

The Murder of Walter Scott in South Carolina. On April 14, People across America will take to the Streets

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The murder of Walter Scott in South Carolina, shot down the way a slave chaser would gun down a rebellious slave, on top of everything else that has happened in the past months, calls out to us: What are you going to do now?

On April 14, people in cities across the country will take to the streets to disrupt business as usual because business as usual includes police getting away with murdering Black and Brown people. What will you do on this day?

Will you join Carl Dix, Cornel West, the families of nearly thirty police murder victims, Alice Walker, Eve Ensler, Cindy Sheehan, Arturo O’Farrill, Rev. Calvin Butts, Jasmine Guy, Jasiri X, and others in the streets that day? Will you add your voice to those speaking out against the system giving a green light to police murder? Will you [donate](#) \$500 to this mobilization?

Since January 1st of this year, 92 *unarmed* people – mainly Black and Latino – have been murdered by police.

Take a moment to read the messages below from Carl Dix, Cornel West, Arturo O’Farrill, Cindy Sheehan, Eve Ensler, Alice Walker, Rev. Calvin Butts, and others. Go to the Stop Mass Incarceration [website](#) for more.

Whether you join them – or remain silent – will strengthen one side or the other. Either you will add strength to the fight for justice or your silence will allow what we have now – a horrific slow genocide and degradation of a people – to continue and worsen.

Nobody with any claim to oppose police murder, nobody with any claim to conscience can at this point stand aside from the call for major outpourings of people on April 14.

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, *pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, NYC*:

“I am supporting mass protest on April 14. Shut It Down! We think pressure needs to stay on for justice in regards to the killing of Eric Garner, and of Black and Brown people all across the country. April 14 we will assemble on Union Square North at 2pm. We want to make sure that we all are there. We want to see our congregations, our ministers and pastors around the city there on that day, and we will continue to press our case for justice.”

Carl Dix, *Revolutionary Communist Party and co-founder of Stop Mass Incarceration Network*:

“Anyone with a shred of justice in their hearts needs to join in acting to STOP it by taking to the streets on April 14! to stop the ‘business as usual’ of killing by police.”

Eve Ensler, *author of Vagina Monologues, founder of One Billion Rising to End Violence Against Women:*

"On April 14, I will walk out and stand up with #ShutDownA14 to say with all my heart that the murder of black and brown people by the police MUST stop. That there must be immediate justice for all the victims of brutal, murdering police. That police responsible for these murders must be indicted and convicted. That until this happens, we cannot rest or stop. Now is the moment to go the distance with more determination and commitment, with more connection and resistance. To demand a country where everyone is treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and love. See you in the streets April14."

Arturo O'Farrill, *Grammy Award winning jazz musician:*

"There is nothing more important than stopping the murder of unarmed citizens...I will lend my voice to say that on the 14th you must walkout; walk out of your business, walk out of your classroom, walk out of your apartment, walk out of your complacency, walk out of all you think you know and take heart in the real world. Walk out of the gray world and walk into the world of the sun and stand with the people of the sun."

Cindy Sheehan, *world-renowned anti-war activist, mother of Casey Sheehan who was killed in Iraq:*

"On April 14, I will be joining you in solidarity. Let's stop this! Let's get these [police] held accountable for their crimes."

Alice Walker, *Pulitzer Prize winning author and poet:*

"I expect to see you out there, somewhere, wherever you are, on April14th. Send the support. Join the suffering, join the celebration... When you go out on April 14th, you will see that you are creating - as you have done before, and all of your ancestors and older people have done - you are creating a community of resistance. This is the essence of what we need to have now."

Cornel West, *philosopher, academic, activist, author, public intellectual:*

"We are unapologetic about our love of our young people, our precious people, our middle aged people, our older people [pointing at faces of people murdered by police]. And when you love folk, you hate the fact that they've been treated unjustly. You loathe the fact they're being treated unfairly. And if you don't do something the rocks are gonna cry out.

That's why we're here. That's why we're gonna march on April 14th. Oh yes. I don't care what color you are. How deep is your love for the young people?"

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