

BLACK RACIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL MOVEMENT COMPARED TO THE BLACK LIVES MATTER ORGANIZATION

The Black racial justice social movement is a comprehensive initiative to promote and advocate for long-term and effective solutions to combat both active racism and systemic racial injustices. It covers the full range of racial justice initiatives impacting employment, law enforcement, criminal justice, housing, environment, education and health care, as well as personal racist interactions. Most people supporting Black racial justice social movement objectives are not members of the Black Lives Matter organization and may use a BLM rallying cry or sign while having no affiliation with the BLM group. People in the Black racial justice social movement may or may not agree with all of the BLM organization's platforms.

The Black racial justice social movement is a justice response to 400 years of racism, slavery, cultural genocide, discrimination, human rights abuses, exclusion, segregation and murders against the African American community. This social movement, under different names, preceded the BLM organization by several decades. The Black racial justice social movement is International in scope although the main focus is racism against Blacks in the USA. It is all-inclusive: Christians and non-Christians; people from all backgrounds.

The Black Lives Matter organization arose mainly in response to unjust killings of Blacks by law enforcement in the USA; however, they greatly expanded their agenda to include not only racism against Blacks, but also sexual orientation, sexism and family structure, among others. They are one of many groups active in the larger Black racial justice social movement. Some BLM organization leaders expressed their belief in Marxism, although Marxism is not listed on the group's agenda.

From a Christian perspective comes the recognition that some BLM policy prescriptions are outside the Christian world view. Christian treatment of the BLM organization should never be one of hate or vilification because of their veering away from Biblical principles in some of their policy prescriptions. Rather, Christians must treat the BLM organization like we would any other secular group: Speak the truth in love. That means finding common ground; areas of mutual agreement and coalitions around particular justice issues, while also lovingly holding firm to and communicating our Biblical beliefs. Christians must communicate to the BLM organization and other groups, our Biblically-based commitment to ending racial injustices.

For everyone who does not proclaim to be a Christian, we share the truth and power of the Christian Gospel; that true justice comes from a sovereign and perfect God. We pray that non-believing fighters for racial justice make a decision for Jesus for personal salvation. This is in conjunction to joint cooperation on racial justice issues where we agree on policies and actions.