

Black Lives Matter - CPA Responds to the George Floyd Tragedy

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George Floyd's torture and murder at the hands of a white police officer has left the world reeling. People are experiencing an emotional conflagration too familiar in this country; flames of racism, injustice, subjugation, torture, unlawful killing, and fear have engulfed us all.

The Colorado Psychological Association condemns all acts of violence and hate, and in particular stands proudly in support of, and with love for, the Black community. Beleaguered by centuries of violence and systemic racism in this country, the Black community deserves thoughtful and compassionate backing from all of us during this, its only most recent time of need in the face of countless abject injustices. Racism and brutality against all Black people must cease, and we call upon everyone to do their part. Mere talk about change has never been enough - action from our leaders, communities, friends, and colleagues must occur. CPA implores all psychologists to use their unique skills to ensure all people are treated with kindness, equality, dignity, and respect in a spirit of social justice.

CPA believes in the celebration and affirmation of diversity in all forms. To further our mission as the Voice of Psychology in Colorado, we will be hosting several open forums on racism in America for CPA members. Details will be forthcoming. We invite you to join us as we mourn, share ideas and resources, make plans for action, and provide compassion for each other as we strive to support all the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

*Rick Ginsberg, Ph.D., President - Colorado Psychological Association
and
The Colorado Psychological Association Board of Directors*

