

# In America, Protest Is Patriotic

The police are supposed to protect free speech, not suppress it.

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When George Floyd died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, the scourge of police violence, festering for generations, became a rallying point for Americans yearning for the fulfillment of this country's founding aspiration to promote life, liberty and happiness.

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