

Protesters and police have peaceful discussions (Transcript of video)
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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 28th 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