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Black Americans are more than twice as likely to be unarmed when killed during encounters with police as white people, according to a Guardian investigation which found 102 of 464 people killed so far this year in incidents with law enforcement officers were not carrying weapons. Black Lives Matter is an activist movement in the United States that began in the wake of the July 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman in the Florida shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin. The Black Lives Matter movement campaigns against police brutality in the United States against African-Americans. In the poem, "United We Stand" the writer and hip hop singer T.I addresses false pretense, police brutality of African Americans, and taking action.

One out of many issues affecting this generation as a whole from coming together is the pretenses attitude being portrayed between each other. Most people just fall in line like obedient little children, doing exactly what society expected of them at any given moment, all the while pretending that they'd actually made some sort of choice. The lines, "I guess that's made it easy to swipe to the left and scroll to the next. And forget about Sandra Bland show that the lives taken wouldn't be so important to us if it wasn't the trending topic. It is easy to get so caught up in oneself and forget to acknowledge the other people around. Police brutality on young African Americans is another issue among many that's affecting this generation as a whole from coming together. Is this really how we feel about our loved ones and friends?