

Public open letter against racism and Police brutality



As people of the world, we grieve the senseless loss of another life at the hands of US police. We stand in community with everyone who is hurting.

These brutal killings must end. Each is a wound to the heart of our humanity and a shameful, indelible mark on that great flag of the United States of America.

Racism thrives in the company of silence -- so we will not stay quiet. Racism is a problem that belongs to us all. It is our fight.

But we cannot allow that fight to become hatred, for then we are no wiser than those whose hearts we seek to change. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King: *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

It is in this spirit that we call on all those in power to act NOW, and hold President Trump and US state and local governments accountable to:

- Ensure all officers involved in the killing of George Floyd face legal due process,
- Expel and prosecute officers for even one instance of excessive force or the failure to intervene when excessive force is used,
- Ensure every police killing is independently and transparently investigated.

We pledge to do our part, meeting the fear, anger, and ignorance of racism with all the hope, love, and strength of our humanity.

AVAAZ is a movement of more than 60 million people. Avaaz will publish it in major US newspapers and websites around the world. **Let it be an anthem to end the killing and honour all those we've already lost.**

In solidarity with AVAAZ , Participatory Human Rights Advancement Society has signed the pledge on May 31, 2020.

Link of the pledge: [Avaaz - George Floyd Sign the public open letter against racism and police brutality](#)