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BLACK LIVES MATTER:

Brief overview of the movement



Black Lives Matter Movement

The BLM Movement started from a Facebook post from Patrisse Cullors in response to the murder of Trayvon Martin and acquittal of Zimmerman in 2013, and somebody responded with **#BlackLivesMatter**.

The movement is meant to highlight non-violent civil disobedience in protest against police brutality and racial injustices to the Black Community, and founded by Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi.



Black Lives Matter vs. 'All Lives Matter'

"All lives cannot matter until Black Lives Matter"



Garza said when Black lives are free and recognized, then

WE are **ALL** free and recognized.

BLM focuses on solidarity with Black people, so when you say

ALM, **you are not in solidarity with Black lives.**

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Testimonies

Jessie:

"It isn't right to say 'all lives matter' because it takes away the attention from Black Lives that have gone unnoticed and received no justice."

Jojo:

"Things like 'all lives matter' or 'blue lives matter' are either said out of ignorance or spite and it takes attention away from the issue"

Kaia:

"When people say 'all lives matter', they are participating in the erasure that leads to the injustices Black people face which harms everyone both Black and not. If our lives don't matter, then yours can't either."

Ruth:

"All Black Lives Matter, Now & Forever, not just when we are killed or deemed 'respectable'."

