

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

#THEWORLDISWATCHING

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN
SOLIDARITY

LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD

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The World Is Watching is a global coalition demanding concrete actions to end police brutality and systemic racism in the United States. We are leaders, foreign and domestic professionals, organizations, grassroots activists, and allies. The World Is Watching calls for policy, system and environmental changes to be implemented for real, tangible progress to be made. We have been working hard throughout the year to enact change in communities around the world, and we are excited about growing our mission in 2021.

Reflection

This past year has been extremely challenging and simultaneously inspiring. We are currently in the largest civil rights movement in history, and what we do now will shape the future. The World Is Watching wants to celebrate the progress made and the milestones we met throughout the year and carry this momentum into 2021. In 2020, we have:

- Participated in and co-hosted five virtual panels, with international partners such as the Civil 20 Summit, the United Nations 75th Anniversary program, and Queen Diambi of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Co-hosted a benefit concert with Da Asian Hip Hop to raise donations and solidarity for the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Joined as guest speakers on podcasts *Kind of an Expert* and *Womanhood and International Relations*.
- Gained over 800 followers on our social media platforms.
- Gathered thousands of individual [signatures](#) and institutional endorsements for our [International Declaration](#).
- Contacted over 660 elected officials across the United States to express solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and call for policy change.
- Expanded our team to 14 core members with diverse backgrounds and expertise.
- Published the first issue of the *From Our Eyes* magazine, which featured artwork and reflections by members of the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Published three *Issue Briefings* series on our website to educate supporters about how systemic racism affects public policy and private sectors.



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Looking Forward

Going into 2021, we are determined to continue advocating for change and amplifying voices around the world. The new political circumstances remind us of the work left undone and motivate us to keep going. We face a beacon of hope and change is on the horizon. In 2021, The World Is Watching looks forward to:

- Creating more informative events and fundraisers to support and highlight the Black community and small businesses.
- Sending our International Declaration to policymakers in all 50 states, including governors, attorney generals and legislative leaders.
- Advocating for policy changes at the federal level within Congress and the new president.
- Increasing partnerships with other advocacy, racial justice and youth organizations.
- Continuing our support of global Black Lives Matter movements through advocacy, providing research and resources, and strategic advising.
- Publishing seasonal issues of the *From Our Eyes* magazine.
- Expanding the *Issue Briefings* series to include a wide range of authors with expertise in various fields, focusing on students and young professionals.
- Introducing the new *Black Lives Matter Global Talks* series, to be hosted on Instagram Live.
- Creating and expanding our permanent membership base, which we will engage with through our events and publications.

Conclusion

The World Is Watching is working towards concrete action in the fight for racial justice. Our work over the past year has advocated for policy changes, organized resources and events, and amplified voices and messages in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. We have no plans of slowing down and look forward to advancing even further in 2021. You can join our mission by reading our International Declaration [here](#) and signing the accompanying [petition](#). You can also follow our social media channels to stay updated on upcoming events, releases and important information.