When George hung up with the police at about 7:15 p.m., shots were heard. Trayvon Martin, just 17 years old, was pronounced dead. When the media heard about this horrible death, a protest took place. Posters that read “Justice For Trayvon Martin” were everywhere!

Unfortunately, this was not the only case of unnecessary brutality against African Americans. There were countless more, including Terence Crutcher, Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Walter Scott, Eric Harris, Romain Brisbon, and more. The nation went crazy when they heard about the horrible act of violence against innocent black lives. Seven years later, this is still a very big issue in our society.

Many people disagree with this issue, saying “All Lives Matter,” but most people don’t know the meaning behind this peaceful organization. Many famous celebrities have participated in the Black Lives Matter movement, like Beyonce, Drake, Jay Z, and other influential celebrities. It has been talked about on many radio stations, interviews, movies and more. Of course there are a lot of people who disagree with the movement but that’s their political opinion.

Many movies have talked about this subject, like “The Hate You Give.” It is a movie about a girl named Star who lives in a place that is considered ghetto and has a lot of drug issues, gang violence, and violence against African Americans. The movie is about Star’s friend, Khalil, who gets shot by a police officer and protests take place all over the community but the police officer was not found guilty. This causes a big protest that turns violent. After all that, Khalil ends up getting the justice he deserves.

As a society, we can help by participating in peaceful protest and writing about our experiences on social media platforms, in new articles, and in documentaries. It doesn't matter if you're Black, White, or Mexican, as an American community we can end all violence together.

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