

Ideas Out Loud Statement of Solidarity

These past few weeks have put front and center the vitally urgent systemic issues that have plagued our country for generations: white supremacy and institutional racism. As the fight for black lives unfolds around the globe, Ideas Out Loud is proud to be an outspoken, unequivocal ally. We are an organization focused on spreading thought and embracing diverse perspectives. As such, we have the duty to speak out and show up for the black community: our black classmates, faculty & staff, friends, family, and millions of others who suffer at the hands of white supremacy and institutional racism. The senseless murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and unfortunately, many other innocent black people are symptoms of the bigger issue of racism that we must all work together to conquer.

Rather than further inject our own opinions on this important matter, we have chosen to amplify voices of the black community. These resources can be found on our Instagram account, and feature a range of TED talks by black creators on the topic of Race In America. There is still much work to be done, and it doesn't end with a simple statement of solidarity. Now, as always, Ideas Out Loud is committed to honoring a diverse range of voices to create a platform for people to share their passion and educate those around them. We are committed to ensuring that black voices are not only present in our platform, but embraced, respected, and amplified.

In this ongoing conversation around race, we commit to doing the work of educating ourselves and being part of the solution. As such, we hope the educational resources we share to simply be a stop on the larger educational journey our Stanford community is constantly undertaking. We welcome ideas and input from the Stanford community about our own role in amplifying voices and our broader role as citizens/working towards racial justice.