

Request to participate in Human Rights Watch video series that more intimately explores the “why” of the protests

We at Human Rights Watch are producing a video series that more intimately explores the “why” of the protests, as we think it’s important that we put human faces and feelings on the growing movement by sharing the personal reasons that people are taking to the streets. To that end, we’d love to invite you to submit a short 30 second selfie video in which you explain what compels you to participate in the protests. We want to capture what motivated you, personally, to get involved, and specificity is encouraged.

In addition to explaining why you protest, we would love for you to briefly share your dream of “what comes next.” You don’t have to get super specific in terms of policies, just let us know what kind of world or system or life you want to come out of this for you or others.



Perhaps you are protesting because you want people to know that racism against Black people is alive and well your country. Maybe you have a child or niece or nephew that you’re scared for, or maybe because you have experienced or witnessed a disturbing encounter with the police, or you’re scared for your American friends. Whatever the case, we’re interested in what motivates people to put their safety on the line by protesting; personal reflections and anecdotes that drive it home are welcome.

Questions to answer in the video

What personally motivates you to participate in the protest?

Share your dream of what comes next

How to film:

Selfie video. Shoot horizontally , not vertically 

Start video with “My name is, I live in city, in country

Film at a protest if you can (and safe to do so). Or standing or walking in an outdoor location would also work, but again if safe to do so.

Make sure that your head and shoulders are in the shot. Doing so leaves us enough space on the screen to put subtitles underneath your face.

If filming at a protest, and it’s safe to do so, please get some crowd shots in a separate video

Speak in your own language

How to send:

WhatsApp the video direct from your phone to this number +447803056956

Include written message in the WhatsApp message which gives your name and where you live

Publication:

The video will be shared on HRW’s social channels (7 million followers altogether) and website.

Deadline

Sunday June 14, 2020