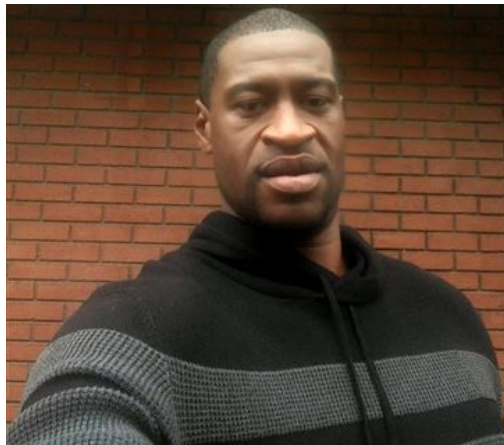


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## We Stand With Black People Everywhere



On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis by White police officer Derek Chauvin. Floyd's name now belongs to a legion of names stretching all the way back to 1619 when the first slave ship from Africa arrived on this nation's soil. 400 years later, people of African heritage are still being terrorized and slaughtered by a system ostensibly

enshrined to protect us all.

Silk Road Rising stands in solidarity with Black communities everywhere. We stand with our Black siblings in demanding that Black humanity be embedded in the consciousness of our elected officials, our law enforcement officers, our media, our businesses, our institutions, and our selves.

As a company committed to the representation of Asian, Middle Eastern, and Muslim communities, we know all too well the violence and dehumanization that is systemic racism. We are also painfully aware that many in our Asian, Middle Eastern, and Muslim communities, historically and to this day, have been in collusion with White supremacy and anti-Blackness. We call on our communities and our allies to unequivocally demand justice for George Floyd, his family, and community.

Many of us are quick to critique systems of colonialism and imperialism beyond America's shores or of decades past. African Americans live in such a cruel system today. It is incumbent upon us all to dismantle it.



"It's impossible for me as a black woman, who has been the target of blatant racism over the course of my life, not to take the killing of George Floyd personally. Watching that poor man beg for his life and for the ability to breathe, and then watching the life leave him there in the streets, I felt angry, I feel sickened, and a range of other emotions all at once."

**"Being Black in America should not be a death sentence."**

"We should not fear for the lives of our young ones, and mothers shouldn't

gonna get that later in fall.

-Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot

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