



NCCADV

North Carolina Coalition
Against Domestic Violence

NCCADV joins with the family and friends of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor and with our colleagues in demanding justice.

In the words of Angela Y. Davis, “In a racist society it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.” To be truly anti-racist, we must first name racism when it happens. As a white person, I feel it is imperative for me to acknowledge that white people have a history of using other language to water down thoughts and actions to something more palatable rather than calling out anti-Blackness and racism by name. We cannot be content with the goal of being non-racist or worrying about the perception others will have of us for speaking out. We must speak the truth and do what is right even when it is uncomfortable – especially when it is uncomfortable.

Ahmaud Arbery is dead because of racism.

Breonna Taylor is dead because of racism.

Botham Jean, Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin, Atatiana Jefferson, Greg Gunn, Terrance Bridges, Jr., are dead because of racism.

Racism also makes Black people more likely to experience domestic violence, intensifies the impacts of domestic violence, and makes it harder for Black survivors to access safe and meaningful resources for healing. As a society, we cannot adequately respond to or prevent domestic violence if we are not actively anti-racist.

The myth of white innocence benefits white people in many ways and continues to perpetuate white supremacist violence. As a society, we must look deeper at exactly how our biases and policies need to change in order to not only stop racial violence, but to also ensure that Black communities have the freedom to flourish and thrive in ways we have never yet allowed. We must continually confront our own racism - as individuals and as a society.

We stand in solidarity with all those demanding justice for Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. The killers must be held accountable and the systems that have allowed these racist killings must be continuously challenged – not just now when Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor’s deaths are in the news.

Sincerely,
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