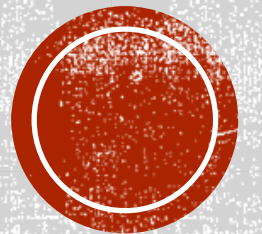


SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE ERA OF COVID - 19

Eashwayne Haughton
Applied Field Experience
Summer 2020



ROADMAP:

- **Office Overview**
- **Legislative Committees**
- **#SayTheirNames**
- **Policy Window**
- **Policy Formation**
- **Experiences**
- **Legislation**
- **Takeaways**





**OFFICE OF
ASSEMBLYWOMAN
VERLINA REYNOLDS -
JACKSON**



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES:

Consumer Affairs – Vice Chair

Budget

Economic Development and Commerce

Joint Committee on Public Schools





LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS:

- Education Committee
- Budget Committee
- Census (NJ Complete Count Committee)





BREONNA TAYLOR
June 5, 1993 - March 13, 2020



AHMAUD ARBERY
May 8, 1994 - February 23, 2020



GEORGE FLOYD
#JUSTICEFORFLOYD



“An open policy window is an opportunity for advocates to push their solutions or to push attention to their special problems”

—
John Kingdon



POLICY FORMATION:

- **New Jersey Policy Perspective**
- **New Jersey Institute for Social Justice**
- **State by State Comparisons**
- **Best Practices**
- **Legislative Interests**
- **Impact of Research Designs Class**



EXPERIENCES:

- Meeting with Attorney General: Police Reform Through Legislation
- Meeting with Department of Education: The Digital Divide
- Legislative Black Caucus Meetings



LEGISLATION:

- A4284 - Establishes crime of strangulation chokehold
- A4285 - Prohibits issuance and execution of "no-knock" warrant to be executed at residences
- A4312 - Regulates use of body cameras worn by law enforcement officers
- A4263 - Clarifies that law enforcement officer who knowingly chokes another person engages in use of deadly force
- A4532 - Requires Civil Services Commission to undertake various initiatives to increase diversity and inclusivity within law enforcement agencies
- A4515 - Requires AG to establish law enforcement officer use of force data collection and reporting system



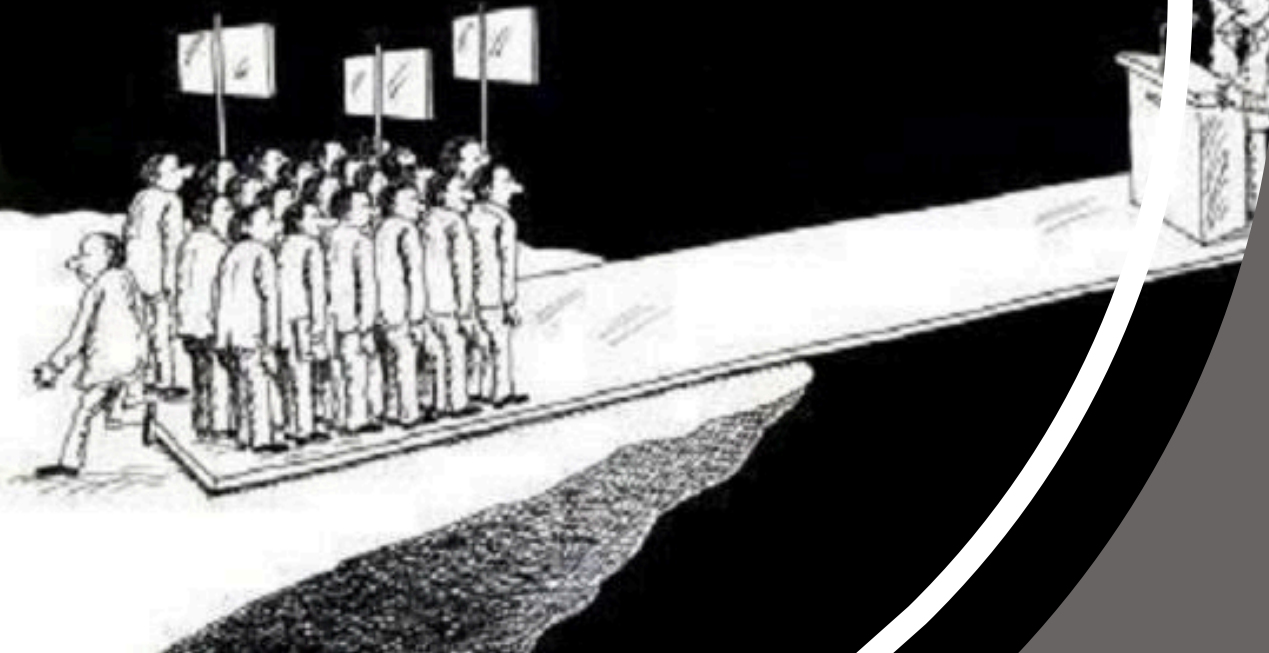
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- A4133 - Establishes School Connectivity Grant Program to expand access to online instruction for economically disadvantaged students; makes appropriation
- A4517 - Requires Civil Service Commission establish mentoring program for minority civil service law enforcement applicants
- A4655 - Limits law enforcement presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes
- A3943 - Requires hospitals to report COVID-19 demographic data (P.L 2020)
- A4315 - Designates, as State and public holiday, third Friday in June as Juneteenth Day (P.L. 2020)
- A3641 - Requires DLPS to incorporate implicit bias in cultural diversity training materials for law enforcement officers; makes mandatory cultural diversity and implicit bias training for law enforcement officers (P.L 2020)



Politics:

This is how it works, not
the other way around



- Change is an 'US' thing
- Adequate Representation + Policy Window + Justice Oriented Experts = Equitable Legislation and Initiatives
- "In order to address this cultural practice of racial inequality, we have to begin to engage in a radical reimagining of the nation. And that's going to begin with concrete policy initiatives so that we can begin to think about ourselves being together differently" – Eddie S. Glaude

Q & A: