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Recent Unrests: Civil Rights and Nationalism

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Both the United States and Europe are not new to social turmoil connected to civil rights and nationalism.

What are the reasons for and implications of the most recent uprisings? **Let's discuss.**

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Karen Robinson (U.S.)

Karen Robinson has over 30 years of experience in human rights education, community and youth development, and community organizing.

Karen started her career in the field of community engagement and youth development at American University where she helped start what was then the Center for Volunteerism and Community Service. While at American University, Robinson initiated service-learning programs, linking classroom learning with direct service projects throughout Washington, D.C. She then moved to Amnesty International, USA where she served as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Deputy Director and Director of the Human Rights Education program. In that capacity, Robinson served six years as the Chair of the International Human Rights Education Coordinating Committee for Amnesty International globally.

As the first Director of Human Rights Education at Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, she led the creation of the first Speak Truth To Power Human Rights Education packet, which has been distributed to thousands of schools in the U.S. and internationally. She also has conducted numerous training and professional development sessions at educational conferences, within school districts and at educational meetings around the world.

Marina Díaz Cristóbal (Spain)

Marina Díaz Cristóbal studied political science at the University Complutense de Madrid and received her doctorate in history at Tufts University in the United States, where she formed part of a research group organized by the Prince of Asturias Chair in Spanish History. In Boston, she was also a member of the Iberian Study Group at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University. She later taught at King's College London before joining CEA abroad and other Study Abroad centers in Barcelona. Her doctoral thesis studied turn-of-century modernist thought in Spain and Europe. As an intellectual historian, she has taught courses in Spanish history as well as civilization and culture. Over the past ten years, she has developed a teaching interest in cultural and social history of Barcelona and Cataluña and Catalan Nationalism. Over the course of her career in study abroad she has taught a wide array of courses to, from *Contemporary Spanish History to Barcelona, the Cosmo city and Discrimination and Persecution in Spain and the West*.