## HHH- George Floyd and his impact on the World and Sports

**Entrance Question**: Would you rather Have to turn off every sports game with 2 minutes left in the game or only be able to watch from the 2 minute mark until the end of the game?

When George Floyd was killed in broad daylight by a Minneapolis police officer on May 25, it once again brought to light the problems of social injustice. Since Floyd's death, the talk of police brutality and racial inequality has been a hot topic. Protests have been held nightly throughout the country as people fight for equality. Floyd's death has also affected the world of sports and may forever change its landscape.

Millions have watched the video of <u>George Floyd</u> struggling to breathe while handcuffed and pinned to the ground by a Minneapolis Police Officer. But what happened in the moments leading up to his death? NBC News looked at area security footage, cellphone videos and police reports to piece together what happened.

What happened to <u>George Floyd</u> has reverberated throughout the country, impacting so many, including professional athletes.

Sometimes pro sports stars may seem larger than life, but their vulnerability was on display in the wake of Floyd's tragic death, as they, like all of us, saw that horrifying video. I can't breathe, which Floyd was heard saying and was on the shirt LeBron James once wore to honor Eric Garner and posted again, should not have to be a rallying cry. As George Floyd should not have died.

But what is particularly gut-wrenching is how so many in the African American community have to live knowing that could be their reality, or even scarier the reality for their kids, on any given day.

Which becomes even starker when you see how devastated professional athletes are, because it doesn't matter if you play in any of the major sport leagues in this country, this is about humanity. Dwyane Wade said those unaffected need to be just as outraged as those who are.



**Exit Question:** What is one thing we could do - individually, as a group, or as a society - to show support for one another in the wake of these events?

