



Conversations on Black Lives Matter

Video Series Discussion Guide

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After watching each video with your group, please use the discussion questions below to facilitate an open conversation. Please note your audience and consider asking questions from the guide that are most appropriate.

QUESTIONS KEY:

- GREEN: MAJORITY BLACK AUDIENCE
- BLUE: MAJORITY WHITE AUDIENCE
- ORANGE: MAJORITY IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE AUDIENCE
- PURPLE: MAJORITY MIXED (NON -BLACK) AUDIENCE
- BLACK: UNIVERSAL QUESTIONS

Video 1: “All Lives Matter”

DESCRIPTION: *Video 1 is a skit about two people disagreeing on the statement “Black Lives Matter” in comparison to “all lives matter”. The two go back and forth on their reasoning but eventually the person who initially disagreed on the Black Lives Matter movement comes to a point where he agrees that, yes, Black lives do matter.*

1. Discuss—how did the video make you feel?
 - a. What messages or themes did you take from the video?
 - b. Do you agree with the message of the video?
 - c. Do you think there are any misconceptions around the statement “Black Lives Matter?”
 - d. How do you feel about the statement “All Lives Matter?”
2. Have you ever had the experience where someone said something like this to you?
 - a. How have you responded or reacted to this situation?
 - b. Did you feel safe enough to respond honestly?
 - c. How did the situation resolve?
 - d. (if time permits) Have you had your experiences discredited?
 - e. Have you had your point of view misunderstood when you say something?
 - f. How did that make you want to respond?
 - g. How did you respond if you have experienced this?
3. Have you ever said something like this to someone?
 - a. What prompted you to engage or begin this conversation?
 - b. If you believe all lives matter, do you believe Black Lives Matter?
 - c. If you believe all lives matter, how have you contributed to uplifting minority communities?
4. If you have never been in this situation:
 - a. Did you have similar experiences/conversations prior to arriving here? What were those conversations like?
 - b. What groups are dehumanized in your country of origin, like Black people in America?
 - c. Have you witnessed a similar interaction?
 - d. Do you think the statement “Black Lives Matter” is inclusive?
 - e. What would you do in this situation?
 - f. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you feel expressing your point of view?
5. Do you get triggered if/when you hear people say “All Lives Matter”?

Video 2: *“Black Lives Matter shouldn’t exist, because they kill their own people”*

DESCRIPTION: *Video 2 is a skit about two people having a discussion on whether or not the “Black Lives Matter” movement should exist. There will be two sides. One side is questioning the people and the movement and the other side is trying to help the person understand why the movement exists.*

1. Discuss—how did the video make you feel?
 - a. What messages or themes did you take from the video?
 - b. Do you agree with the message of the video?
2. Have you ever had the experience where someone said something like this to you?
 - a. How have you responded or reacted to this situation?
 - b. Did you feel safe enough to respond honestly?
 - c. How did the situation resolve?
3. Have you ever said something like this to someone?
 - a. What prompted you to engage or begin this conversation?
 - b. What do you think Black Lives Matter protesters and activists should be doing instead?
 - c. What have you done to help minority communities?
4. If you have never been in this situation:
 - a. Did you have similar experiences prior to arriving here?
 - b. What groups are dehumanized in your country of origin, like black people in America?
 - c. Have you witnessed a similar interaction?
 - d. What would you do in this situation?
5. Do you get triggered if/when you hear people say that?

Video 3: "Why are so many Black people looting?"

DESCRIPTION: Video 3 is a skit about two people with different perspective about the "Black Lives Matter" movement. The purpose of this conversation is to tackle the misconception of associating the "Black Lives Matter" movement and looting as one universal picture. Though the conversation was engaging, there is still a division between both perspectives.

1. How did this video make you feel?
 - a. What messages or themes did you take from the video?
 - b. Are looters and protesters the same thing?
 - c. Do you agree with the message of the video? Why or Why not?
2. Have you ever had the experience where someone said something like this to you?
 - a. How have you responded or reacted to this situation?
 - b. Did you feel safe enough to respond honestly?
 - c. How did the situation resolve?
 - d. What is your opinion on the looting?
3. Have you ever said something like this to someone?
 - a. What prompted you to engage or begin this conversation?
 - b. How did it resolve?
 - c. Are you closely associated with anyone who participated in or was affected by looters?
4. If you have never had this conversation:
 - a. Did you have similar experiences with rioting and looting prior to arriving here?
 - b. What affect did this have on you?
 - c. Have you witnessed a similar interaction?
 - d. What would you say in this conversation?
 - e. If you were peacefully protesting and saw looting what would you do?

Video 4: “The Protesters Deserved to Get Arrested”

DESCRIPTION: *This video is a conversation between a Black Lives Matter protester and a bystander while another Black Lives Matter protestor is being arrested. The bystander wants the protesting to stop in his neighborhood.*

1. How did this video make you feel?
 - a. What messages or themes did you take from the video?
 - b. Do you feel safe exercising your right to protest? Why or why not?
 - c. Have you protested?
 - i. If so what was your experience like?
 - d. Do you agree with the message of the video?
 - e. Why or why not?
2. Have you ever had the experience where someone said something like this to you?
 - a. How have you responded or reacted to this situation?
 - b. Did you feel safe enough to respond honestly?
 - c. How did the situation resolve?
 - d. Do you see other communities experiencing this?
3. Have you ever said something like this to someone?
 - a. What prompted you to engage or begin this conversation?
 - b. How did it resolve?
 - c. What do you think Black Lives Matter protesters and activists should be doing instead?
 - d. Are you closely associated with anyone who participated in protest?
 - e. Are you closely associated with anyone in law enforcement?
4. If you have never had this conversation:
 - a. Did you have similar experiences with police arresting protesters prior to arriving here?
 - b. What affect did this have on you?
 - c. Have you witnessed a similar interaction?
 - d. What would you say in this conversation?
 - e. If you were peacefully protesting and saw people getting arrested what would you do?
5. Do you get triggered if/when you hear people say things like this?

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