



A Statement on Resistance, Extrajudicial Killing, and Eradicating Racialized Oppression

The Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA) is an interdisciplinary consortium of scholars, activists, and practitioners committed to racial justice. In times like these, we are reminded of Dr. King's words, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." CRSEA members promote and encourage research, activism, and educational practices that collectively acknowledge and work to dismantle institutional racism, antiblackness, and anti-indigeneity. Systems of white supremacy underscore the recent deaths of Keith L. Scott, Terence Crutcher, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, (Dallas and Baton Rouge law enforcement officers), and the genocides of numerous other Black people in the United States, communities of color, and indigenous populations. Each of us plays a vital role in disrupting racial and political marginalization, economic exploitation, and the unjust brutalization of individuals from historically oppressed groups. Indeed, this includes actively supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the coalition of Native leaders and activists who are defending their sovereignty, cultural heritage, right to protest, and basic human rights for access to clean water. Silence and disengagement around issues of inequity are forms of complicity. We acknowledge those individuals forcefully resisting the structures, philosophies, policies, and practices that perpetuate (what seem to be) a never ending cycle of murder and assault against Black, Latinx, and Native communities, followed by the exoneration of police officers who have exercised lethal (ab)uses of power and authority. This is a statement of support and solidarity for the work of individuals and communities who regularly question authority, disrupt the status quo, and subvert systems of power to bring public awareness to the dehumanization of far too many people of color. We encourage your continued civic engagement/participation, political action and civil protest. Keep fighting until there is justice, for all. #ResistanceMatters. #BlackLivesMatter. #BlackTransLivesMatter. #SayHerName.

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