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"Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people who were oppressing them."
— **Assata Shakur,** <u>Assata: An Autobiography</u>

(LOS ANGELES, CA, JUNE 4, 2020) - The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless other names of Black and Brown people are names that we've come to know recently, but ultimately echo decades of violence, harassment, and terror felt by our communities at the hands of law enforcement. What we've seen over the years is inhumane police brutality across the country because of a detrimental system that refuses to see our communities as human and feeds on racism, sexism, and inequality. Dignity and Power Now calls for direct action and direct change.

We acknowledge the new charges and arrests of police officers in the case of George Floyd. As a community, we must continue to fight towards dismantling the ineffectiveness of police, the prison system, and the end of White supremacy.

These issues are systemic and we are not calling for better training of police officers, because historically, it hasn't worked. Instead, Dignity and Power Now, along with JusticeLA and countless other community organizations, call for the defunding of law enforcement in totality.

We call for justice to be served. We call for this country to denounce White supremacy. We call for this country to digest that ALL #BlackLivesMatter including Black men, women, and gender nonconforming people, Black children, the LGBTQIA+ community, and people with disabilities.

We are witnessing an uprising, a revolution from a varied community that supports that Enough is Enough. We are helping to build power and communities that care for themselves.

To Revolutionaries, that have taken to the streets for nine straight days, who reflect different hues and orientations from our community, Dignity and Power Now is with you – we stand shoulder to shoulder in this fight.

#AllPowerToThePeople #DandelionsRising

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