Appendix

A Additional Analyses

In Table A1, we examine differences between the treatment groups in terms of knowledge of historical and contemporary political violence. We find no significant difference between the two groups in their existing knowledge of lynching violence in Models 1 and 2. We also find no significant difference between the two groups in their knowledge of the BLM movement in Model 3.

Table A1: Differences in Historical and Contemporary Knowledge Across Treatment Groups

	Dependent variable:		
	Prior Knowledge of Lynchings (Index)		BLM Knowledge (Index)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Historical Violence Treatment	0.008	-0.018	0.029
	(0.051)	(0.070)	(0.019)
Question Order		-0.030	
		(0.072)	
Question Order x Historical Violence Treatment		0.055	
		(0.102)	
Constant	1.776***	1.789***	0.796***
	(0.036)	(0.048)	(0.020)
Observations	801	801	801
R^2	0.00003	0.0004	0.001
Adjusted R^2	-0.001	-0.003	0.0001
Residual Std. Error	0.717 (df = 799)	0.718 (df = 797)	0.392 (df = 799)
F Statistic	0.024 (df = 1; 799)	0.106 (df = 3; 797)	1.079 (df = 1; 799)
Note:			*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

In Table A2, we consider how one's Maryland roots and residency in a county with a large Black population might affect engagement with our treatments. We interact Maryland roots and the treatment in Model 1 and county and the treatment in Model 2. We find no significant interaction effects.

Table A2: Effect of Treatment on Support for Symbolic Transitional Justice: Multivariate Regression, Accounting for Connection to Maryland

	Dependent variable:			
	Support for Symbolic TJ (Index)		Support for Material TJ (Index)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Historical Violence Treatment	0.140*	0.147	0.092	0.173**
	(0.080)	(0.095)	(0.073)	(0.087)
Prior Knowledge of Lynchings	−0.012	−0.012	−0.023	−0.022
	(0.035)	(0.035)	(0.031)	(0.032)
County with Large Black Population		0.023		0.073
		(0.081)		(0.074)
Maryland Roots	−0.003	−0.011	0.003	−0.003
	(0.024)	(0.017)	(0.022)	(0.016)
Age	−0.001	−0.002	−0.030	−0.031
	(0.025)	(0.025)	(0.022)	(0.022)
Woman	−0.013	−0.011	−0.016	−0.011
	(0.053)	(0.053)	(0.048)	(0.048)
Education Level	0.062	0.061	0.070	0.070
	(0.051)	(0.052)	(0.047)	(0.047)
Knowledge of Maryland TJ Programs	0.171***	0.171***	0.050	0.046
	(0.055)	(0.056)	(0.050)	(0.051)
Historical Violence Treatment x Maryland Roots	−0.014		−0.012	
	(0.033)		(0.030)	
Historical Violence Treatment x County with Large Black Population		−0.047		−0.142
		(0.111)		(0.101)
Constant	1.417***	1.413***	1.630***	1.584***
	(0.111)	(0.124)	(0.101)	(0.113)
Observations	791	791	791	791
R^2	0.026	0.026	0.013	0.015
Adjusted R^2	0.016	0.014	0.003	0.004
Residual Std. Error	0.688 (df = 782)	0.688 (df = 781)	0.627 (df = 782)	0.626 (df = 781)
F Statistic	2.565*** (df = 8; 782)	2.276** (df = 9; 781)	1.248 (df = 8; 782)	1.309 (df = 9; 781)
Note:				*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table A3 accounts for an interaction between age and the treatments. There is no significant effect for age and age cohort as individual indicators or when interacted with the treatment. This suggests that age is not a significant factor in respondents' assessment of the treatments, in relation to the dependent variables (support for symbolic TJ in Models 1 and 2 and support for material TJ in Models 3 and 4).

Table A3: Effect of Treatment on Support for Transitional Justice: Multivariate Regression, Accounting for Age and Age Cohort

	Dependent variable:			
	Support for Symbolic TJ (Index)		Support for Material TJ (Index)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Historical Violence Treatment	0.141**	0.225**	0.039	0.133
	(0.072)	(0.103)	(0.065)	(0.094)
Prior Knowledge of Lynchings	−0.013	−0.013	−0.025	−0.024
	(0.035)	(0.035)	(0.031)	(0.031)
Age		0.027		−0.013
		(0.034)		(0.031)
35 - 49 years	0.026		−0.078	
	(0.092)		(0.083)	
50 - 64 years	−0.032		−0.133	
	(0.096)		(0.088)	
65 + years	0.163		0.067	
	(0.121)		(0.110)	
Woman	−0.010	−0.012	−0.015	−0.015
	(0.053)	(0.053)	(0.048)	(0.048)
Education Level	0.061	0.062	0.070	0.070
	(0.051)	(0.051)	(0.047)	(0.047)
Maryland Roots	−0.011	−0.010	−0.006	−0.003
	(0.017)	(0.017)	(0.016)	(0.016)
Knowledge of Maryland TJ Programs	0.172***	0.172***	0.051	0.051
	(0.055)	(0.055)	(0.050)	(0.050)
Historical Violence Treatment x 35 - 49 years	0.005		0.155	
	(0.125)		(0.114)	
Historical Violence Treatment x 50 - 64 years	−0.020		0.102	
	(0.136)		(0.123)	
Historical Violence Treatment x 65 + years	−0.267		−0.264*	
	(0.167)		(0.152)	
Historical Violence Treatment x Age		−0.059		−0.033
		(0.047)		(0.043)
Constant	1.415***	1.379***	1.627***	1.612***
	(0.101)	(0.114)	(0.091)	(0.104)
Observations	791	791	791	791
R^2	0.030	0.027	0.022	0.013
Adjusted R^2	0.015	0.017	0.007	0.003
Residual Std. Error	0.688 (df = 778)	0.687 (df = 782)	0.625 (df = 778)	0.626 (df = 782)
F Statistic	2.006** (df = 12; 778)	2.737*** (df = 8; 782)	1.478 (df = 12; 778)	1.303 (df = 8; 782)
Note:				*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

B Survey Instrument

Prior knowledge of lynchings [randomize before / after treatment]

From 1877 - 1950, Black Americans experienced a recurring wave of racial-terror lynchings at the hands of their White neighbors.

Number of instances of lynching

If you had to guess, how many instances of racial-terror lynching against Black Americans took place during this period?

- 10
- 500
- 2,000
- 4,000 (correct)
- 10,000

Lynching outside the American South

Where did racial-terror lynchings take place?

- Lynchings took place only in the American South
- Lynchings took place across the United States (correct)

Historical figures

Who was Ida B. Wells?

- A member of Congress
- A civil rights activist (correct)
- A business leader
- An athlete
- A professor

Treatment Vignettes

Control [All surveys]: No vignette

Treatment 1 [Maryland survey]: Exposure to information about lynching violence

Between 1860 and 1940, more than 40 African Americans were lynched by White mobs in the state of Maryland. Lynching violence terrorized Black people in each community where it took place. In many cases, local law enforcement did not intervene to prevent violence and sometimes encouraged the activities of the White mobs. Today, the communities in which lynching violence took place make up 17 of Maryland's 24 counties.

Treatment 2 [Maryland survey]: Exposure to information about police violence

Since 2015, 109 African Americans have been killed by police in the state of Maryland. In the United States, 1 in 1,000 Black men, compared to 1 in 2,500 white men, at the hands of police.

Attitudes towards transitional justice [after treatment, randomize position re: "Attitudes towards truth commissions" questions]

Apology

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The [Maryland state] government should issue a public apology to Black Americans who are [descendants of lynching victims / relatives of victims of police killings] to make up for the social, emotional, and financial harm caused by lynchings.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree'

Plaque

Select cities in [Maryland] are issuing memorial markers like plaques to educate local communities about [historical lynching violence / police killings].

Please indicate the extent to which you think memorial markers are important for educating communities about [historical lynching violence / police killings].

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Moderately important
- Slightly important
- Not at all important

Direct financial assistance

Some advocates have suggested that the [Maryland] government should provide direct financial assistance to [descendants of lynching victims / relatives of victims of police killings], such as a direct payment associated with the purchase of a home, to address the social, emotional, and financial harm caused by [lynchings / police killings].

Please indicate the extent to which you think direct financial assistance to victims' families is important to address the social, emotional, and financial harm caused by [lynchings / police killings].

- Extremely important

- Very important
- Moderately important
- Slightly important
- Not at all important

Community projects

Should the [Maryland] government support community projects such as public education or community-directed financial assistance in communities where [lynchings / police killings have] occurred to improve the economic and social position of Black residents of those communities?

- Yes, the [Maryland] government should support these projects
- No, the [Maryland] government should not support these projects
- I don't know/I'm not sure

Attitudes towards truth commissions

After recent events in the United States, many Americans now believe that racial and ethnic discrimination is a big problem. Several politicians have called for government-funded truth commissions - public inquiries into past grievances and human rights violations - to understand the extent of racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States.

How likely would you be to support truth commissions in the United States?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

How likely would you be to support a government-funded truth commission that focuses on Black Americans' experiences with racism and discrimination in the United States?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

In other countries, truth commissions have been used to expose a number of injustices, like physical violence, economic and social inequality, and discrimination. If the United States moves forward with truth commissions, would you be in favor of government-funded truth commissions addressing. . . .

- Physical violence against Black Americans
- Economic and social inequality in Black communities
- Discrimination against Black Americans

Open-text response on policy questions

Please share any thoughts or reactions you may have had about these proposed policies to address anti-Black violence in the United States.

Attention Check 1

[Attention Check - Open text response]

The colour test is simple, when asked for your favourite colour you must enter the word puce in the text box below.

Based on the text you read above, what colour have you been asked to enter?

Demographics

Age

What is your age? [enter a numerical value]

Gender

What is your gender?

- I am a man
- I am a woman
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to answer

Racial identity

Below is a list of six racial or ethnic categories. You may choose one or more categories. Are you White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; or Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; or Hispanic or Latino?

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino

Level of education

What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- High school graduate or GED
- Some college but no degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Professional school degree
- Doctoral degree

Zip code

What is your zip code? (text entry)

County of residence [Maryland-only survey]

What is your current county of residence? (drop down list)

State of residence

What is your current state of residence? (drop down list)

Maryland roots [Maryland-only survey]

Which generation of your family was the first to reside in Maryland?

- I am the first Maryland resident in my family
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Great-grandparents
- My family has been in Maryland since before my great-grandparents were born

[If first-generation Maryland resident selected] In which region of the United States were your grandparents born? Choose all that apply.

- New England
- Mid-Atlantic
- Deep South / Gulf Coast
- Midwest

- Mountain West and Great Plains
- Southwest
- Pacific Coast
- My grandparents were born outside the United States

Religion (from 1993 NBPS)

Religious preference and practice

What is your current religion or religious preference?

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Islamic
- Judaism
- None
- Other
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

Denomination

[If Protestant selected] What denomination is that?

- Baptist
- African Methodist Episcopal
- African Methodist Episcopal Zion
- Church of God in Christ
- National Baptist Convention, USA
- National Baptist Convention of America
- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- Church of God
- Nondenominational
- Christian Methodist Episcopal
- All others--Predominantly white Protestant groups

- Interdenominational
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

Church-going

How often do you attend religious services? Would you say at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year, or never?

- Every week
- Almost every week
- Once or twice a month
- A few times a year
- Never

Involvement in other church activities

Aside from attending regular services, in the past 12 months have you been an active member of your church or place of worship? I mean, have you served on a committee, given time to a special project, or helped to organize a meeting?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

Awareness of Maryland transitional justice efforts [Maryland survey]

Are you aware of any public programs to educate residents of your county about the history of lynching and other forms against racial violence against Black Americans?

- Yes
- No

Awareness of Black experience in Maryland [Maryland survey]

Safety of Black Americans in county [Maryland survey]

Do you think that Black people in your county feel mostly safe, somewhat safe, neither safe nor unsafe, somewhat unsafe, or mostly unsafe?

- Mostly safe

- Somewhat safe
- Neither safe nor unsafe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Mostly unsafe

Obstacles to progress in county [Maryland survey]

How would you describe the obstacles to economic progress that Black people face in your county – significant, neither significant or insignificant, or insignificant?

- Significant
- Neither significant or insignificant
- Insignificant

SDO orientation battery [SDO7s Scale]

Show how much you favor or oppose each idea below by selecting a number from 1 to 7 on the scale below. You can work quickly; your first feeling is generally best. {1 = Strongly oppose -> 7 = Strongly favor}

- An ideal society requires some groups to be on top and others to be on the bottom.
- Some groups of people are simply inferior to other groups.
- No one group should dominate in society.
- Groups at the bottom are just as deserving as groups at the top.
- Group equality should not be our primary goal.
- It is unjust to try to make groups equal.
- We should do what we can to equalize conditions for different groups.
- We should work to give all groups an equal chance to succeed.

Descriptive representation

Black people elected to office really don't have the power to change things for Black people in this country.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Do not know / I would prefer not to answer

Separate Black political party

Black Americans should form their own political party.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree
- Do not know / I would prefer not to answer

Solidarity with other Black Americans [Black respondents only]

Do you think what happens generally to Black people in this country will have something to do with what happens in your life?

- Yes
- No

[if previous Q = Yes] Will it affect you:

- A lot
- Some
- Not very much

Some people feel positively about the link they have with their racial or ethnic group members, while others feel negatively about the idea that their lives may be influenced by how well the larger group is doing. Which comes closer to your feeling?

- I feel positively about the this link with my racial or ethnic group
- I feel negatively about this link with my racial or ethnic group
- Neither positive or negative

Participation in Black organizations [Black respondents only]

Black people should participate in Black-only organizations whenever possible. (language modified from the 1993 NBPS)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't know or care
- I prefer not to answer

Perceptions of white people, vis-a-vis Black status [Black respondents only]

On the whole, do you think that most white people want to see Black people get a better break, do they want to keep Black people down, or don't they care one way or the other? (language modified from the 1993 NBPS)

- See Black people get a better break
- Keep Black people down
- Don't care one way or the other
- Don't know
- I prefer not to answer

Benefits from the Civil Rights Movement [Black respondents only]

The Civil Rights Movement was a major national wave of activism focused on achieving voting rights and economic justice for African Americans during the 1950s and 1960s.

Do you think that the Civil Rights Movement has affected you personally?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

Extent of benefits (CRM)

[If yes to CRM question] Did it affect you a lot, some or not very much?

- A lot
- Some
- Not very much
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

ADOS [Black respondents only]

Some commentators have argued that individuals who can trace their ancestry to enslaved individuals are more deserving of assistance from reparations programs than other Black Americans. Which comes closest to your reaction to this proposal?

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree

- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't know

Attention Check 2

We are interested in your opinions. We are also interested in how carefully you read instructions. So please ignore the question below, which is "Which of the following colors would you consider as part of the American flag?" and instead select "yellow" no matter what the true colors of the American flag are.

Which of the following colors would you consider as part of the American flag? [Check any that apply.]

a. Red
b. White
c. Blue
d. Yellow
e. Magenta
f. None of these

Black Lives Matter battery

How much, if anything, have you heard about the Black Lives Matter movement – a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Nothing at all

How well, if at all, do you feel you understand the goals of the Black Lives Matter movement – would you say very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well?

- Very well
- Fairly well
- Not too well
- Not at all well

From what you have heard about the Black Lives Matter movement, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Black Lives Matter movement activism?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

Do you think that the Black Lives Matter Movement has affected you personally?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

[If yes to BLM question] Did it affect you a lot, some or not very much?

- A lot
- Some
- Not very much
- I don't know
- I prefer not to answer

In your opinion, how do the local police generally treat Black people?

- Often treated fairly
- Sometimes treated fairly
- Sometimes treated unfairly
- Often treated unfairly

Exposure to violent or discriminatory contact with police (from CMPS 2016)

Have you ever been treated unfairly or with excessive force by a police officer?

- Yes, within the last 5 years
- Yes, over 5 years ago
- No
- I prefer not to answer

Contact with the carceral state

Have you ever been in jail or prison?

- Yes, I have
- No
- I prefer not to answer

Has your immediate family member or close friend ever been in jail or prison?

- Yes, my immediate family member has
- Yes, my close friend has
- No, none of these
- I prefer not to answer

Use of camera to record police misconduct

Have you ever used the camera on your mobile device to record police misconduct?

- No, I have never done that
- Yes, I have done that once
- Yes, I have done that two or more times
- I do not have a mobile device with a camera
- I prefer not to answer

General open-item response [open-text response]

Is there anything you would like to share about your thoughts about or reactions to this survey?