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Yo Soy El Futuro

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The Summer of 2020 was one of the most active and heated in the fight against racism. Hundreds of protests erupted across the nation as people shouted Black Lives Matter and created consciousness across causes, cultures, and cities. That same year AB 1460 was signed bringing ethnic studies courses to students across California.

In this photo shot at one of the largest Black Lives Matter protests in Los Angeles, California, a young girl stands proudly out of a car holding a sign “Yo Soy El Futuro (I am the future),” and she is. The girl inspired dozens of people along the protest route. The photo and act of performative protest is an example of how artivism and digital media are pedagogies for creative justice and how intergenerational education, inspiration, and advocacy are alive and well. This girl is indeed the future – and the future is bright.