

Why Black Lives Matter To Me

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I just had to write this and get it off my chest and so that others could read and see why black people are getting so upset about the killings of black people.

I don't think some people know what it means when a person writes out the hashtag Black Lives Matter. No-one is trying to tell anyone that All Lives DON'T Matter, it's just that when you see all these cases of black people getting killed by cops and then the cop tells a lie and gets a nice cozy desk job, it lets you know that this country WE ALL helped build isn't fair to a certain group of people in it. We put trust in cops to protect ALL American's and yes there are cops who do their job in great way's but why does a white men or women get to make it court and be judged by their peers but a black men or women doesn't.

Is life fair? No, it's not but you would think when someone puts on that blue uniform and they take an oath to protect and serve their city, it would include everyone in it. The sad truth is that if you've never had to deal with racism then I'm happy for you but you can't deny that there is injustice in this country.



You might not believe me and you ARE entitled to your own thoughts and opinions but please try not to tell me there is no racism in this country.

And please don't come at me with that #AllLivesMatter bull because if you got the chance to ask

Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, John Crawford III, Tanisha Anderson, Tamir Rice and Sandra Bland, their lives didn't seem to matter. These are just some of the names of black people killed by cops but there are tons more. These people were women, men, and children who could have done something great and changed this world but were denied the right to.

No one came into this world a hashtag but we are seeing people leave it that way and why should we. I feel for the family of the cops who lose their life trying to make the world a better

place, I really do but people are tired and something needs to change. Maybe it's the gun laws or maybe it how we train each race in how we are supposed to treat each other.



I don't have kids but I don't want my nieces and my nephew to have to grow up in a country that doesn't seem to love them as much as I do. So yes #BlackLivesMatter until other people love us as much as we love ourselves.

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