THEME: What happens when we feel unsafe?

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DESCRIPTION: The Opportunity Agenda has partnered with Paramount Network to examine the theme of safety and what values are enforced in its name. This guide is meant to assist viewers in processing the content of the Rest in Power: The Trayvon Martin Story docuseries and to spread awareness about the intersection and impact of racism on safety.

QUESTIONS:

1. The media coverage of Trayvon Martin’s death initially drew a picture of a young Black man who may have done something wrong. Why do you think the news media initially jumped to these conclusions?

2. How do you see these and other assumptions about Black men and boys playing out in your work?

3. Positive and negative images of Trayvon Martin became a central point of national discussion. Why do you think the hoodie emerged as such a powerful symbol for both sides?

4. At the time of Trayvon Martin’s death, some White residents of Sanford, Florida, publicly dismissed claims of police brutality and racial profiling. How do you think perceptions of safety among Whites played into – and still impact – the debate?

5. Zimmerman’s perception of safety came at the expense of a young Black man, and, more broadly, Black communities. How can we develop a different way of understanding and promoting the values of safety?

6. Which community safety solutions most inspire you?