In May of 2020, the murder of George Floyd sparked global protests calling for justice. While the response might have been directly related to police brutality, the salience of race as a social dynamic seems undeniable. Within the United States, phrases like “racial reckoning” augmented emergent discourse in equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion. What was an immediate global response to police brutality reinforced the efforts of civil rights movements throughout U.S. history.

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