

# You Can Quote Me On That

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## Whites at "Black Lives Matter" Protests?

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If you do decide to go to a protest, be ready to write checks and give up your car keys. Be ready to connect with other white people to start planning a highway shut down so that you can involve yourself with the high risk that would harm us more when we do it. Like I said, if you not about this shit, DON'T GO.

Hunter Shackelford

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Source: <https://wearyourvoicemag.com/white-people-blacklivesmatter-protests/>

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# Dismantling "Heteronormativity"

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Heterosexual privilege confers unearned and unchallenged advantages and rewards on heterosexuals solely as a result of their sexual orientation. Heterosexual privilege takes many forms:

- Showing affection in public safely and comfortably, without fear of harassment or violence
- Openly talking about one's partner and relationships to others without considering the consequences
- Benefiting from societal "normalcy": the assumption that heterosexual individuals and relationships are valid, healthy and non-deviant
- Assuming that all people and relationships are heterosexual, unless otherwise known
- Not facing rejection from one's family and friends because of one's sexual orientation or gender identity
- Easily accessing positive role models and media images for one's gender identity and sexual orientation
- Not being asked to speak on behalf of all heterosexuals
- Using gender specific pronouns when referring to one's spouse or partner without discomfort or fear of reprisal
- Having automatic recognition of one's spouse as next-of-kin in emergencies
- Easily selecting print or viewing materials in which heterosexuality is the predominantly reflected orientation
- Having families similar to one's own represented in children's literature
- Raising children without fear that they will be rejected or harassed by peers because of their parents' sexual orientation or gender identities
- Receiving support and validation from a religious community
- Not risking being denied employment, housing or other services because of one's sexual orientation or gender identity
- Not being seen as needing therapy to "cure" one's sexual orientation or gender expression
- Marrying

Adapted from UBC's Equity Office's "Recognizing Heterosexism and Homophobia"

Source: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/positivespace/node/38>

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## Jesus and the Founders

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"We're trying to get you to understand that a lot of what you've been taught in history is propaganda."

"Jesus Christ, if that's who you believe in—Jesus Christ, admittedly was not perfect when he was here on this Earth. So why are we deifying the founders of this country?"

Don Lemon, CNN

July 6, 2020

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_iFiRTUqrQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_iFiRTUqrQ)

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# "Black Lives Matter" Reparations

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"Nothing you have is yours. Let me be clear: Nothing you have is yours. Also, Let me be see through: Reparations are not donations, because we are not your charity, tax write off, or good deed for the day. You are living off of stolen resources, stolen land, exploited labor, appropriated culture and the murder of our people. Nothing you have is yours."

"You have to give us everything we need and more, because even if it means you go without — it doesn't matter because that's how we been living for 400+ years. Reparations will never be negotiable. So if you're not willing to talk money, you are not here for #BlackLivesMatter as a movement or for us as individuals."

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# 10 Requests From "Black Lives Matter"

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Some things I'm thinking about that should change (in that Southern, black grandmama voice):

1. White people, if you don't have any descendants, will your property to a black or brown family. Preferably one that lives in generational poverty.
2. White people, if you're inheriting property you intend to sell upon acceptance, give it to a black or brown family. You're bound to make that money in some other white privileged way.
3. If you are a developer or realty owner of multi-family housing, build a sustainable complex in a black or brown blighted neighborhood and let black and brown people live in it for free.
4. White people, if you can afford to downsize, give up the home you own to a black or brown family. Preferably a family from generational poverty.
5. White people, if any of the people you intend to leave your property to are racist assholes, change the will, and will your property to a black or brown family. Preferably a family from generational poverty.
6. White people, re-budget your monthly so you can donate to black funds for land purchasing.
7. White people, especially white women (because this is yaw specialty — Nosey Jenny and Meddling Kathy), get a racist fired. Yaw know what the fuck they be saying. You are complicit when you ignore them. Get your boss fired cause they racist too.
8. Backing up No. 7, this should be easy but all those sheetless Klan, Nazi's and Other lil' dick-white men will all be returning to work. Get they ass fired. Call the police even: they look suspicious.
9. OK, backing up No. 8, if any white person at your work, or as you enter in spaces and you overhear a white person praising the actions from yesterday, first, get a pic. Get their name and more info. Hell, find out where they work — Get Them Fired. But certainly address them, and, if you need to, you got hands: use them.
10. Commit to two things: Fighting white supremacy where and how you can (this doesn't mean taking up knitting, unless you're making scarves for black and brown kids in need), and funding black and brown people and their work.

#RunUsOurLand #Reparations #YouGonLearnToday #RunUsOurMoney

Chanelle Helm, Co-founder Black Lives Matter Louisville

August 16, 2017

Source: <https://www.leoweekly.com/2017/08/white-people/>

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# Word Soup

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Cisgender is a word used to describe gender identity. Straight, on the other hand, is used to describe sexual orientation.

Being cisgender isn't the same thing as being straight, but they can overlap: People can be both cisgender and straight.

Cisgender is considered the opposite of transgender, but some people feel that they identify as neither cisgender nor transgender.

Some people identify as nonbinary, which means they don't identify strictly as a man or a woman.

Some nonbinary people consider themselves to be transgender, but some consider themselves to be neither entirely transgender nor cisgender.

For example, let's consider a nonbinary person who was assigned male at birth. This person might describe themselves as genderfluid. They might feel that their gender identity shifts over time, and they could identify as a man some days, and a woman on other days.

In this case, the person shifts between the definitions of cisgender and transgender. They might identify as both cisgender and transgender, or neither.

So, cisgender and transgender aren't a part of a strict binary. It's possible to be neither cisgender nor transgender, or to identify as a bit of both.

The word "straight" is often used to mean "heterosexual." It can also mean "heteroromantic."

Orientation and attraction can be complicated — it isn't just a matter of simply being gay or straight.

"CisHet" means someone is both cisgender and heterosexual. It could also mean both cisgender and heteroromantic.

In other words, a cisHet person identifies as the gender they were assigned at birth, and they're attracted to people of the opposite gender.

There are many cisgender people who aren't straight. So, you can be cisgender and gay, cisgender and bisexual, or cisgender and asexual, to name a few identities.

Every human is unique.

There are different terms to describe orientation and gender identity because there are so many ways to experience attraction and gender.

The diversity of terms actually reflects the diversity of humans.

Having a term to describe who you are can be validating for many people. Often, these terms help people find community so they feel less alone.



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# Plz Allah

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"Plz Allah give me strength to not cuss/kill these white men and white folks out here today. Plz plz plz."

BLM Toronto co-founder Yusra Khogali

April 2017

Source: <https://torontosun.com/2017/02/13/hatred-shakes-black-lives-matter-toronto-credibility/wcm/436e06cb-bach-4baa-89e9-efa138667222>

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# Oppressing Minorities through Farmers' Markets

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"Farmers' markets are often white spaces where the food consumption habits of white people are normalized."

Pascale Joassart-Marcelli and Fernando J Bosco, San Diego State University professors  
December 2017

Source: <https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=10306>

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## The Tired Trope

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"When we deploy 'All Lives Matter' ... we perpetuate a level of White supremacist domination by reproducing a tired trope that we are all the same, rather than acknowledging that non-Black oppressed people in this country are both impacted by racism and domination, and simultaneously, BENEFIT from anti-black racism."

"Please do not change the conversation by talking about how your life matters, too. It does, but we need less watered down unity and a more active solidarities with us, Black people, unwaveringly, in defense of our humanity."

Alicia Garza, #BlackLivesMatter Co-founder

October 7, 2014

Source: <https://thefeministwire.com/2014/10/blacklivesmatter-2/>