

Black Lives Matter

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Of course! Every Catholic can support this noble cause. While you can also say that all lives matter, there is nothing wrong in highlighting a group that has especially suffered discrimination for many years. However, we cannot say that any one life matters more...

We can all honestly acknowledge that millions of Native Americans who suffered disease and many broken treaties, or the Jews who suffered anti-Semitism for centuries and six million dead in the holocaust, or the million Armenians killed by Turkish genocide, or the 30 million killed by Russian Marxism, or the 80 million killed by Chinese Marxism can also claim deadly discrimination as well.

Everyone should recoil in horror at these crimes and support all victims.

However, one group that Catholics cannot support has the same name that counters the legacy of black discrimination. It is *Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation Inc.* (BLM)

We like the “Black Lives Matter” idea but not this group.



Founders, Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi are self-admitted “trained and committed Marxists” as a 2015 YouTube interview confirms.

This political/economic idea by Karl Marx in 1848, founded Communist Russia in 1917, and still runs Communist China today. It fosters deep antagonism for religion and families. *That BLM founders are committed Marxists is a serious concern. Marxism is a failed and deadly program wherever tried.*

BLM, Antifa, and right wing anarchists often hijack peaceful protests to cause chaos and destruction.

Marxists seek a “dialectic” or violent pitting of groups against one other so that chaos and destruction bring about an all-powerful state that controls your freedom and replaces your family as the basis of society. You exist only to serve the state. There is no free speech or free markets. They support a “Cancel Culture” where your free speech is violently suppressed unless about approved Marxist ideas. *Catholics affirm free speech, markets, and families!*

*Every peaceful person and honest opinion must be respected. Violence is just not our way. Marxists have seriously damaged the almost unanimous support for black lives that arose from the George Floyd video. They tragically now make the words Black Lives Matter even seem divisive. (See my article *Racism and Discrimination* at Stbrunochurch.org)*

This is why every Pope has condemned Marxism since it started in Russia in 1917.

Social discord has been the sad legacy of our world since Cain killed Abel in the first book of the bible. It is no accident that this murder was right after the sin of Adam and Eve, when they set themselves above God and decided what is right and wrong. Whenever we set our own morality, *then whoever is the strongest wins!*

This explains all violence in all of human history.

The answer is the Kingdom of God that Jesus lived, where all people love each other according to the “*Content of their character and not the color of their skin*” as Rev. Martin Luther King famously spoke in his 1963 “*I Have a Dream*” speech.

This is how God loves you as well, and lovingly calls you to live a life of love, virtue, and good character, no matter the color of your skin.

Catholics cannot support any group that violently hijacks important justice issues today, or the message of God’s love for all people!

This a time for wise and thoughtful discernment. While you can always appropriately highlight groups that have suffered historical violence, you can never place one life over another in your love for all people ...as God has deeply loved you.

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