

The background features a stylized illustration in shades of brown and tan. On the left, several raised fists of different skin tones are shown in a gesture of solidarity. On the right, there are silhouettes of buildings, including a multi-story apartment-style building and a smaller house with a gabled roof. The overall style is graphic and symbolic, representing social justice and community.

Racial Justice Advocates & Organizations

**Institute for the Study of Crime & Justice
Racial Justice Project**



This slideshow profiles some of the many organizations and individuals who engage in work to raise awareness and promote racial justice.



Equal Justice Initiative

- **Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, author of Just Mercy**
- **Their mission is to end mass incarceration, unfair sentences, and to protect the human rights of vulnerable people in America**
- **Provides legal representation for:**
 - **Wrongful convictions**
 - **Unfairly sentenced**
 - **Abused in prisons/jails**
- **Learn more at <https://eji.org/>**

American Civil Liberties Union

- Founded in 1920 after the “Palmer Raids” that led to thousands of people arrested without warrants and detained without charges
- Their mission is to fight for civil liberties as guaranteed by the United States Constitution
- They address issues such as:
 - Capital Punishment
 - Criminal Law Reform
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Racial Justice
 - Prisoners’ Rights
 - LGBTQ Rights
 - Immigrants’ Rights
- To learn more: <https://www.aclu.org/>



Color Of Change

- Established in 2005 and consists of seven million members
- The largest online racial justice organization in the world
- Mission is to guide people in addressing racial injustices
- Raises money for people who have experienced racial injustices
- Focus on four areas including:
 - Economic Justice
 - Criminal Justice
 - Media Justice
 - Power and Voice
- To learn more:
<https://colorofchange.org/>

A black and white photograph of a protest. In the foreground, a man with a beard and glasses is shouting with his mouth open. Behind him, other protesters are visible, some holding signs. The background shows a building with a sign that says 'WOMEN'S RIGHTS'. Overlaid on the center of the image is a large, stylized logo for 'COLOR OF CHANGE'. The logo consists of three stacked, slanted rectangular boxes containing the words 'COLOR', 'OF', and 'CHANGE' in a bold, sans-serif font. The boxes are colored yellow, white, and red from top to bottom, with a yellow triangle pointing down from the 'OF' box and a red triangle pointing up from the 'CHANGE' box.

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

- Founded in February 1909 in response to ongoing violence against Blacks in the U.S., not notably the deadly riot in Springfield, IL
- Mission is to ensure equality for all and to eliminate race-based discrimination
- NAACP focuses on 6 areas:
 - Criminal Justice
 - Health
 - Environmental & Climate Change
 - Media Diversity
 - Education
 - Economic Discrimination
- Learn more at: <https://www.naacp.org/>





The Innocence Project

- **Founded in 1992 by Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck who had exonerated many individuals through DNA testing**
- **Their mission is to free innocent people who are incarcerated and to address these injustices through reform**
- **Areas of focus for the Innocence Project are:**
 - **Exonerate the innocent**
 - **Improve case law**
 - **Reform policies**
 - **Support exonerees**
 - **Educate through science & research**
- **To learn more:**
<https://innocenceproject.org/>



Dr. Marquita Taylor

Leadership Engineer, Assistant Director, Founder, Professor

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- Obtained a Doctorate in Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service, and a certificate in Race and Equity.
 - With the NAACP, Taylor conducts qualitative and quantitative research in areas of entrepreneurship and human development.
 - Fights for inclusivity and equity in education among diverse groups, specifically underserved populations and women.

Founded The Woman Doctor

- A nonprofit organization which works to inspire women and girls to pursue terminal degrees in higher education.
- To learn more: <https://www.thewomandoc.com/>

Bryan Stevenson

Lawyer, Social Justice Activist,
Executive Director, & Founder

Author of *Just Mercy*

Founder of Equal Justice Initiative

Professor, New York University School of Law

Causes & Cases:

Successfully argued multiple U.S. Supreme Court Cases

Focuses on death row cases, unfair sentencing cases, and cases dealing with mentally ill and children, including:

- Roper v. Simmons
- Miller v. Alabama
- Montgomery v. Louisiana
- To learn more: <https://eji.org/bryan-stevenson/>



Eboni K. Williams

(Attorney, TV Host, Podcaster,
Author)

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- Host & Executive Producer, REVOLT Black News
 - Advocate for racial and social injustice.
 - Known for analysis of Legal and Culture Headlines.
 - Uses platforms to inform the public of cases and law.

Board of Directors for Safe Horizon

- Victims' assistance organization
- To learn more:
<https://www.ebonikwilliams.com/>





Kimberle Crenshaw

Director, Founder, Professor, Lawyer, Civil Rights Advocate, & Scholar

- Professor at UCLA and Columbia University. Crenshaw
- Leader of the Why We Can't Wait campaign and involved with many racial justice gender interventions.

Organizations Leadership

Co-founder and Executive Director of the American African Policy Forum, Center for Intersectionality, and Social Policy at Columbia Law School.

To learn more:

<https://www.law.columbia.edu/faculty/kimberle-w-crenshaw>

W. Kamau Bell

ACLU Artist Ambassador for Racial Justice & Sociopolitical Comedian

Work Experience

- Comedian
- Host of Emmy Award winning CNN docuseries United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell
- Netflix special Private School Negro

Example of Causes:

- In 2018, Bell used the Emmys as a platform to speak out against the Family Separation crisis.





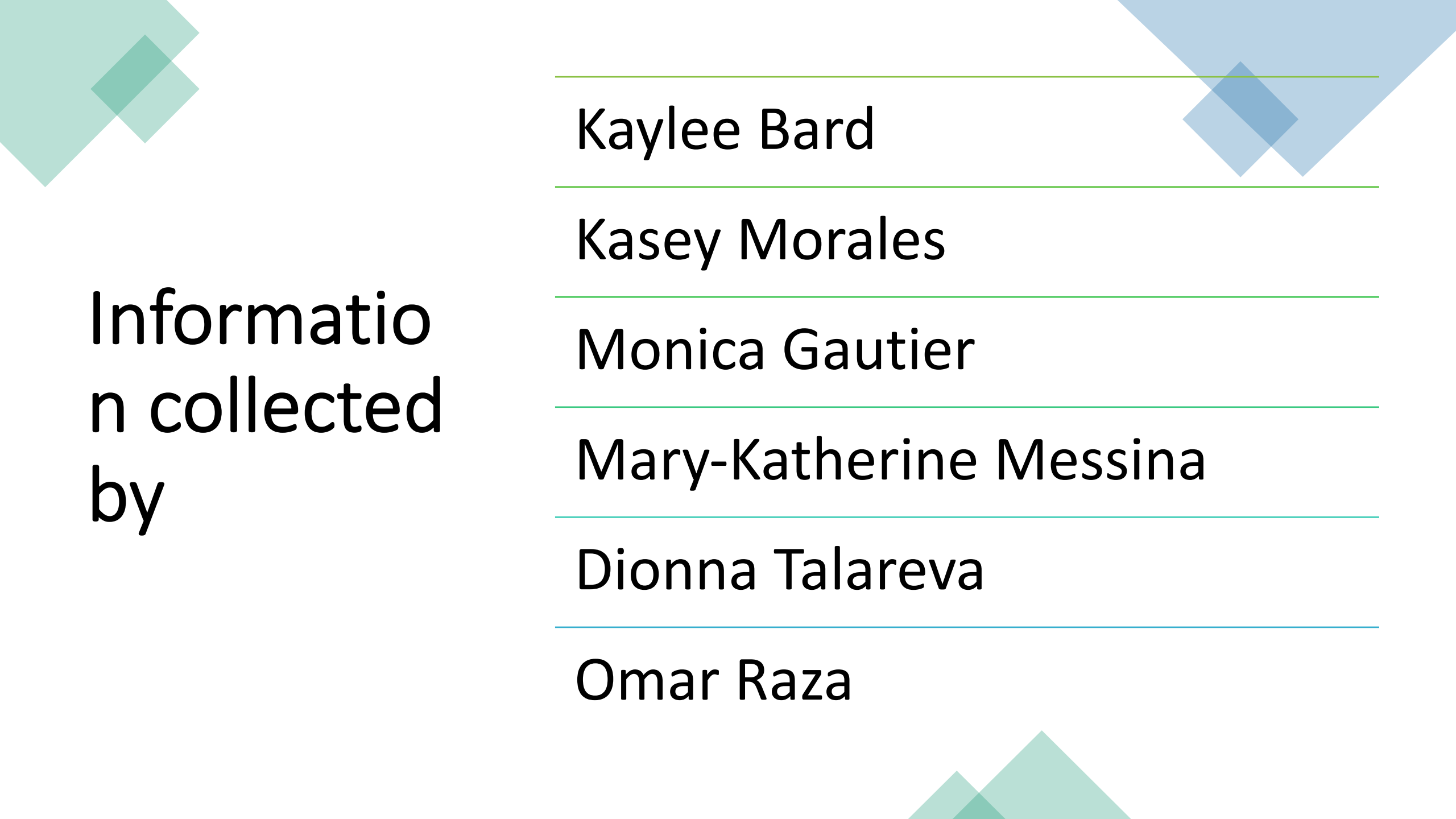
Colin Kaepernick

Football Player, Civil Rights Advocate,
Philanthropist, & Founder

- Played for the 49ers until he was released for peacefully protesting the national anthem.
- Refused to express admiration for a country that deliberately persecutes black citizens.

Affiliations & Causes

- Know Your Rights Camp: educates black youth on American History, Legal Rights and empowerment
- Donates to Mothers Against Police Brutality, Million Dollar Pledge, as well as multiple organizations located in oppressed regions.
- To learn more:
<https://www.knowyourrightscamp.com/>



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