

BLACK LIVES MATTER



#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, Inc. is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.

In 2013, three radical Black organizers — Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi — created a Black-centered political will and movement building project called #BlackLivesMatter.

Black Lives Matter is an ideological and political intervention in a world where **"Black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise"**. It is an affirmation of Black folks' humanity, our contributions to this society, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression.

About the Founders:

Patrisse Cullors — "I am an artist, abolitionist, and writer. It's my mission to invite all of us to grow towards abolition through intergenerational healing work that centers love and collective care."

"The first thing, I think, is that we actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia in particular are trained organizers," she said, referring to BLM co-founder Alicia Garza.

"We are trained Marxists. We are super-versed on, sort of, ideological theories."

2015 Interview with *The Real News Network*

"... when I—as a younger person, when I saw law enforcement, I feared them ... "

"Well, I'm a trained organizer. And so, I think sometimes people think that because Black Lives Matter is the biggest thing, that that's the first thing I ever did. And it's not. I was trained knocking on doors, you know, getting on buses and passing out flyers and getting people to join organizations. The *Labor Community Strategy Center* is my first political home. It's where I would be a part of what it's famous for, which is the Bus Riders Union.

Started by an old friend of mine, Eric Mann. That's my mentor.

2018 Interview with *Democracy Now*, about her book "When they Call You a Terrorist"

Note: The Labor/Community Strategy Center describes it's philosophy as "an urban experiment," utilizing grassroots organizing to "focus on Black and Latino communities with deep historical ties to the long history of "anti-colonial, anti-imperialist, pro-communist" resistance to the U.S. empire."

Note: Eric Mann (an avowed communist revolutionary), was a regional coordinator of the Students for a Democratic Society (youth branch of a socialist educational organization, the League for Industrial Democracy) in the 1960's, and a member of the radical left-wing domestic terrorist group,

the Weather Underground in the 1970's. The Weather Underground was led by Bill Ayers (retired professor of the University of Illinois at Chicago) and Bernadine Dorn (FBI 'Most Wanted' list 1970-1973, and adjunct professor at the Northwestern University School of Law), who called for "violent, direct action instead of civil disobedience.

Mann was charged with conspiracy to commit murder (against police officers) in 1969, and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Mann was director of the Labor Community Strategy Center a "think tank/act tank" that would train organizers and organize labor, environmental justice."

THIS was her "mentor"; the man who shaped her views and ideology in founding Black Lives Matters

Alicia Garza – "Black communities deserve what all communities deserve — to be powerful in every aspect of their lives."

"By the time I came into the world, the revolution that many had believed was right around the corner had disintegrated. Communism was essentially defeated in the Soviet Union."

"What does it mean to be "conservative"? I'm using "conservative" to describe people who believe that hierarchy or inequality is a result of a natural social order in which competition is not only inevitable but desirable, and the resulting inequality is just and reflects the natural order. Typically, but not always, the natural order is held to have been determined and defined by God or some form of social Darwinism."

"You see, America itself was founded on violence, steeped in white supremacy and predicated on theft and genocide."

"Everything that we are facing today, whether it be the migration crisis, whether it be attacks on women, whether it be attacks on trans communities, whether it be attacks on any of us, is being sharpened by the knife of white nationalism... white nationalism... is predicated on white supremacy... "

2019 speech to Main 'Progressives' award dinner

Ayo (Opal) Tometi – "I'm driven to do human rights work because of my love and passion for Black communities around the world."

"I have always admired African liberation leaders and civil rights movement leaders in the Americas. They've taught us so much. And it's been my desire to continue the work that they started... I have a clear sense of who I am because of my spiritual roots and love for Jesus Christ"

"In these last 17 years, we have witnessed the Bolivarian Revolution (led by socialist dictator President Hugo Chavez, who has not held free and fair elections, documented by Human Rights Watch and the U.S. State Department) champion participatory democracy and construct a fair, transparent election system recognized as among the best in the world... "

Tometi appeared alongside Venezuela Socialist Dictator Nicolas Maduro at the 2015 People of African Descent Leadership Summit in Harlem, raising a fist and embracing him. The photo of Maduro and Tometi was taken in front of a giant photo of Maduro's face.

At the 2015 Summit, Tometi repeated the following quote: "You must fight until all black lives matter", attributed to radical Marxist Joanne Chesimard, convicted of murdering a New Jersey state trooper in 1973.

These are the mentors, the people that Opal Tometi looks up to for inspiration.

Several Black Lives Matter chapters have made statements in opposition to capitalism on their official websites, including Black Lives Matter DC and Black Lives Matter Chicago.

When Cuban dictator Fidel Castro died in 2016, the organization published an article on *Medium* that declared "we must push back against the rhetoric of the right and come to the defense of El Comandante," and ended with "Fidel Vive!"

Black Lives Matters Donations System:

Black Lives Matters Global Network does not have tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) status because they are engaged in "political activities", and don't have a fund raising and distribution network.

Donations to Black Lives Matters initially go to ActBlue, a nonprofit technology organization that enables left-leaning nonprofits, Democratic candidates, and progressive groups to raise money from individual donors on the Internet by providing them with online fundraising software.

- ActBlue raises money for Democratic campaigns in local, state, and national elections.
- BLMGN pays a 4.9% transaction fee to ActBlue out of every dollar donated to the group. Therefore, ActBlue collected \$4.4 million from BLM donations in 2020 alone.

After ActBlue 'processes' BLM donations, the money goes to the 'grant making' organization Thousand Currents. Thousand Currents provides "fiduciary oversight", "financial management", and other "administrative services" to BLMGNF.

- Thousand Currents provides grants (from its 'management fees') to "left-leaning" organizations like Grassroots International (support for undocumented immigration), The Working World (provides aid to low-income communities and advocates for removal of all forms of capitalism), Global Greengrants fund (supports environmental efforts and environmental justice), the Tides Foundation (a "dark money" group that spends money to influence political outcomes), and the New Venture Fund (also a "dark money" group)
- BLMGNF pays a 15% management fee to Thousand Currents out of every dollar donated. Therefore, Thousand Currents collected \$13.5 million from BLM donations in 2020 alone.

Susan Rosenberg, the vice-chair of the board of directors of BLM Global Network Foundation's former fiscal sponsor Thousand Currents, was a convicted member of the May 19th Communist Organization responsible for multiple bombings in the 1980s.

After Thousand Currents takes their cut from the donations, the remaining 80.1% goes to BLM. After 'fees collected' BLM brought in Net Donations of \$90 million in 2020. Therefore, 'Gross Donations' made initially to ActBlue totaled \$112.359 million in 2020,

Update: The Tides Foundation took over the fiscal sponsorship and 'grant making' activities for Thousand Currents in July, 2020. Tides is a "philanthropic partner and nonprofit accelerator dedicated to building a world of shared prosperity and social justice."

The Tides Foundation's extensive use of donor-advised funds to funnel grants to center-left groups that advocate for environmental controls, anti-free trade, illegal migrants, gun control, gay rights, abortion rights, and abolition of the death penalty.

Some right-leaning groups to criticize it as a "dark money" group.

The Tides Foundation has received \$22.4 million in funding from multi-billionaire far left-wing philanthropist George Soros and his Open Society Foundation.

In 2020, Black Lives Matters Global allegedly took in \$90 million in donations.

BLM Global claimed it has committed \$21.7 million (24.1%) to 30 local organizations and BLM chapters. Of those 30 organizations, 23 are advocacy groups for black LGBTQ people.

In 2022, BLM hired the Elias Law Group to help with its legal issues.

Marc Elias, who was general counsel for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, hired Fusion GPS to create the discredited "Russian Narrative" Steele Dossier on Donald Trump.

Elias was sanctioned by the 5th US Circuit Court in 2021 for filing "misleading motions".

Elias is credited with helping create the so-called "super PAC" enabling donors to bypass election campaign laws and contribute larger amounts to federal political committees.

The organization claimed operating expenses of \$8.4 million, 9.33% of money received.

There is a balance of \$60 million "cash on hand" in BLM account(s).

No one knows who controls the account balance, what it is being spent on, or who is in control of spending this money.

In 2021, Cullors was BLM board's only voting member and held NO board meetings.

Two replacement executives appointed to BLM by Cullors after her resignation never assumed their jobs due to disagreements with BLM. Both refused to comment on the situation.

Black Lives Matters Global;

- was ordered to shut down fundraising in California and Washington
- was 'kicked off' it's Amazon fund raising web page
- is "out of compliance" in Colorado, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Carolina, Maryland, Maine and Virginia for failing to file financial reports
- has yet to submit 2020 fiscal year records to 'Charity Watch', an independent charity rating organization, for a November 2021 deadline
- Current Board of Directors refuse to comment or answer questions on the situation

Several BLM local chapters have taken issue with how BLMGNF has been sharing the wealth and have also complained that BLMGNF has not allowed them to participate in key decisions or been adequately accountable to the public.

In a BLM chapter statement entitled "It is Time for Accountability," published in November of 2020, these chapters specifically addressed issues surrounding the central organization's financial support of the local organizations, stating: "To the best of our knowledge, most chapters have received little to no financial support from BLMGN since the launch in 2013... This is not the equity and financial accountability we deserve."

The International Black Freedom Alliance and Michael Brown Sr. have requested \$20 million from BLMGN. "Who are they giving it to, and what are they doing with it? And why hasn't my family's foundation received any assistance from the movement? How could you leave the families who are helping the community without any funding?"

Black Lives Matter-Canada is run by co-founders Sandy Hudson and Janya Khan.

Sandy Hudson is a long-time student activist who was a headline speaker at the Marxism 2018 Conference in Toronto, sponsored by Socialist.ca.

Socialist.ca describes themselves as "International Socialists that are part of a network of revolutionary socialist organizations worldwide" that "reject the world of oppression, war, misery, exploitation and environmental destruction that capitalism has created."

Sandra was former Executive Director of the University of Toronto Student Union. She was sued by UTSU in 2015 over allegedly bogus overtime payments of more than \$277,000. The lawsuit was settled out of court after Hudson agreed to pay back a portion of the overtime payments.

Janya Khan is married to Patrisse Culler, and [supposedly] lives with Cullers in one or more of their four homes in the United States when she is not 'working' in the Canada headquarters.

One of the "charities" that the BLM Canada chapter "donates" to is M4BJ, a not-for-profit corporation in Toronto.

M4BJ reported 'revenues' of \$8.2 million in 2020-2021, including \$2.4 million in donations and \$4.4 million from "sources outside Canada."

In 2021 M4BJ purchased a \$6.3 million historic mansion in Toronto that once served as the headquarters of the Communist Party of Canada. Money for the purchase was transferred to M4BJ by BLM-Canada.

Directors of the non-profit M4BJ include Janya Kahn, co-founder of BLM-Canada and spouse of Patrisse Culler. Two top M4BJ members quit the organization over this use of funds.

In October 2020, BLMGN spent nearly \$6 million in donated funds to purchase a 6,500 sq. ft. luxurious estate in Studio City, an upscale Los Angeles neighborhood. The transaction only recently became public knowledge as the organization took steps to conceal the purchase and prevent it from being reported in the press, coordinating responses to "deflate ownership of the property."

Founders Financials:

Patrisse Cullors – Net Worth \$1 - \$2 million, purchased four properties between 2016 and 2021 worth an estimated \$3.4 million.

Alicia Garza has an estimated net worth of \$1.5 - \$5 million.

Ayo Tometi, has a net worth of \$2.5 million.

Note: Marxists condemn Capitalism, the “free market”, ownership of private property and the individuals right to accumulate wealth. Apparently, these “trained Marxists” don’t follow the ideology when it applies to their own lives. (The typical Progressive mantra: Do as I say, not as I do)

Patrisse Cullors resigned from BLM in May of 2021 after investigations revealed multiple violations for “non-profit” spending and mismanagement of finances, and legal threats from multiple states over BLM Global Networks lack of transparency and required financial reporting.

Patrisse Cullors response to the complaints and criticisms has been;

"I'm being targeted because I'm part of a long legacy of civil rights workers and human rights leaders who have effectively fought and won the U.S. government, both at the local level, statewide, nationally... I have never done anything illegal."

"It's this idea that I'm sneaky or I'm doing something nefarious, and that's incredibly anti-black and sexist... the right-wing media is taking any opportunity to undermine all the work that's happened for the last decade."

BLM paid nearly \$970,000 to Trap Heals LLC, founded by Damon Turner, who fathered a child with Cullors, to provide “creative services.”

BLM paid more than \$840,000 to Cullors Protection LLC, a private security firm run by Paul Cullors, Patrisse’s brother.

BLM paid Bowers Consulting, founded by Shalomyah Bowers, more than \$2.1 million for “operational support.” Bowers was appointed to the BLM Board of Directors in 2022.

Black Lives Matters Global - FY 2020

<i>Gross Donations made</i>	100.00%	\$112,359,550
ActBlue	4.90%	-\$5,505,618
<i>Fundraising</i>		
Thousand Currents	15.00%	-\$16,853,933
<i>Financial Management</i>		
<i>Net Donations received.</i>	80.10%	\$90,000,000
1. Staff & Administrative Expenses	7.48%	-\$8,400,000
2. Grants to local BLM chapters	10.00%	-\$9,000,000
3. Grants to other Organizations	14.00%	-\$12,600,000
		<u>-\$21,600,000</u>
Remaining Cash Balance	53.40%	\$60,000,000

Regarding the Black Lives Matter mission statement that claims “Black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise”, this is absolutely a false and inflammatory statement.

Shootings by police in the U.S. are characterized as “fatal police violence” regardless of circumstances. There is no factual national database of police shootings, fatal or otherwise, so alleged estimates can be overinflated by whoever is compiling them.

The FBI keeps statistics on crime data including police shootings by race, but these are not 100% incomplete as some departments do not report crime statistics to the FBI.

The reason? Most Democratic controlled cities do not want the public to know the real numbers!

In 2019, the FBI reported data for arrests and convictions for murders in Table 43A, 2019 Crime in the United States;

Total arrests in 2019 – 6,816,975 = 2.08% of total population, 3.53% of total pop. ages 15 to 59

Total White arrests – 4,729,290 = 1.89% of total population, 3.26% of total pop. ages 15 to 59

Total Black arrests – 1,815,144 = 4.12% of total population, 6.64% of total pop. ages 15 to 59

Data shows arrests of black persons are 203% x the rate of arrests of white persons in this age group.

Violent Crime in 2019 – 355,224 = 0.11% of total population, 0.18% of population ages 15 to 59

By White offenders – 209,848 = 0.08% of total population, 0.14% of White pop. ages 15 to 59

By Black offenders – 129,346 = 0.29% of total population, 0.47% of Black pop. ages 15 to 59

Data shows that violent crimes committed by blacks are 335% x the rate committed by whites.

Total murders in 2019 – 7,964 = 0.003%% of total population, 0.04% of population ages 15 to 59

By White offenders – 3,650 = 0.002% of total population, 0.02% of White pop. ages 15 to 59

By Black offenders – 4,078 = 0.009% of total population, 0.13% of Black pop. ages 15 to 59

Data shows murders committed by convicted black persons are 565% x the rate of whites.

Data separated by race and age for 2020 is not available and accurate due to COVID pandemic.

Statistics from the FBI Crime Data Explorer;

Violent Crime Reported in 2020 – 615,989, an increase of 260,765 or 73.43%

By White offenders – 270,229, an increase of 60,381 or 28.77%

By Black offenders – 273,595, an increase of 144,249 or 111.52%

White offenders committed 43.8% of all violent crime, and were victims in 56.2% of all cases.

Black offenders committed 44.4% of violent crime, and were victims in 37.6% of all cases.

Ninety-one percent of black homicide victims are killed by other blacks.

On-duty police officers fatally shoot about 1,000 people every year. This number, and the racial breakdown of victims have remained remarkably steady since 2015. Approximately 25% of those killed (250) are black.

This percentage is “disproportionate” to the black share of the population, but it is in line with crime statistics as previously noted.

Approximately 22 unarmed black persons are shot and killed by police each year. Statistics do not show the events leading up to the shootings and requirement for lethal force, but the numbers prove that blacks are not “systematically and intentionally targeted for demise”, and are unfairly and intentionally misrepresented.

Black Lives Matter... [What We Believe] Guiding Principles, 2013 - 2020

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We see ourselves as part of the global Black family, and we are aware of the different ways we are impacted or privileged as Black people who exist in different parts of the world.

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We acknowledge, respect, and celebrate differences and commonalities.

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We intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting.

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WOMANIST

We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

EMPATHY

Every day, we recommit to healing ourselves and each other, and to co-creating alongside comrades, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard, and supported.

BLACK VILLAGES

We make our spaces family-friendly and enable parents to fully participate with their children.

We dismantle the patriarchal practice that requires mothers to work “double shifts” so that they can mother in private even as they participate in public justice work.

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.

QUEER AFFIRMING

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).

We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.

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INTERGENERATIONAL

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