

Protesters and police have peaceful discussions (Transcript of video)  
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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EU2liiT\\_CTI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EU2liiT_CTI)

00:01 the middle of it astrid good evening  
00:04 good evening shawn and yes every single  
00:06 night here at ground zero has brought us  
00:08 something different  
00:09 police have tried tear gas they've tried  
00:12 flash bombs to get protesters to obey  
00:14 that curfew today  
00:15 they try to have a dialogue take a  
00:18 listen to a conversation we caught  
00:19 between law enforcement  
00:20 and some protesters here tonight this  
00:23 city was built on  
00:24 human and civil rights all right  
00:28 let's do that tomorrow let's fight again  
00:30 tomorrow it's an  
00:31 everyday fight for us today tomorrow  
00:34 we're going to be the next day  
00:35 yesterday it's always a fight - it's a  
00:37 fight at 8 59  
00:39 9 o'clock and 901 okay we're going to  
00:41 continue to fight  
00:42 **Police Officer: ... again it's 905. nobody's moved an inch, right**  
00:45 *Protester: respectfully..*  
00:46 **Police Officer: ...I'm respectfully asking you...**  
00:48 *Protester:.... I am going to sit.*  
00:49 **Police Officer: By all means you can do that**  
00:52 eventually protesters did leave the area  
00:56 but it's understandable why protesters  
00:58 are upset because  
00:59 their rights have not been given to them  
01:01 not their equal rights not their justice  
01:03 it's difficult for them because they  
01:05 feel they've been criminalized by their  
01:06 skin color and they hope george floyd  
01:08 is that change that will hopefully

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01:10 change the culture of law enforcement  
01:12 they tell me sadly he's not here with us  
01:14 today was his memorial  
01:15 and they hope that he will be remembered  
01:17 forever and his name has been said  
01:19 around the world and i know that it will  
01:20 be continued to be said here in atlanta  
01:22 in the coming days  
01:23 in the coming protests from downtown  
01:25 atlanta aston martinez  
01:26 cbs 46 news

Additional notes:

- The title “Protesters and Police have peaceful discussions” already brings up the issue mentioned earlier about definitions of peace. Is it really peaceful? In one sense, it is peaceful because there is absence of war – there is no actual physical violence or fighting happening. However, if we look closely at the words and the conversations (and I use the plural form of the word ‘conversation’) there are words and layers of meaning that point to violence or the threat of violence.
- For example, from the 28<sup>th</sup> second of this video, the officer says, “let’s do that tomorrow let’s fight again tomorrow...” which really points to ceasefire of violence, like pressing ‘pause’ on a song that’s playing. It is not a resolution or end to violence. We also have to remember though, that dialogues that time, and maybe the officer wanted to carry on the discussion the next day when, hopefully, tensions were not so high.
- The officer also said, “by all means, you can do that” in response to the protester saying he would