



Amidst a national climate of unrest and uprising over the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, David McAtee, Ahmaud Arbery, and Tony McDade, and centuries of police brutality against Black Americans, Fossil Free American University wishes to express our unequivocal support for the Black Lives Matter movement and other organizations fighting racism and state violence.

FFAU is a movement rooted in climate justice, and we recognize that there is no climate justice without racial justice. Our movement is intersectional, and the fight for climate justice is the fight to dismantle the systems of oppression, racism, and violence against Black people in our country and around the world. The most pernicious effects of the climate crises--food shortages, extreme weather events, and insufficient housing--disproportionately affect Black and Brown bodies and are exacerbated by state violence. Therefore, we believe it is not only appropriate but necessary to fight for Black liberation, which is contingent on dismantling racist systems of oppression, such as the Military Industrial Complex and the Prison Industrial Complex.

The success of our movement in calling for the divestment of American University's endowment from the fossil fuel industry is a testament to the influence of the concentrated power of the people. At the same time, our movement has been vastly composed of white voices and bodies. FFAU recognizes our privilege, being a predominantly white organization calling for change, and we recognize that this privilege is not afforded to Black organizations. For this reason we find it imperative that we support and stand with Black organizers both at AU and across the country. We implore our non-Black followers to do the same by reading the list of resources below and reaching out with any questions regarding these resources.

FFAU recognizes that to fight the powers of racism, white supremacy, and subjugation of working class peoples, we must strive for anti-racism rather than rest on the laurels of non-racism. Individuals and organizations alike must put in the time and effort to self-educate and take advantage of our privilege to fight these systems.

Below is a list of resources

In solidarity,  
Fossil Free American University

## Resources

### Donate to:

- Black Lives Matter
- Black Lives Matter DMV
- National Bail Fund Network (or local bail funds)
- Stop Police Terror Project DC
- Reclaim the Block
- The Black Trans Advocacy Coalition

### Get involved:

- Educate yourself in order to better understand our country's history of systemic racism
  - <http://antiracismforbeginners.com/>

### Amplify & Support:

- Black Visions Collective
- Black Immigrant Collective
- Black Lives Matter
- One DC
- Black owned businesses and artists
  - <https://www.feedthelik.com/post/dc-black-owned-open-covid-19>

### Read:

- Anti-Racism Resource List
  - <http://antiracismforbeginners.com/>
- How to Be an Anti-Racist
- The End of Policing
- Who Do You Serve? Who Do You Protect?
- The New Jim Crow
- Freedom is a Constant Struggle
- The Color of Law

### General resources

- <https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/>