



NCBA Encourages You to Stand Up for Racial Equity

The National Caucus and Center on Black Aging (NCBA) wants to make it plain and clear: We stand in solidarity against any form of institutional racism, prejudice, discrimination, inequality, violence, or antagonism against anyone because they are of a different race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, political, social, or economic background.

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American man, described as a “gentle giant” died under the knee of a Minnesota, Minneapolis police officer as he struggled to beg for air, yet managed to say “I can’t breathe”. His death was completely avoidable.

George Floyd’s death came as the nation, a place we all call home continues to struggle and come to grips with murders of Ahmaud Arbery, an African American man shot by two white vigilantes while jogging in Georgia; Breonna Taylor, an African American woman (a first responder) shot eight times by police who stormed into her home while she was sleeping looking for a suspect that was already in custody. We also saw the weaponizing of racism by a white woman who called police officers on Christian Cooper, a Black man birdwatching in Central Park, NY.

As our nation continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, that has disproportionately affected black and brown communities, we must continue to fight the virulent disease of institutional racism, prejudice, discrimination, inequality, violence, and antagonism. During these horrific times, it is easy to let our frustrations, outrage, and anger get the best of us, but every day, each and every one of us can stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes. Every person should be allowed to age in dignity, fairness and live in a society free of inequality.

NCBA encourages everyone to stand up for racial equality. Be a champion of human rights. Remember, all forms of oppression are connected. You cannot fight against one form of injustice and not fight against others. For more information on NCBA, visit www.ncba-aging.org.