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History is a Weapon: The Crusade for Equality “by any means necessary”

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The mention of a "Rodney on YouTube" is a reference to the L.A. Riots and the recent police brutality incidents involving young black males (i.e., Trayvon Martin). Everyone has a video camera and can easily share footage with the world. We, as a society, have become desensitized to the violence in some sense and no longer react.

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