

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **The National Black Church Initiative Demands Justice for Trayvon Martin and all of our black boys.**

*George Zimmerman must be arrested now for the sake of our democracy*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans morally pleads with Attorney General Eric Holder to bring justice to this egregious, racially motivated crime. The Black Church calls on those in power to recognize that a threat to American democracy is at hand unless George Zimmerman is arrested and prosecuted for murder. To not arrest George Zimmerman is to undermine the rule of law and to call Lady Justice a moral liar. Is justice blind or not?

“America has to make a decision here – whether it is going to embrace justice and fight to erase the racial tensions that continue to divide our nation.” says Rev Anthony Evans, President of NBCI. The government must decide or whether it will idly stand by while African Americans continue to be the targets of unjustified violence and profiling. Bring justice to Trayvon and his family.”

The Black community has risen up in outrage over the killing of Trayvon Martin, an innocent child who was shot down because he was simply a young black man in a hooded sweatshirt. Trayvon Martin was racially profiled, but no one saw or understood the righteousness of his soul. Trayvon Martin has exposed the dirty secret that we are not in a post racial America simply because we have elected Barack Obama to the presidency. Trayvon Martin is all of our 17 year old boys, whether black, white, Latino or other.

The legal community has not moved with alacrity to find justice for Trayvon Martin. George Zimmerman represents the worst of the American soul because he arbitrarily took a life when he had no authority to do so, thus undermining God’s intention for Trayvon Martin’s life, and lighting a powder keg of racial division not seen since the ‘60’s. He thought that he would be hailed as a hero for killing a young black thug, thus realizing his wicked and a sick notion of himself.

There has never been a time in recent American history where our cities can go up in flames so easily because of the evil actions of one man where there is no presence of justice. The Black church condemns all violence to all people at any time, but we may be helpless if racial tensions all in this country erupt. As one of the greatest Black preachers - Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King said "Justice delayed is justice denied." George Zimmerman is lying.

The law eloquently talks about getting down to the truth and honoring the rule of law. In this case and many others, the truth is obvious, but the will of those in power to pursue it is not. Holder claims that swift action will be taken. NBCI hopes that this is the truth, and will react with the full moral force of its 34,000 member churches if justice is not brought to Trayvon and his family soon.

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).