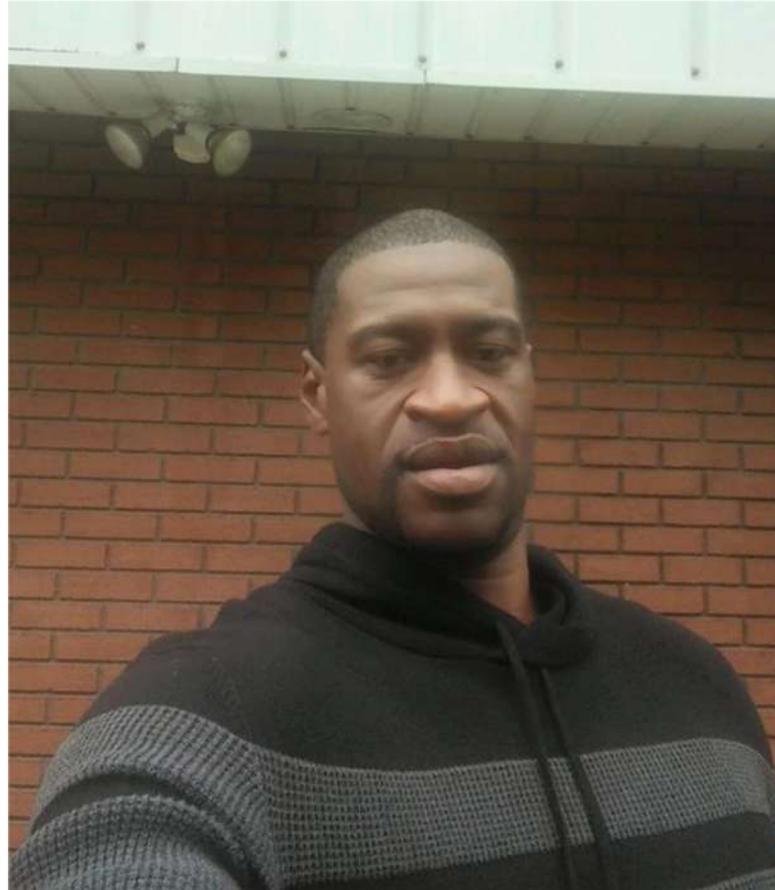


What is going on in the world right now?
(apart from coronavirus)





George Floyd was 46 years old. He was an unarmed black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer kneeled on his neck for more than eight minutes as he told them, “I can’t breathe”.

Who was George Floyd? A more in-depth article

<https://news.sky.com/story/who-was-george-floyd-the-gentle-giant-who-loved-his-hugs-11997206>





The main police officer, the one was stepping on his neck, has been charged. He was originally charged with third degree murder, but with so many protests around the world and people believing that this indictment wasn't good enough, it has now been upgraded to second degree murder.

The other three police officers have been charged with aiding (helping) the second degree murder.

Why is this considered to be racist?

Over the years, there are many examples of African-American people being killed by officers in the US.

There are also many examples of how they are treated differently, compared to white people.

There are also UK examples too, which we'll explore in a little while.

George Floyd was not armed, he was not resisting arrest, yet was still treated in this way.

George Floyd's death is very similar to that of Eric Garner, in July 2014. He was arrested in New York on suspicion of illegally selling loose cigarettes. In a video, recorded by a bystander, a white police officer is seen with his arm wrapped around Garner's neck. Garner was asthmatic and was heard many times saying "I can't breathe". He lost consciousness and was later pronounced dead. The police officer never got charged for it.





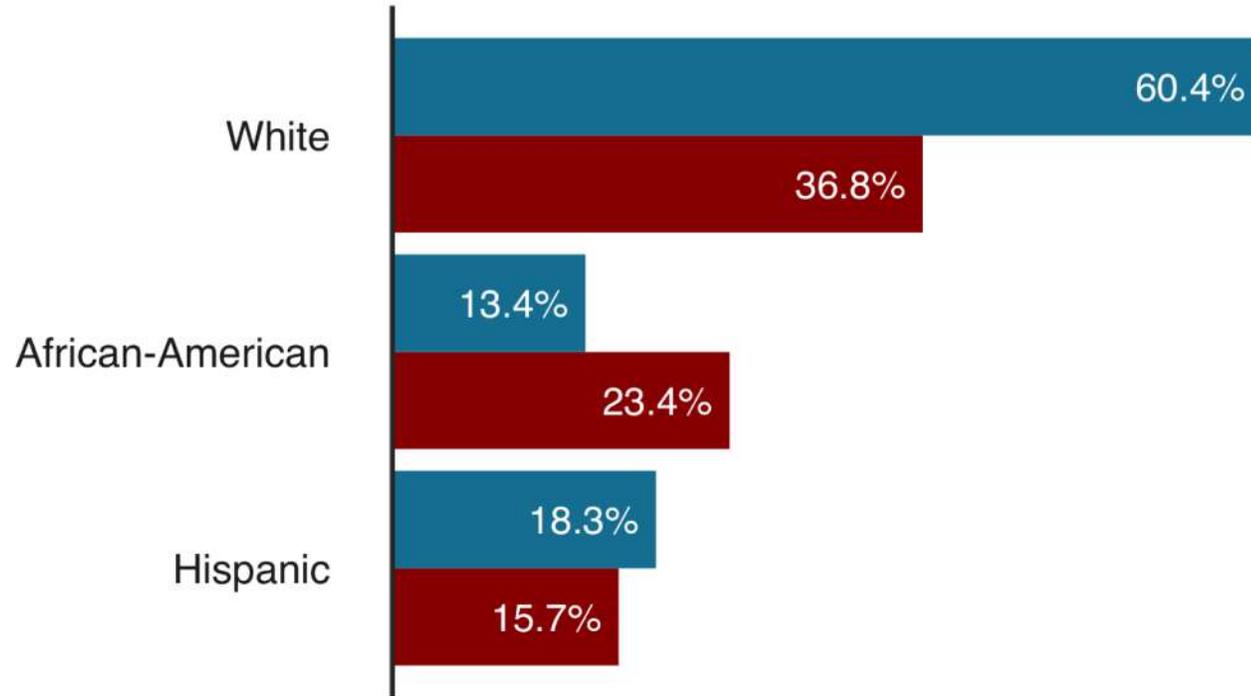
Another case in 2020 (March 13th). A 26-year-old African American woman was shot in her house, as she tried to sleep. They entered the home as part of a drugs investigation. Breonna's boyfriend claims that they did not announce that they were coming into the house and thought it was people breaking in. Breonna was shot at least 8 times. It was then found that the person who the police were looking for, was also in custody in prison.

Information from:

<https://news.sky.com/story/breonna-taylor-police-killed-black-woman-after-storming-home-in-hunt-for-suspect-already-in-custody-lawsuit-says-11987302>

Percentage of fatal police shootings compared to percentage of population by ethnicity

■ Population ■ Killed in police shootings

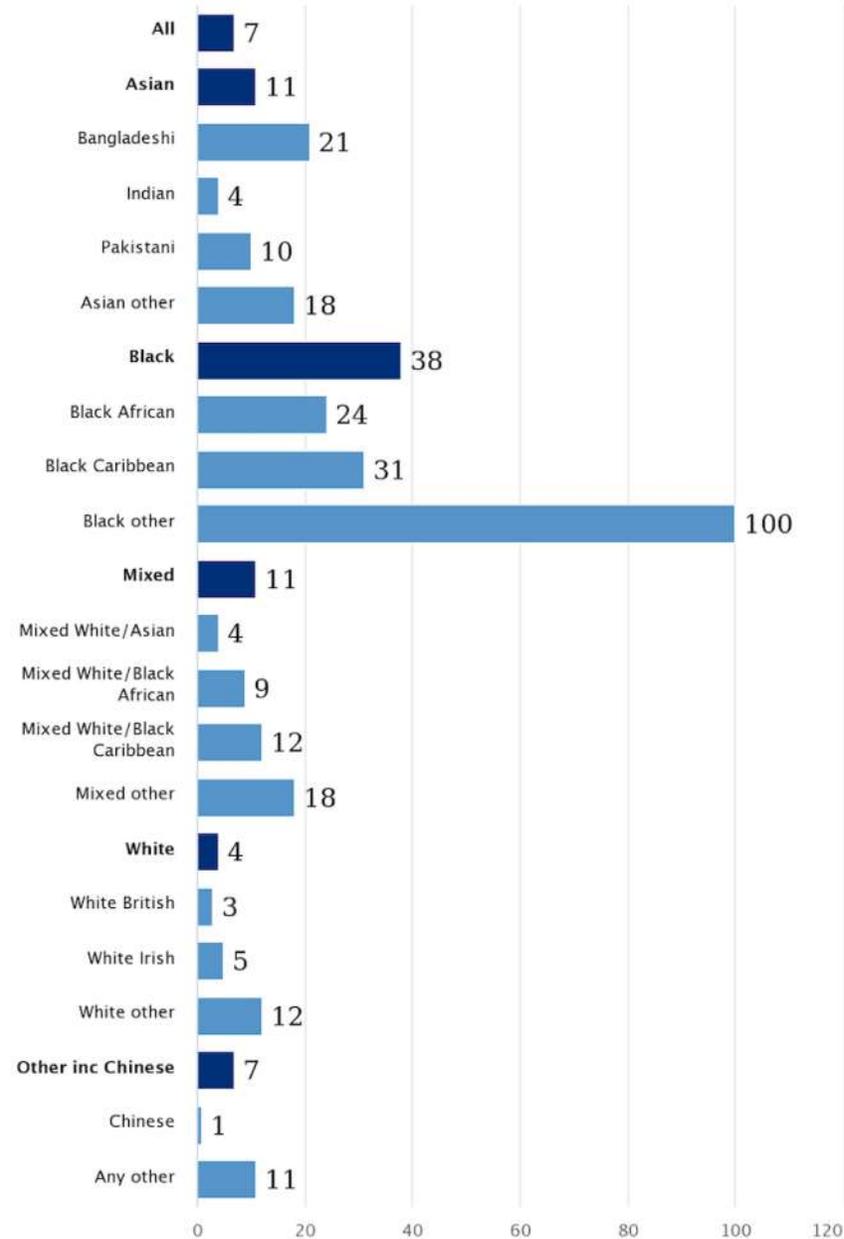


In 2019, African Americans made up less than 14% of the population but accounted for more than 23% of the just over 1,000 fatal shootings by the police.

Information from:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-52904593>

Title: Stop and search rate per 1,000 people, by ethnicity. Location: England and Wales. Time period: April 2018 to March 2019. Source: Police powers and procedures, England and Wales year ending March 2019 | Ethnicity Facts and Figures GOV.UK



Information from:

<https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-the-law/policing/stop-and-search/latest>

Although all of these examples have involved the police, there are endless incidents that involve normal people...





Stephen Lawrence, aged 18, was stabbed to death by an unprovoked racist attack by a gang of white teenagers while he waited at a bus stop in south-east London.

This happened in 1993.

His family battled for many years.

A report in 1999 found that the police were guilty of mistakes and racism.

In 2000, the Metropolitan police pay the Lawrence family £320,000 in damages for their mistakes.

In 2012, two people were found guilty.

Information from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/19/stephen-lawrence-timeline-of-key-events>



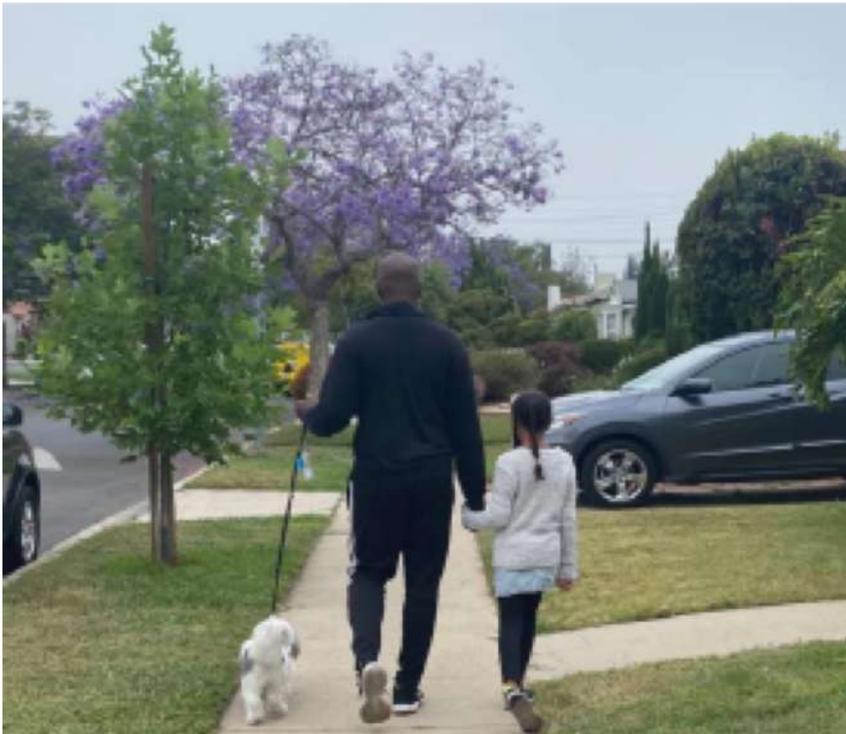
Belly Mujinga, aged 48 died on 5th April after contracting Covid-19. She fell ill with the coronavirus days after a man is alleged to having spat and coughed on her, whilst she was working at Victoria station.

British transport police did launch an investigation into her death. They have reviewed CCTV image, interviewed a man and have since closed the case – saying there is no evidence of the incident and that Belly Mujinga’s death was linked to it. People are still not happy with this. Latest news is that the case has reopened, due to people protesting.

Information from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/may/12/uk-rail-worker-dies-coronavirus-spat-belly-mujinga>

Racism in daily life



When I'm walking down the street holding my young daughter's hand and walking my sweet fluffy dog, I'm just a loving dad and pet owner taking a break from the joylessness of crisis home schooling. But without them by my side, almost instantly, I change into a threat in the eyes of some. Instead of being a loving dad to two little girls, unfortunately, all that some people can see is a 6'2" athletically-built black man in a cloth mask who is walking around in a place where he doesn't belong (even though, I'm still the same guy who just wants to take a walk through his neighbourhood). It's equal parts exhausting and depressing to feel like I can't walk around outside alone, for fear of being targeted.

If you're surprised by this, don't be. We live in a world where there is a sizable amount of people who actually believe that racism isn't a thing.

So, let me share some points:

1) Having white privilege doesn't mean that your life isn't difficult, it simply means that your skin colour isn't one of the things contributing to your life difficulties. Case in point, if it never crossed your mind that you could have the police called on you for simply bird watching then know that is a privilege that many black people (myself included) don't currently enjoy.

2) Responding to "Black Lives Matter" by saying "All Lives Matter" is insensitive. All lives can't matter until black lives matter.

3) Racism is very real; it isn't just limited to the extremes.

4) In order for racism to get better, it's important we all use our voices and speak up when we see racism.

As for me, I'll continue to walk these streets holding my 8-year-old daughter's hand, in hopes that she'll continue to keep her daddy safe from harm. I know that sounds backward, but that's the world that we're living in these days.

Remember, racism has been going on for many, MANY years



The video player displays a hand-drawn diagram on a white background. At the top left is the logo for 'History Illustrated' with the website 'HistoryIllustrated.net'. The main title 'Introduction of Slavery' is written in blue cursive. To its right, 'Owe Debt' is written in red, with an arrow pointing to 'African Slaves' also in red. Below this, 'Farm Profit' is written in red with a downward arrow. In the center is a large blue circle containing the text 'Subscribe YouTube'. To the right of this circle is a purple circle, and below it is a red circle. On the far right is a drawing of a man in a brown tunic carrying a bundle on his shoulder. At the bottom left, 'Plantation' is written in orange, with 'Large Farm' and 'Cash Crops' written below it. Further down, 'Workers' is written in red, with 'Shortage' circled in red below it. At the bottom right, 'Speak Escape Knowledge' is written in red, with 'Recognize Life' written below it. A red progress bar is visible at the bottom of the video frame. The video player interface includes a play button, a volume icon, a progress indicator showing '3:10 / 3:16', and icons for comments, settings, and full screen.

Introduction of Slavery Explained for Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUfJCh7Rd_Q



America's Journey Through Slavery: The Life Of An Enslaved Person (#GH4974) Trailer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qcm1mPWk_pM

Britain abolished slavery in 1833.
The US also abolished slavery in 1865.



1955 – Rosa Parks.

She was arrested and fined for refusing to give up her seat to a white man.

People protested for a year, walking to work, even if it took them a long time. In 1956, US supreme court banned the law about segregated buses.



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I Have a Dream speech by Martin Luther King .Jr HD (subtitled)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vP4iY1TtS3s>

The media also plays a part in racism



Not long to go! Pregnant Kate tenderly cradles her baby bump while wrapping up her royal duties ahead of maternity leave - and William confirms she's due 'any minute now'

By Siofra Brennan For Mailonline and Rebecca English Royal Correspondent For The Daily Mail
06:40 EST 21 Mar 2018 , updated 03:43 EST 22 Mar 2018



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Royal wedding: How Meghan Markle's flowers may have put Princess Charlotte's life at risk

MEGHAN MARKLE married Prince Harry in a stunning ceremony watched by millions in May 2018, but an element of their nuptials may have put their bridesmaids', including Princess Charlotte, lives at risk.



Royal wedding: Princess Charlotte was wearing toxic flowers in her hair for Meghan Markle's wedding (Image: GETTY)

Black lives matter movement 'BLM'



- It is a movement that campaigns against violence and racism.
- It fights for equality for black people around the world.
- It started in 2013.

Protests - Paris



Protests - London



Protests - Australia



Protests - USA



Protests – South Korea



Protests – Japan



Protests – Germany



Newsround – Child friendly news website

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52950491> - **George Floyd: Thousands in the UK join protests to take a stand against racism**
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52932636> - **George Floyd: Memorial held in the US**
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52933380> - **US kids give their reactions to protests**
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52917648> - **George Floyd: Five powerful anti-racism speeches in response to his death**
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52902537> - **US protests: An eighth night of demonstrations in photos**

Activity ideas



- Plan/design/make your own BLM poster.
- Create a fact file about a person who was influential to promoting equality for black people, peacefully (e.g. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Claudette Colvin, Jesse Owens, Barack Obama, Muhammed Ali etc.)
- Write a letter to Boris Johnson, expressing your concerns.
- Write your own version of Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech.