

## Did You Know?

Recent research into the Black Lives Matter protests reveal two very important points:

- 1) They've been mostly peaceful.
- 2) They work.

### **#1 Despite media hysteria, research shows that the protests were mostly peaceful.**

From a Harvard Radcliffe Institute study on BLM Protests last year:

“...The Black Lives Matter uprisings were remarkably nonviolent. When there was violence, very often police or counterprotesters were reportedly directing it at the protesters...**our data suggest that 96.3% of events involved no property damage or police injuries, and in 97.7% of events, no injuries were reported among participants, bystanders or police.** These figures should correct the narrative that the protests were overtaken by rioting and vandalism or violence.

Such claims are false. Incidents in which there was protester violence or property destruction should be regarded as exceptional – and not representative of the uprising as a whole.”

<https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/news-and-ideas/black-lives-matter-protesters-were-overwhelmingly-peaceful-our-research-finds?fbclid=IwAR1ynbrx-2L2PCTK3xR6nC0hh1KIs-5PaPa0KuWL2I9dRELIrN8iNcuDy1Y>

### **#2 Even more important, the protests have been incredibly effective.**

From June, 2021 *Harper's Index*:

Average percentage by which the rate of police killings in a U.S. city decreases one year after its first Black Lives Matter protest : 14

Five years after its first Black Lives Matter protest : 30

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