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Donald Trump 's chief of staff allegedly brushed off initial concerns about the death of George Floyd and claimed that "nobody is going to care about that", before demonstrations erupted on the doorstep of the White House.

According to a new book by journalist Michael C Bender, Frankly, We Did Win This Election: The Inside Story of How Trump Lost, White House aides were discussing the ongoing Covid crisis on 26 May when the subject of Mr Floyd's death was brought up.

Mr Floyd, a Black resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was murdered by officer Derek Chauvin who knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes on 25 May. The incident was caught on mobile footage, and would soon catch the attention of the American public.

The president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner , allegedly told aides during that 26 May meeting that another story was soon going to dominate "for the foreseeable future", in reference to the death of Mr Floyd.

"I'm just going to stop you," Mr Kushner told another White House aide, discussing Covid. "There is going to be one story that dominates absolutely everything for the foreseeable future."

"I'm already hearing from African American leaders about the death of George Floyd in Minnesota," Mr Kushner told the room, Mr Bender, a reporter for the Wall Street Journal, wrote.

In an adaption of the book published in Politico on Friday, Mr Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows , responded by saying that "nobody was going to care that".

The death of Mr Floyd went on to cause months of demonstrations in Minneapolis and across the United States, and within a week would be at the front gates of the White House.

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According to Mr Bender, Mr Trump watched the mobile footage of Mr Floyd's **death** onboard Air Force One on 27 May - the day after Mr Meadow's remarks - and commented: "This is f\*\*\*\*\*terrible".

Members of the National Guard were deployed and barriers installed to defend the former president from protesters, who were calling for racial justice in the days after 25 May.

It followed Mr Trump tweeting that demonstrators were "THUGS" who were "dishonouring the memory of George Floyd", adding: "When the looting starts, the shooting starts. Thank you!"

The remarks were immediately criticised for inciting violence and inflaming tensions.

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## BLM Protester Sues Police After Injuries From Tear Gas Grenade

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A protester at a Black Lives Matter march sued the New Orleans Police Department after she was allegedly injured last year during demonstrations that followed the death of George Floyd, according to the Associated Press.

Katharine Archer claimed to have suffered injuries to the head and tailbone which came from the ensuing fall after she was struck with a teargas canister that was fired by a New Orleans Police Department officer, the AP reported.

Her lawsuit is directed at both the city and the police involved in the altercation that also included her college-age daughters on the night in question.

“In the resulting stampede as protesters fled, Ms. Archer's daughters struggled to help her move away from the chemical clouds of tear gas and flying munitions,” the lawsuit read.

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Protesters march towards an Amazon Book Store in the Marina Del Rey neighborhood of Los Angeles during a Black Lives Matter rally to demand social justice on December 19, 2020. (APGOMES/AFP via Getty Images)

New Orleans Police attempted to stop protesters from continuing over checkpoints across a bridge, known as the Crescent City Connection, one year before Archer filed suit.

This isn't the only suit levied against the NOPD. Three protesters launched another suit for police firing teargas upon “hundreds” of protesters fighting for “racial justice against the tragic death of George Floyd and so many others,” according to WWL. **(RELATED: 'Brutal, Violent, And Unconstitutional': Protesters Sue Chicago Police For Tactics Used During Demonstrations)**

Archer has still not seen a response to the lawsuit filed on June 3.

The department, following a decision in December, now only sanctions tear gas when officers' lives are threatened.

Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson said following the December decision that some incidents were caused by “a lack of planning and tactical decision-making.”

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A demonstrator holds a Black Lives Matter flag outside the Minnesota State Capitol building on May 24, 2021 in St Paul, Minnesota. Members of the activist group Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence spoke at the Capitol to demand police accountability legislation. (Photo by Stephen Maturen/Getty Images)

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Teenage killings in London at its highest in a decade with fears it could get worse

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The number of teenagers killed violently in London is at its highest in more than a decade and police fear 2021 could be the most horrific since 2008.

A string of post-lockdown stabbings and shootings have claimed the lives of 17 in the capital so far this year.

This is despite serious violent offences falling by 22% and a drop in the overall murder rate.

Met Police fear stabbings will get worse over the summer resulting in more fatalities.

Last year the teenage murder rate fell greatly last year due to lockdowns triggered by the coronavirus pandemic.

There were 15 teenage deaths in 2020 compared to 26 the year before.

The heartbreaking figure for 2021 so far has already exceeded the number for the whole of 2020 and a top cop fears if the rate of deaths continue at the same pace it will be higher than 2008 when 28 teenagers died.

Commander Alex Murray told the Telegraph : "If London continues to see this rate of violence we will be on track to see the worst year for young homicides since 2008.

"Every single murder is a tragedy, but they are not spread evenly either geographically or by age and ethnicity.

"Of these young victims, more than two thirds are black and 15 were killed with a knife. We are extremely concerned about this and are calling on every Londoner to play their part to prevent further needless killings."

The youngest teenage to be killed in London this year is 14-year-old Fares Maatou.

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The schoolboy was wearing his uniform when he was allegedly stabbed to death with a Samurai sword in Canning Town, east London, in April.

A 14-year-old boy has been charged with his murder.

His family were "absolutely devastated".

A second teenager was stabbed to death in Canning Town in the same month.

Abubakkar 'Junior' Jah was the second member of his family to be fatally stabbed after his older brother Ahmed, 21, was killed in 2017.

The 18-year-old was found dying on the pavement near his home.

A neighbour said: "I came out of my house and saw Junior lying there. They are a nice family. It's so sad."

Speaking at the time of Ahmed's death, his father Abubakarr Jah, a railway worker, said: "Young people need to put down their knives and stop the violence.

"It is destroying families and communities."

Jalan Woods Bell, 15, was stabbed to death as he walked to school in Hayes, West London earlier this month.

A boy, 15, from Hillingdon, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was charged with his murder.

Mr Murray said police were being met with "wall of silence" while investigating teenage killings in London.

He said: "Detectives investigating serious violence often meet silence from people we know have information that could help prevent violence. We have seen it recently in the tragic shooting of Sasha Johnson that took place last month."

Ms Johnson, a BLM activist, remains in a critical condition after being shot in the head at a party in Peckham, south London on May 23.

Four men have been charged with conspiracy to murder in connection with the shooting of the mum-of-two.

On Thursday cops charged Prince Dixon, 25, of Gravesend, Kent, and Troy Reid, 19, of Southwark, south London, with conspiracy to murder.

It brings the total number of people charged over the shooting to four after Devonte Brown, 18, and Cameron Deriggs, were previously charged with conspiracy to murder.

Mr Murray added: "We understand that some people may not trust the police, so we are working hard to build those relationships and show that we are only motivated by preventing violence. It is our number one priority."

Yvonne Lawson, whose talented footballer son Godwin was murdered in 2010, said lockdown restrictions being eased had played a part in the increase in knife crime.

She said: "It has been 11 years since I sadly lost Godwin to knife crime as he tried to stop a fight between friends. Eleven years on, mothers are still losing their babies to knife crime in our capital. We should never get desensitised or complacent to youth violence.

"We need to all come together and fight this epidemic as we are fighting Covid-19. The police alone don't have the cure, we urgently all need to work together, report what you know about violence and free young people from this terrible cycle."

The 17 teenagers killed in London this year

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Anas Mezenner, 17, stabbed in Haringey on January 20

Romario Opia, 15, stabbed in Islington on January 25

Hani Solomon, 18, stabbed in Parsons Green on February 11

Drekwon Patterson, 16, stabbed in Wembley on February 18

Ahmed Beker, 19, stabbed in Paddington Green on February 26

Tai O'Donnell, 19, stabbed in Croydon on March 3

Mazaza Owusu-Mensah, 18, stabbed in Abbey Wood on March 6

Nikolay Vandev, 19, stabbed in Tottenham on March 8

Hussain Chaudhry, 18, stabbed in Walthamstow on March 17

Levi Ernest-Morrison, 17, stabbed in Sydenham on April 10

Fares Maatou, 14, stabbed in Canning Town on April 23

Abubakkar Jah, 18, stabbed and shot in Canning Town on April 26

Daniel Laskos, 16, stabbed to **death** in Romford on May 7

Azadeeq Mohamed, 18, stabbed in Edgware on May 31

Taylor Cox, 19, shot in Islington on June 8

Denardo Samuels-Brooks, stabbed in Tooting Common on June 10

Jalan Woods-Bell, 15, stabbed in Hayes on June 11

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## **SACKED to appease the SNOWFLAKE SOCIOPATHS; Her striking satirical tweet sparked a social media firestorm - and cost her a prestigious newspaper column. But in this fearless and unrepentant essay, JULIE BURCHILL reveals why the wokerati will never silence her**

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LIKE many an illicit love affair, it was bound to end in tears. I was hooked on the pull of Twitter's little heart icon racking up more and more 'likes' and - despite deadlines - couldn't stop myself from sneaking back to bask in the kindness and kill-threats of strangers several times a day.

Whenever I read some Nervous Nellie bleating about the cruelty of social media, I just didn't get it: for me, scrapping in cyberspace is merely bracing, like the plunge into a cold sea first thing in the morning, which I also do.

On date nights with my husband, my trigger finger would be twitching. There were three of us in this marriage - me, my husband, Daniel, and Twitter founder Jack Dorsey.

As someone who has had a love-hate relationship with the platform since 2011 (time flies when you're wasting it), my reaction on hearing that some fellow controversialist had been forcibly relieved from tweet duties was invariably mixed. First 'Oh, you poor thing!' - followed fleetly by 'Oh, you jammy dodger!'

I knew I was spending a stupid amount of time on it and, unlike Facebook - through which I've met some of my best friends - it's like the world's angriest pub at chucking-out time.

I wasn't even an innocent bystander; in the winter of 2020, entirely due to my own drunken stupidity, I had a book contract cancelled after I mocked a young writer about her religion - not my finest hour.

Yet still the lure of Twitter was too strong to step away from the bluebird of yappiness.

This time I can't blame the booze - just my own irreverence and sparkling cyanide wit.



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Ten days ago, having read that the Sussexes (in the latest foray of what I coined 'The Grabdication') had named their baby after someone to whom they have brought nothing but grief this year, and that they apparently bought the website [www.lilibetdiana.com](http://www.lilibetdiana.com) two days before the news was made public, I called them out on their sanctimonious virtue-signalling with a pithy tweet: 'What a missed opportunity - they could have called it Georgina Floydina.'

What Woker wouldn't choose to name their child after a martyr to systemic racism rather than after a woman who heads a racist organisation intent on inflicting genetic damage on its hapless members?

When an amusing discussion about the likely first words of the new baby ensued (baby Archie having blessed us with 'Drive safe!' and 'Hydrate!') I suggested 'Free Palestine!'

I can't stress enough how much I deplore the murder of George Floyd: if I made the laws of the U.S., I would unhesitatingly hand out the death penalty to the policeman who killed him.

What I was mocking was the type of people who - like H&M - live in gated communities while espousing BLM's politics of social upheaval, without giving any thought to the damage that pro-BLM riots do to poor and black Americans.

'Defund the Police', for example - a slogan shrieked by

BLM's Marxist leaders in the wake of Floyd's death - causes huge harm to vulnerable minorities, as the orgy of looting and violence in U.S. cities such as Portland, Oregon, has shown.

My language on Twitter was sober, wry and entirely without racist intent. But that never bothers the blue-haired, nonbinary screaming mimis who infest the site, who have the attitude of Violet Elizabeth Bott if she'd joined the Stasi.

In 2015, I wrote: 'This is the age of the Cry-Bully, a hideous hybrid of victim and victor, weeper and walloper. They are everywhere, these duplicit Pushmi-Pullyus of the personal and the political.'

They were soon flocking to accuse me of racism, but as they probably accuse the milkman of racism for daring to deliver only white milk, I thought no more about it and went out to stimulate the economy.

Imagine my surprise when I returned to Twitter the following morning to find I was 'trending'. When I was a girl, trending would have indicated something pleasant, like scoring a new chain-belt from Chelsea Girl.

Now it means being hunted by a bunch of inadequates waving their pitchforks in cyberspace to compensate for a lack of bulk in other departments, from the brain downwards.

People all around the world were calling me a racist - I'd even made Newsweek! I've always been an attention-whore, but this orgy was too out of hand even for me.

The fact that I had called the baby 'It' seemed to trigger the snowflake sociopaths particularly, so I put that straight, posting: 'I called the baby it as a nod to non-binary BS - and if you think you can make me respect a violent criminal who once held a gun to a pregnant woman's stomach, you're in for a very long wait. Have a good time with your pearl-clutching life-wasting woo-woo, clowns!'

As it turns out, I was wrong about this - Floyd was convicted of threatening a woman at gunpoint during an armed robbery in 2007, but there is no evidence to suggest she was pregnant. And, to be fair, after his release from prison in 2013, he did become a Christian, post anti-violence videos to social media and volunteer with charities - even if he struggled to hold down a job.

In the meantime, my newspaper, the Telegraph, asked me to write about the American academic Dr Naomi Wolf being suspended permanently from Twitter for spreading anti-vaxxer conspiracy theories. As I wrote the column, I thought of my own current kerfuffle and I wondered, not for the first time, if I should jump before I was pushed.

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I felt a jolt of sheer envy at the thought of all the life Dr Wolf would get back - even if she would spend most of it looking at nutty videos on YouTube.

That would be the way to do it - bow out like a smug old Frank Sinatra rather than having to be led away by the authorities because you live in a loopy-loo land of your own, in which you're making such a racket you're disturbing others, as had happened to Wolf for selling snake oil on our mutual drug of choice.

There's the rub. When I call Twitter a drug, it felt more intense than cocaine, which I took for 30 years and gave up overnight five years ago.

I don't believe in addiction - it's just a word that people use when they're too weak to take responsibility for their actions - yet here I was, craving a hit whenever I was separated from my laptop.

Surely it was time to stop? When I returned to the scene of the thought-crime, I was still trending - and my supporters and detractors were going at it like corgis on crack.

All the usual bottom-feeders had come out of the sewers to taunt me about my son's suicide. And although I feel oddly impervious to this (with monstrous detachment, I found myself correcting their cretinous spelling and grammar - 'you're ded son' - rather than reacting in the approved manner), many of my followers were becoming upset as they, too, had experienced loved ones taking their own lives.

One very young lady in particular was so protective of me and seemed so distressed on my behalf that I finally felt emotion, wondering what she'd been through to make her feel that way.

I went to the Deactivate page - and I clicked. A decade of boasting and beastliness disappeared!

'I've come off Twitter!' I told my husband, and we had the most gorgeous evening. I didn't miss it at all, and when I got home felt no need whatsoever to reactivate. I was free!

A bit too free, it turned out. Two days later - last Tuesday - I got the heave-ho from the Telegraph, my innocent quip having gone viral and been denounced as 'disgusting' and 'despicable'.

A barrister - the mother of mixed-race children! - who had joined my merry online throng was suspended from her job for saying that Meghan should have named the baby after her mother, Doria, or maybe her best buddy Oprah - 'Doprah' being a compromise. At least I had company on the Naughty Step.

While this was happening, the naughty cricketers' tale was unfolding, wherein young athletes including Ollie Robinson were being lambasted over tweets they had posted as teenagers.

Their excuse was youth - but what was mine? Well, for a start, humour is rarely gentle and when it is, it's rubbish; I do wonder how Dorothy Parker's acid tongue would have fared if she were starting out today. As with much of wokeness, there seems to be a sexist and misogynist element, in this instance towards witty women who have a savage streak.

Another 'excuse' - really, just a fact - is that I grew up in wilder times, when anyone could say anything to anyone without them running to tell Teacher.

I went from the English workingclass straight into journalism at 17; that's got to make you tough. I despise the current wisdom which fetishises feelings and believes that vulnerability makes you virtuous.

It doesn't; it makes you self-centred, boring and wet. I was formed in a time when being offended was something to mock rather than respect; when a cat may look at a king, or a bitch diss a duchess.

I'm not upset in the least about losing my Telegraph column. I'll always be grateful to them for ending my Wilderness Years; however, I'd be lying if I said that I hadn't often moaned to my husband about them rejecting my

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more provocative ideas and giving me more pedestrian topics - which I did splendidly anyway. I even thought about resigning a couple of times, so I'd be a hypocrite to wail about being sacked.

But generally, for journalism, and for young writers with spirit, it's a very bad thing indeed - and it's been happening for quite some time, since the unique interviewer Lynn 'Demon' Barber was sacked by the Sunday Times in 2018.

Newspapers with no original voices will decline even more rapidly than they would anyway in the digital age.

It's ironic that a conservative newspaper which castigates cancel culture cancelled me for castigating wokery. (Sounds like a tongue-twister!) Of all my sackings this is the most illogical; all the people who demanded my sacking would never dream of buying the Telegraph anyway. We live in an age of cultural insanity, a topsy-turvy land where men are women, harassment is justice and the Left are jostling to tug their forelocks and call for those of us who criticise royalty to be punished.

As Sex Pistol John Lydon put it: 'I never thought I'd see the day when the Right would become the cool ones giving the middle finger to the Establishment and the Left become the snivelling self-righteous ones going around shaming everybody.'

I grew up being told 'You can't say that!' by bourgeois people older than me: as a sexagenarian, little has changed except the fact that the bourgeois bed-wetters are now younger than me.

Woke is the revenge of the dullard on the wit, the curtain-twitcher on the hedonist, the wallflower on the whirling dancer. I may be sacked, but no sackcloth and ashes for me. I'm looking forward to a gorgeous summer in Brighton, writing for anyone who'll have me.

I can also be my outrageous self on my new Substack subscription account, Notes From The Naughty Step - for which, incidentally, I briefly revisited Twitter in order to post a link. I felt no urge to hang around - I've kicked the habit!

In the autumn, I'll be back with my book, Welcome To The Woke Trials. And thanks to Twitter, the Telegraph and a pair of hypocritical fibbers whose fantasy land is so fragile brilliant journalists (me) must be silenced in order to maintain the illusion - it will have a whole new ending.

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## Two black students dragged from their car by cops and stunned with tasers when they were caught in traffic during BLM protests sue Atlanta, its police and the mayor

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- Taniyah Pilgrim, 21, and Messiah Young, 23, filed a federal lawsuit Thursday
- The suit accuses Atlanta cops of assault, false arrest and says one cop dangerously escalated the confrontation by falsely claiming the pair had a gun
- The city, nine officers and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms are defendants
- The two students were driving home on May 30 2020 when they got stuck in traffic amid protests over the police murder of George Floyd
- Police bodycam footage captured officers shouting, tasering and dragging them from their car as they screamed and asked what they had done wrong
- Six cops were charged over the incident, two were fired then reinstated

Two black college students who were dragged from their car by Atlanta cops and tased while caught in traffic during a Black Lives Matter protest last summer are suing the city, its police and the mayor over the incident.

Taniyah Pilgrim, 21, and Messiah Young, 23, filed a federal lawsuit Thursday accusing Atlanta police officers of assault and false arrest. They said one officer dangerously escalated the confrontation by falsely claiming the pair had a gun in the May 2020 incident.

The two students, who both attend historically black colleges in Atlanta, were driving home May 30 when they got stuck in traffic amid protests following the death of George Floyd while in police custody days earlier.

Police bodycam footage captured them being confronted by officers who shouted at them, fired tasers at them and dragged them from their car as they screamed and asked what they had done wrong.

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The widely viewed footage sparked an uproar at a time when tensions between the black community and police were already fraught and several officers were charged over the incident.

Pilgrim and Young held a press conference Thursday with their attorneys announcing the suit which names the city, nine officers and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms as defendants.

According to the suit, the police stormed their car, smashed their windows and physically assaulted them in the incident.

Atlanta police had no justification for pulling them from their car and hitting them with stun guns while they were stuck in traffic, it claims.

Mawuli Mel Davis, an attorney for Young, said the pair want 'accountability' for what happened.

'For these young people to have this video out and have to live with this for the rest of their lives is unthinkable, but we are here to hold the city and all those involved accountable,' said Davis.

'Accountability is what relieves pain and brings peace, and unfortunately there has been no accountability.'

Young and Pilgrim were heading home on May 30 during a curfew declared hours earlier by Bottoms when an officer instructed Young, who was driving, to leave the area, according to the suit.

Young - unaware of the curfew - moved forward a few yards to comply with the officer but was again stuck in traffic, the suit says.

He had been filming police confronting someone else on the side of the street, and the suit claims the officer retaliated by going after him and Pilgrim.

Police swarmed the vehicle, and one officer repeatedly shouted that they had a gun, though he had no reason to believe that, according to the suit.

The suit claims another officer responded by pulling out and aiming his gun at Young and dragging him violently out of the vehicle and slamming him to the ground.

Young was punched repeatedly and suffered a deep laceration to his arm that required 13 stitches, according to his attorneys.

Another officer said concern about a gun led him to hit Pilgrim with a stun gun, according to the suit.

Pilgrim's attorney L. Chris Stewart pointed out that both students were unarmed at the time and there was no reason to think otherwise.

'There was no gun. There was no weapon,' he said.

'Yet he screamed multiple times from a distance, "He's got a gun," which could have gotten these kids killed.'

Attorneys played video of the encounter at a news conference.

Young turned his head away from the screen, and Pilgrim dabbed tears from her eyes.

The two students spoke of the toll the incident had taken on their lives.

'Everyday, I'm reminded of something from that night,' said Young, who attends Morehouse College.

'A huge part of my life was diminished. Trying to move forward from this point is very irritating and very triggering.'

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'At a point, just seeing brutality continue, you would think there would be some type of reform or change at this point.'

Pilgrim, a student at Spelman College, said she still experiences anxiety and nightmares more than one year on from the encounter.

'It's like life took a total turn for something that we didn't ask to be involved with,' she said.

She added: 'Our lives are now at a standstill because of this when we should be able to be moving on as, you know, the officers are doing.'

The mayor's office said it had not been served with the lawsuit and could not comment.

Six officers faced criminal charges days after the incident including aggravated assault, pointing or aiming a gun, simple battery and criminal damage to property over the incident.

They are: Officers Lonnie Hood, Roland Claud, Mark Gardner, Armond Jones, Willie Sauls and Ivory Streeter.

Bottoms and then-Police Chief Erika Shields fired two of the officers - Gardner and Streeter - when the footage went viral, saying they had used excessive force.

In February, they were reinstated to the force after a review board overturned their firings.

Atlanta's Civil Service Board determined that the city did not follow its own personnel procedures when terminating the officers because they had not been given proper notification or adequate opportunity to respond.

At least two other officers named in the suit are no longer with Atlanta police.

Shields also stepped down as police chief about two weeks after the May 30 incident.

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