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Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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The CCR blog

Justice for Breonna Taylor requires the transformation of the society and system that killed her

In response to the announcement that only one of the officers involved in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor was indicted, and on a wanton endangerment charge that had nothing to do with her murder, we issued the following statement:

The sole indictment announced not for the murder of Breonna Taylor, but for shots into a neighbors apartment falls dramatically short of any semblance of accountability for the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department. While no charges for the three officers involved in her killing could ever begin to address systemic deadly state violence against Black people, the announcement serves as a reminder that law enforcement and the state are deeply invested in the denial of justice to survivors of such violence. The meager charges announced illuminate the urgent need to uproot systems of anti-Black racism, colonialism, and misogynoir that killed Breonna Taylor and denied her and so many others the possibility of justice.

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We already know what we'll get with a Trump SCOTUS nominee

Even before the Supreme Court nominee is announced, current political dynamics and the coalescence of racist, right-wing ideology reveal what any Trump nominee will portend: votes to reverse *Roe v. Wade*; expand religious exemptions from basic anti-discrimination laws and other maneuvers to target the LGBTQIA+ community; rubber stamp Republican-led voter suppression of Black, Brown, and poor communities and gerrymandering efforts to institute a one-party state; develop constitutional doctrines that invalidate basic regulations protecting public health, consumer safety, and environmental devastation; and, more broadly, dismantle social welfare protections rooted as far back as the New Deal.

Read our full statement [on our website](#).

Mourning the loss of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

In response to the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, we issued the following statement:

As advocates committed to a movement-based justice mission, we will continue to fight in the courts. But as the courts become a less friendly forum, we will double down on this oppressive system of power just as we did when we worked with [Fannie Lou Hamer](#) and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in the 1960s; with [reproductive justice advocates](#) in the 1970s; with [freedom fighters](#) struggling against repressive governments in Central America in the 1980s; with [relatives of murdered activists](#) who were fighting for human rights and environmental justice in Nigeria in the 1990s; with detainees who have been indefinitely confined and tortured at [Guantanamo](#) in the 2000s; with Black and Brown New York City residents who were unconstitutionally stopped and frisked in the 2010s; and with [transgender Black women](#) for access to healthcare and release from prison today.

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