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## 2 Disrupting Events

### -Death of George Floyd

In May of 2020, an unarmed black man was brutally murdered by police officers in Minneapolis. He was arrested and placed on the ground in handcuffs while a White officer placed his knee on Floyd's neck to keep him down. This action ultimately led to George Floyd dying from not being able to breathe for more than nine minutes. Since this event was recorded by multiple people standing around witnessing the event, it became viral. George Floyd's death led to a series of protests across the United States. People protested against police, law, and police violence/brutality. In this case, this event brought most of the nation together, especially the Millennial Generation and Generation Z. Thousands of people spread awareness of police brutality, systematic racism, and the dangers of White supremacy. The African American community also found a new voice through these protests which brought that community closer together. Mourning, frustration, and tiredness were shared emotions amongst the community. A lot of other races also joined in with protesting against police brutality. George Floyd's death definitely united most of the nation. For the entire summer and most of fall, protests broke out in various cities, towns, and states in America. This event also gave away to a popular organization called Black Lives Matter which was founded by Patrisse Cullors. In this event we can see many of the negative frames produced by the United States such as racism. Although many were unified through this event, a lot of other people showed no care that this was happening and were living contently despite the turmoil happening in the country. Overall, through the reactions of this event, America has shown one of their main frames, which is equality and justice.

### -Trump Supporters Storm the U.S. Capitol

On January 6 of 2021, thousands of Trump supporters raided the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. This action was in response of the previous 2020 election results from the year prior. In November 2020, Joe Biden was elected president of the United States over Donald Trump who was the former president running for a second term. During this event, former President Trump encouraged his supporters to take action against the election which he believed was rigged. This event caused a major divide in the United States. Many people supported the raid while others were completely against it. It also caused a divide in politics as well with some politicians still supporting Trump and others against him. This event had the entire United States in an uproar. People were scared for their safety and on edge about what would happen next and if there would be any consequences for those who were apart of the raid. In this situation we see the leaders of the United States showing anger and disgust towards Trump and his supporters.

Many believed that it went against everything the United States stands for such as justice. There was unity amongst those who were against the raid and this unity shows the peace and justice that America tries to stand on.

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