

The traffic stop as death trap

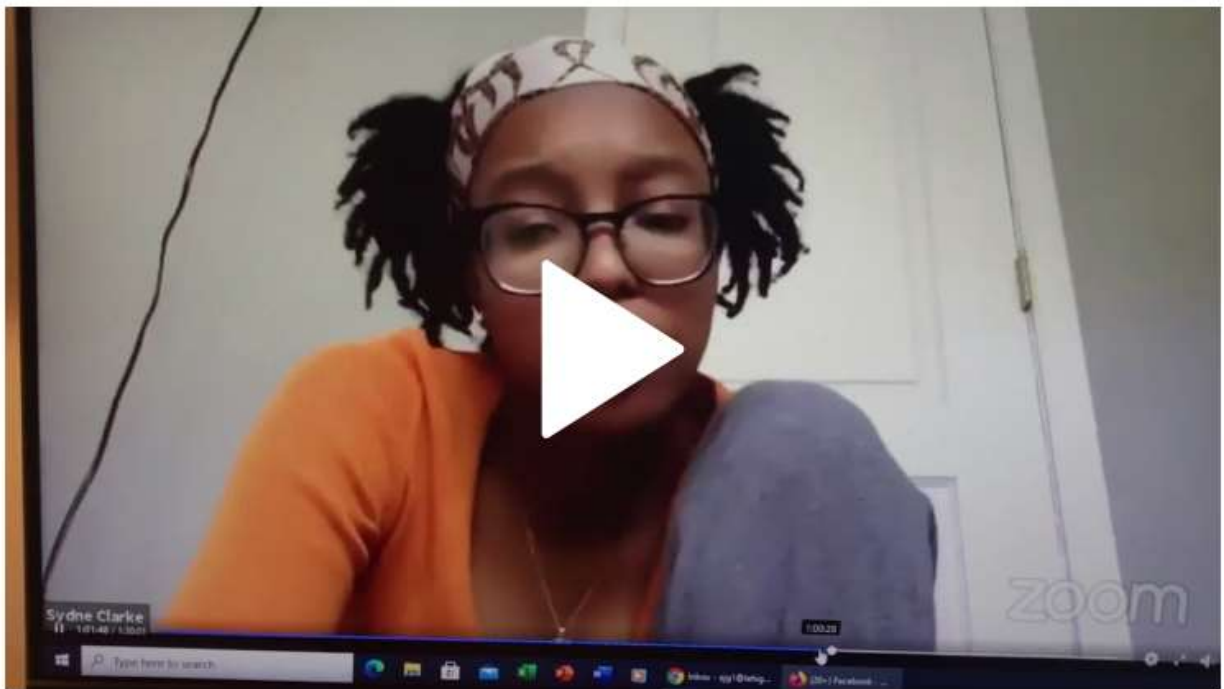
The Bethlehem Gadfly Jacob Blake, Police August 28, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts responding to the Jacob Blake shooting 

“Our Voices Matter! Students from Allentown, Emmaus and Parkland School District speak their truths!”

What are your thoughts on the funding of police, and the policing in schools?
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“School Resource Officers: “They’re not there to help us”



Gadfly gasped so loudly at this section of the conversation among students facilitated by Allentown Councilwoman Ce-Ce Gerlach a month or two ago that Mrs. Gadfly came running.

The discussion is about School Resource Officers. The student lack of connection with those officers was not so surprising.

But the way a student's mind went right to being killed at a traffic stop did.

The value of an SRO, she says, without irony, might be to give advice about how not to be killed at a traffic stop.

Being killed at a traffic stop. Such a reality in her mind that it comes right out in almost casual conversation.

Imagine.

What a way to live.