

# White people have gentrified Black Lives Matter. It's a problem

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**Summary:** An exploration of the recent explosion of white allies voicing their support for Black Lives Matter and comparisons to the period after the civil rights movement in which everyone claimed to have been a civil rights activist. While an unprecedented amount of white folks took to the streets during the summer of 2020, the author shares that "according to a June poll, 45% of white people surveyed found racism to be a 'big problem.' In the latest poll [as of Sept. 2020], that number had already fallen to 38%."

## 🏠 **Take Action!**

Follow and/or connect with local organizations working towards racial justice and identify a few current asks of the organization, and/or make a plan to help engage in future actions. For reference, you can find SURJ affiliated groups and local contacts here: <https://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/chapters-and-affiliates.html>.

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