



BLACK LIVES MATTER



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WHAT IS BLACK LIVES MATTER?

- Black Lives Matter is an activist movement which began as a hashtag (#BlackLivesMatter) when George Zimmerman was acquitted in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed African American teenager killed in Florida in July 2013.
- The Black Lives Matter movement became more widely acknowledged and popularized after two high-profile deaths of unarmed African-American men: Eric Garner in Staten Island, New York and Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014 and in which police officers involved in their deaths were not indicted. Due to the deaths of other unarmed African Americans, ongoing local and national protests and other actions have brought awareness of the issues and the movement to the general public.
- While Black Lives Matter began as a hashtag on Twitter and other social media, it has since evolved into a “movement.” As of August 2015, more than 1000 Black Lives Matter demonstrations have been held worldwide. Recently, four Black Lives activists released “Campaign Zero,” which includes ten policy solutions developed in conjunction with activists, protestors and researchers across the country, integrating community demands, input from research organizations and the Former US President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

WHY THIS MOVEMENT?

- Fifty years ago most blacks were indeed trapped in poverty, although they did not reside in inner cities. A trivial 5 percent of black men nationally were engaged in nonmanual, white-collar work of any kind; the vast majority held ill-paid, insecure, manual jobs—jobs that few whites would take.
- Beginning in the 1940s, however, deep demographic and economic change, accompanied by a marked shift in white racial attitudes, started blacks down the road to much greater equality. As a consequence, with the shortage of workers in northern manufacturing plants following the outbreak of World War II, southern blacks in search of jobs boarded trains and buses in a Great Migration that lasted through the mid-1960s. They found what they were looking for: wages so strikingly high that in 1953 the average income for a black family in the North was almost twice that of those who remained in the South. And through much of the 1950s wages rose steadily and unemployment was low.
- Thus by 1960 only one out of seven black men still labored on the land, and almost a quarter were in white-collar or skilled manual occupations. Another 24 percent had semiskilled factory jobs that meant membership in the stable working class, while the proportion of black women working as servants had been cut in half. From 1940 to 1970, black men cut the income gap by about a third, and by 1970 they were earning roughly 60 percent of what white men took in. The advancement of black women was even more impressive.



BUT...



THESE SHOW THAT THE BLACKS HAVE
ACHIEVED A LOT THROUGH THE YEARS. BUT
REECENTLY THE RACISM HAS SPIKED AGAIN





INCREASE OF RACISM IN THE LAST YEARS





LET'S SPEAK STATS!



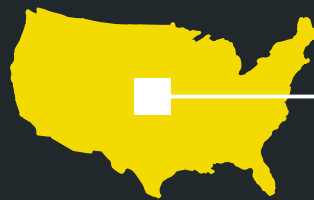
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LATINS	20%	30%	12%	20%	10%
WHITE PEOPLE	10%	5%	10%	25%	5%
BLACK PEOPLE	80%	45%	20%	5%	30%

RACE IDENTITY OF PEOPLE KILLED

Black people were killed

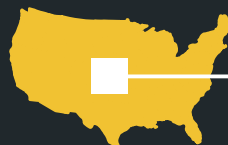
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Times more often than people white



6.78 Black people

Killed per million



3.2 Latino

Killed per million



2.07 White people

Killed per million



KINGPINS IN THIS MOVEMENT



01

ALICIA GARZA
CO-FOUNDER



02

PATRISSE CULLORS
FOUNDER



03

OPAL TOMETI
CO-FOUNDER



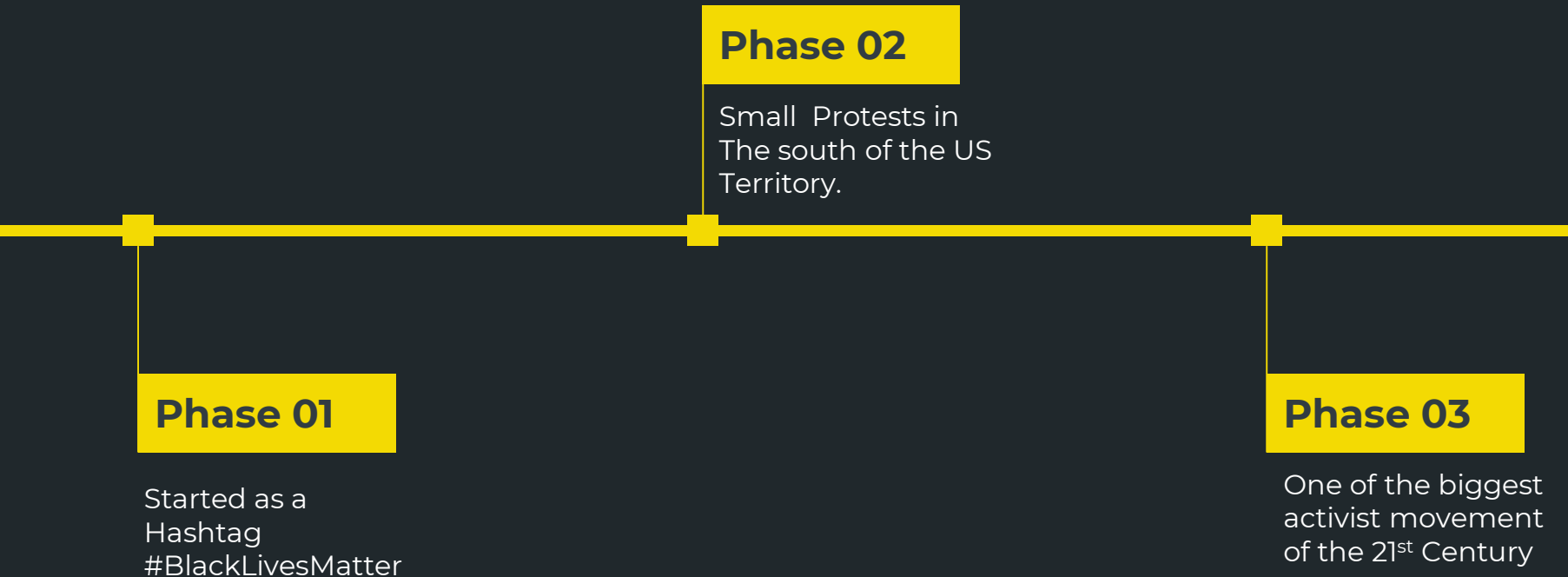
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TIMELINE





DISCREMINATION TOWARDS BLACK PEOPLE



SCHOOL

15% of the total is
Black Enrollment



CRIMINAL

88% police stops are
for black people out
of which only 70% are
guilty as compared to
the 10% police stops
for whites.



HEALTH

White people receive
better health care
treatment than 40%
of the blacks.

DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS BLACK PEOPLE



BULLYING

15.8% people face harassment and bullying daily.

JUSTICE

Blacks receive 19.1% longer sentences than white people for the same crime

IMPORTANT BLACK FIGURES THROUGHOUT





**“TO BE NEGRO IN AMERICA IS
TO HOPE AGAINST HOPE.”**

**- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FORMER US MINISTER & A
KNOWN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT FIGURE**



“I KNOW THAT THERE’S SOME WHO HAVE CRITICIZED EVEN THE PHRASE ‘BLACK LIVES MATTER’ AS IF THE NOTION IS AS IF OTHER LIVES DON’T MATTER. WE GET ‘ALL LIVES MATTER’ OR ‘BLUE LIVES MATTER.’ I UNDERSTAND THE POINT THEY’RE TRYING TO MAKE. I THINK IT’S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PHRASE ‘BLACK LIVES MATTER’ SIMPLY REFERS TO THE NOTION THAT THERE’S A SPECIFIC VULNERABILITY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. IT’S NOT MEANT TO SUGGEST THAT OTHER LIVES DON’T MATTER. IT’S TO SUGGEST THAT OTHER FOLKS AREN’T EXPERIENCING THIS PARTICULAR VULNERABILITY AND SO WE SHOULDN’T GET TOO CAUGHT UP SOMEHOW IN THIS NOTION THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE ASKING FOR FAIR TREATMENT ARE SOMEHOW AUTOMATICALLY ANTI-POLICE OR TRYING TO ONLY LOOK OUT FOR BLACK LIVES AS OPPOSED TO OTHERS. I THINK WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT PLAYING THAT GAME BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THAT’S NOT WHAT IS INTENDED.”

BARACK OBAMA
FORMER US PRESIDENT
& FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF USA



**“DON'T EVER FORGET HOW
MUCH POWER YOU HAVE.”**

**- FORMER FIRST LADY OF US ON A BLACK
GIRLS' CONFERENCE IN A SCHOOL.**

**BEING CALLED AN ANGRY BLACK WOMAN DID
NOT DETER HER FROM BEING ONE OF THE
BEST FIRST LADY USA HAS SEEN.**






"I DO NOT KNOW A BLACK MAN, PERIOD, WHO HAS NOT BEEN PROFILED. I DO NOT KNOW A BLACK MAN WHO HAS NOT BEEN STOPPED AT SOME POINT—INCLUDING STEDMAN GRAHAM....THERE'S NO BLACK MOTHER THAT HASN'T HAD THE CONVERSATION WITH THEIR SON ABOUT MAKING THE ADAPTION TO WHEN YOU'RE STOPPED, HAVING THE RIGHT DEMEANOR AND BEHAVIOR AND GOING INTO THAT. WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO KEEP YOURSELF ALIVE."

- OPRAH WINFREY

“PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY THAT I DIDN'T GIVE
UP MY SEAT BECAUSE I WAS TIRED, BUT
THAT ISN'T TRUE. I WAS NOT TIRED
PHYSICALLY ... NO, THE ONLY TIRED I
WAS, WAS TIRED OF GIVING IN.”


-ROSA PARKS





"THE BLACK FEMALE IS ASSAULTED IN HER TENDER YEARS BY ALL THOSE COMMON FORCES OF NATURE AT THE SAME TIME THAT SHE IS CAUGHT IN THE TRIPARTITE CROSSFIRE OF MASCULINE PREJUDICE, WHITE ILLOGICAL HATE AND BLACK LACK OF POWER. THE FACT THAT THE ADULT AMERICAN NEGRO FEMALE EMERGES A FORMIDABLE CHARACTER IS OFTEN MET WITH AMAZEMENT, DISTASTE AND EVEN BELLIGERENCE. IT IS SELDOM ACCEPTED AS AN INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF THE STRUGGLE WON BY SURVIVORS AND DESERVES RESPECT IF NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ACCEPTANCE."

-MAYA ANGELOU



**“I’M FROM ANDERSON, S.C., BUT I GREW UP IN
THE SOUTH. SO I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO RIDE TO
SCHOOL AND HAVE CONFEDERATE FLAGS
FLYING FROM TRUCKS IN FRONT OF ME AND
BEHIND ME, TO SEE A PARKING LOT FULL OF
PEOPLE WITH CONFEDERATE FLAGS AND
KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. I’VE BEEN STOPPED
BY POLICE FOR NO REASON.”**

**-CHADWICK BOSEMAN
OR
THE BLACK PANTHER**



AND

MANY MORE...



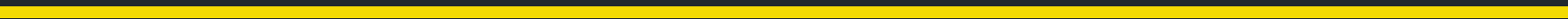
**THIS MAY NOT BE IN OUR COUNTRY
BUT SOMEONE SOMEWHERE IS GOING
THROUGH THIS EVERY DAY.**



SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE IN YOUR OWN WAY.



THANK



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