'Stop making everything about you': Billie Eilish denounces 'All Lives Matter' cause

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Billie Eilish performs at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on Jan. 26, 2020

Singer Billie Eilish denounced the "All Lives Matter" cause Saturday in a statement posted to Instagram in response to the death of George Floyd.

Eilish, 18, wrote that she spent the past week trying to figure out a way to "address this delicately," referring to proponents[2] of the "All Lives Matter" world view. Eilish, who has more than 63 million Instagram followers, said that she strives[3] to use her "enormous" platform to be respectful and to carefully think through what she says and how she says it.

IVE BEEN TRYING TO TAKE THIS WEEK TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ADDRESS THIS DELICATELY. I HAVE AN ENOURMOUS PLATFORM AND I TRY REALLY HARD TO BE RESPECTFUL AND TAKE TIME TO THINK THROUGH WHAT I SAY AND HOW I SAY IT.....BUT HOLY FUCKING SHIT IM JUST GONNA START TALKING.

Screengrab of Billie Eilish 's Instagram post

She then said that if she hears one more white person say, "All lives matter," she would lose her "f------ mind."

[1] Central European Summer Time
[2] supporters
[3] Makes every effort

"No one is saying your life doesn't matter," Eilish wrote. "No one is saying your life is not hard. No one is saying literally anything about you." "This is not about you," she continued. "Stop making everything about you. You are not in need. You are not in danger."

Eilish, whose full name is Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell, said she would explain it as she would to a child.

"If your friend gets a cut on their arm are you gonna wait to give all your friends a Band-Aid first because "all arms matter?"" she asked. "No," she said, adding that you would help your friend who was bleeding because they are in pain and in need.

Eilish provided another example, asking if a person's house was on fire and someone was trapped inside, "are you gonna make the fire department go to every other house on the block[4] first because all houses matter???"

"No," she said, because they don't "f------ need it."

The post was written almost entirely in caps.

"You are privileged whether you realize it or not," Eilish wrote. "Society gives you privilege just for being white," she wrote. "You can be poor, you can be struggling..and still your skin color is giving you more privilege than you even realize and nobody is saying that makes you better than anyone." This allows white people to live without having to worry about surviving, simply because of their skin color, Eilish wrote.

"If all lives matter," she asked, "why are black people killed for just being black? Why are immigrants persecuted? Why are white people given opportunities that people of other races aren't?"

Eilish questioned why white people can protest stay-at-home orders while carrying semi-automatic weapons, as some have at the State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan, and why black people are labeled "thugs[5]" for protesting "the murder of innocent people."

"Do you know why?" she asked. "White. F------. Privilege."

Eilish said that white privilege affects other minority groups and that in this moment "we have to address hundreds of years of oppression of black people."

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"And they f------ do!!!!!!" she wrote, before repeating "black lives matter" four times.

She ended the statement with "#justiceforgeorgefloyd."

Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, died Monday after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes during an arrest. The officer, Derek Chauvin, and three other officers involved in the arrest were fired the day after Floyd's death. Chauvin was arrested Friday and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter.

Floyd's death has set off mass protests against police brutality.

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[4] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City_block

[5] A violent criminal

The Black Lives Matter movement was started in the summer of 2013 by black organizers Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi after George Zimmerman was acquitted of the killing of Trayvon Martin.

45 Eilish's post has been liked nearly 6 million times and drawn support in the comment section from other celebrities, including director Ava DuVernay, Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton and singers Trey Songz and DeathbyRomy, who commented, "I hope this clears s--- up for some people."

Model Tess Holliday responded: "Thank you. All lives can't matter until black lives matter."

Eilish was not alone in aligning herself with the Black Lives Matter movement.

50 Over the weekend, companies like Netflix, Twitter, HBO and Nordstrom also expressed support for the movement. Twitter changed its profile image on the platform to black and added "#BlackLivesMatter" to its description. Netflix posted on Twitter on Saturday: "To be silent is to be complicit. Black lives matter. We have a platform, and we have a duty to our Black members, employees, creators and talent to speak up."

MCQ below ▼

1. **The document is an article**
    a. From a French newspaper
    b. From an American newspaper
    c. From a Canadian newspaper
2. **The topic raised is**
    a. The COVID crisis
    b. The global economic crisis
    c. The race problem in the USA
3. **From the title and subtitle, guess Billie's mood:**
    a. Happy
    b. Impassive and analytical
    c. Very angry
4. **The article is quite**
    a. Ancient
    b. Recent
5. **How old is Billie Eilish?**
    a. teenager
    b. young adult
    c. senior
6. **What's her job?**
    a. Waitress
    b. Accountant
    c. Entertainer
7. **What platform did she choose to express her feelings?**
    a. Twitter (for the haters)
    b. Instagram (for trendy people)
    c. Facebook (for boomers)
8. **Can you guess who said "all lives matter"?**
    a. Obama
    b. Trump
    c. Macron
9. **What happened to George Floyd, if you have been living under a rock these past few days. You can also find an explanation lines 38-42**

10. **Why is it important to "address this delicately"?**
    a. Tensions are high and the USA are polarized on race issues.
    b. She doesn't want to lose followers.
    c. She doesn't want to offend people who have lost a relative.
    d. All of the above.
11. **Billie is aware that she can try to make things change**
    a. True: she has 63m followers!
    b. False: she only wants to make music.
12. **Who gets on her nerves?**
    a. White people because they complain.
    b. Black people because they complain.
13. **She implies that "All lives matter" takes the spotlight away from the people with a real serious problem (Blacks)**
    a. True (duh)
    b. False
14. **She implies that people who say "All lives matter" are not very intelligent**
    a. True, she compares them to children.
    b. False, she thinks they are as smart as the others.
15. **She thinks that in a situation of crisis, you should help the person who is in need first.**
    a. It seems logical
    b. Why? I will help who I want, when I want!
16. **Her second example is**
    a. Ridiculous (to highlight the stupidity of those people)
    b. Reasonable (she knows how firemen work)
17. **When you write in caps on social media, people know that**
    a. You are relaxed and zen
    b. You love someone very much
    c. YOU ARE MAD AS HELL!
18. **What white privilege is.**
    a. I watched the video once, understood everything, easy for me.
    b. I watched 3 times, and I am pretty sure I know what Wp is now.
    c. I watched 10 times and I still don't understand.
19. **Why does Billie Eilish mention immigrants?**
    a. She doesn't like them.
    b. She wants to migrate to a different country.
    c. They are badly treated by the police too, and a target of Trump's government too.

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Armed protesters take part in rally on 30 April at the Michigan state capitol in Lansing, demanding the reopening of businesses shut as an anti-coronavirus measure.

20. What happened to the white people who protested stay-at-home orders while carrying semi-automatic weapons?

a. They all got arrested for openly carrying deadly weapons.
b. They all got arrested for disturbing the peace.
c. They all got arrested for disobeying orders to stay at home.
d. Nothing.

21. What would happen if those protesters were non-white?

a. Nothing either, no difference
b. People would get arrested, brutalized, killed by the police.

22. Can you guess who called the Black protesters "thugs"?

a. Trump
b. Trump
c. Trump

23. Is that problem recent?

a. Of course not, it dates from before the creation of the USA
b. It is fairly recent (since the sixties)
c. It is very new.

24. Billie says that people who say "all lives matter"

a. Love everyone the same
b. Don't care about black people

25. This issue seems to be important for BE

a. True, she uses repetition
b. True, she wrote a 4 pages Instagram post
c. True ,she uses lots of swear words
d. All of the above
e. False

26. Why was police officer Derek Chauvin arrested?

a. He stole George Floyd's money.
b. He clearly caused George Floyd's death.

c. He was dealing drugs to his colleagues.

27. When was the movement/hashtag Black Lives Matter created?

a. 2007, under Bush, jr
b. 2013, under Obama
c. 207, under trump

28. Guess the colours:

a. George Zimmerman
b. Trayvon Martin
c. Black
d. White

29. That IG post by BE is proving quite popular

a. True, 6m likes + celebrities' endorsements
b. False, a few likes, that's all

30. Why did big companies, like Netflix or Twitter express support for the protest?

a. They don't want to lose clients/users
b. It's fun to follow a trend!
c. Because they know it's the right thing to do and things must change.

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NO ONE IS SAYING LITERALLY ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOU..... ALL YOU MFS DO IS FIND A WAY TO MAKE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOURSELF. THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOU. STOP MAKING EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU. YOU ARE NOT IN NEED. YOU ARE NOT IN DANGER.
(im gonna try to explain this as if you were a child because it FEELS LIKE THATS THE ONLY WAY YOU MFS WILL UNDERSTAND) if your friend gets a cut on their arm are you gonna wait to give all your friends a bandaid first because all arms matter? NO youre gonna help your friend because THEY are in PAIN because THEY are in need because THEY ARE BLEEDING! if someones house was on fire & someone is stuck in the house, are you gonna make the fire department go to every other house on the block first because all houses matter??? NO! BECAUSE THEY DONT FUCKING NEED IT. YOU ARE PRIVILEGED WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT. SOCIETY GIVES YOU PRIVILEGE JUST FOR BEING WHITE. YOU CAN BE POOR, YOU CAN BE STRUGGLING.. AND STILL YOUR SKIN COLOR IS GIVING YOU MORE PRIVILEGE THAN YOU EVEN REALIZE. &NOBODY IS SAYING THAT MAKES YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE. IT JUST LETS YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT SURVIVING SIMPLY BECAUSE OF YOUR SKIN COLOR!!
YOU ARE PRIVILEGED!!
IF ALL LIVES MATTER WHY ARE BLACK PEOPLE KILLED FOR JUST BEING BLACK? WHY ARE IMMIGRANTS PERSECUTED? WHY ARE WHITE PEOPLE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES THAT PEOPLE OF OTHER RACES ARENT? WHY IS IT OKAY FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO PROTEST LITERALLY BEING ASKED TO STAY AT HOME WHILE CARRYING SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS?
WHY IS IT OKAY FOR BLACK PEOPLE TO BE CALLED THUGS FOR PROTESTING THE MURDER OF INNOCENT PEOPLE? DO YOU KNOW WHY????
WHITE. FUCKING. PRIVILEGE.
DOES WHITE PRIVILEGE AFFECT HISPANIC PEOPLE? NATIVE AMERICANS? ASAIN PEOPLE? YES FOR FUCKING SURE IT DOES. 100000000000000%.
BUT RIGHT NOW RIGHT IN THIS MOMENT...
WE HAVE TO ADDRESS HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF OPPRESSION OF BLACK PEOPLE.
THE SLOGAN OF #blacklivesmatter DOES NOT MEAN OTHER LIVES DONT. ITS CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SOCIETY CLEARLY THINKS BLACK LIVES DONT FUCKING MATTER!!!!!!
AND THEY FUCKING DO!!!!!!
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