



**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**



**Turning a Moment into a Movement**  
**#BlackLivesMatter**

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# BLACK LIVES MATTER



## Black Lives Matter Protests Around The World



Killing of George Floyd on 25 May 2020 by Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis

Racial Equality  
End to police brutality



Edward Colston: Bristol slave trader statue



Churchill Statue Defaced With 'was A Racist' Graffiti



# What is BLM?

- An international activist movement, originated in the African-American community, that campaigns against violence toward black people.
- The movement began in 2013 with **#BlackLivesMatter** on social media, after the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of black teen Trayvon Martin (aged 17), in February 2012.
- BLM regularly holds protests speaking out against police killings of black people, and broader issues such as racial profiling, police brutality, and racial inequality in the United States criminal justice system.



Trayvon Martin

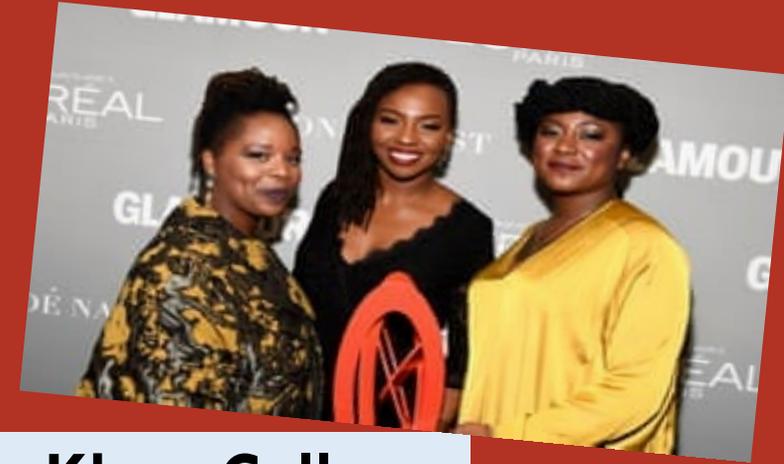


George Zimmerman

# Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement



- The movement really hit the headlines in 2020 after the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.
- It sparked global protest against racism. The BLM movement is one of the largest protest movements that the world has ever seen.



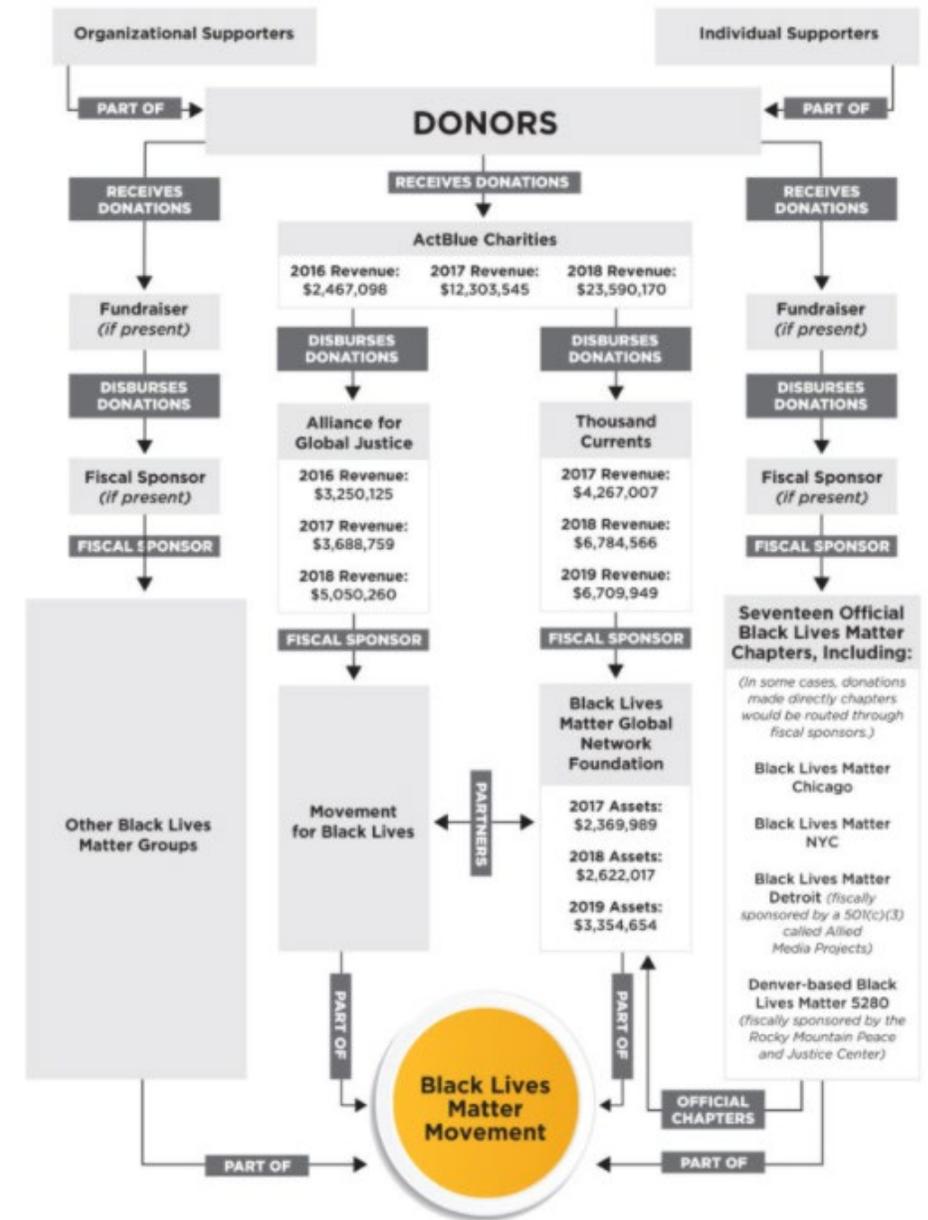
Three woman, **Patrisse Khan-Collors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi** founded the Black Lives Matter movement in July 2013, when they began to use the hashtag **#BlackLivesMatter** on social media

# BLM global organization

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.
- By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

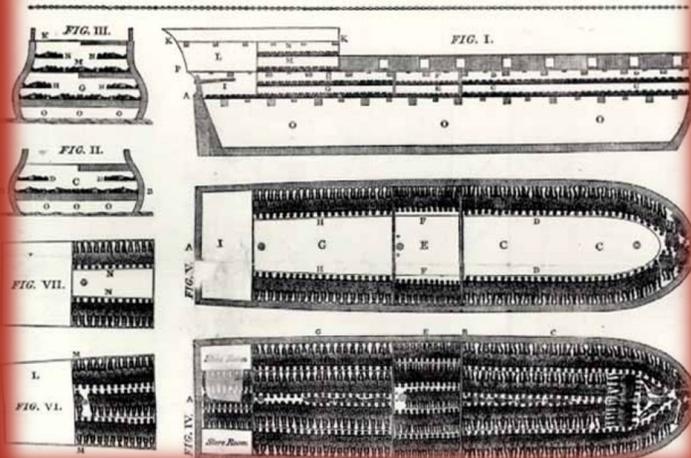
## THE FUNDING OF BLACK LIVES MATTER ORGANIZATIONS



# A Brief History of Black People in the US



DESCRIPTION OF A SLAVE SHIP.



## ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE



- 1** Manufactured goods
- 2** Slaves
- 3** Raw materials - sugar, cotton, tobacco

# Abolitionists

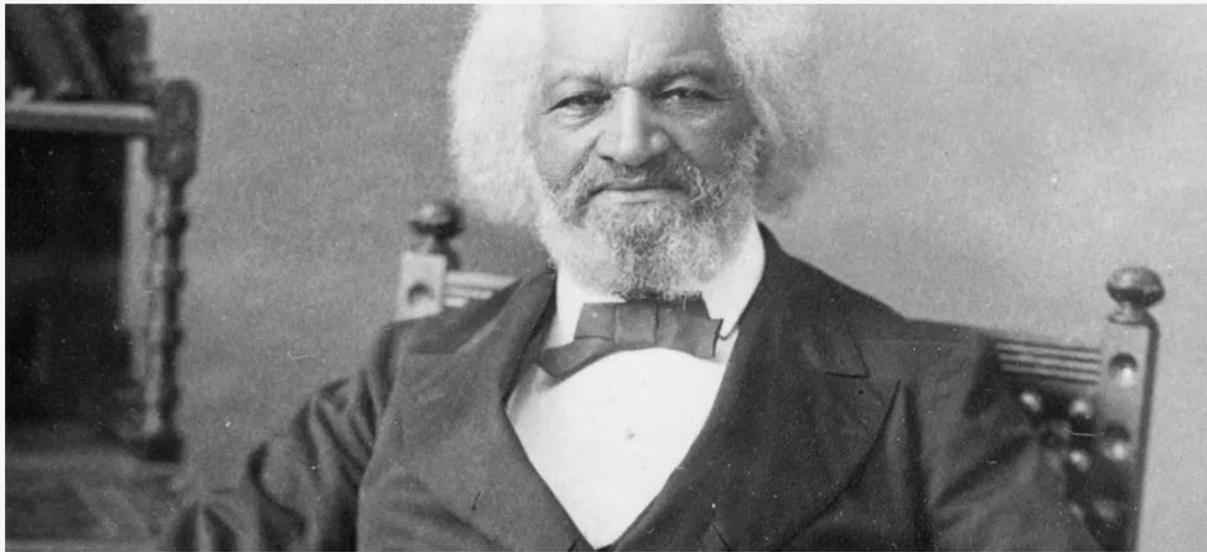


Photo: MPI/Getty Images

Abolitionists were among the first to raise their voices in protest against slavery. Sojourner Truth, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, William Lloyd Garrison, Lucretia Mott, David Walker and other men and women devoted to the abolitionist movement awakened the conscience of the American people to the evils of the enslaved people trade.

William Wilberforce



William Wilberforce  
by Karl Anton Hickel, c. 1794

The **14th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States—including former enslaved people—and guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.” **15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Voting Rights (1870)**

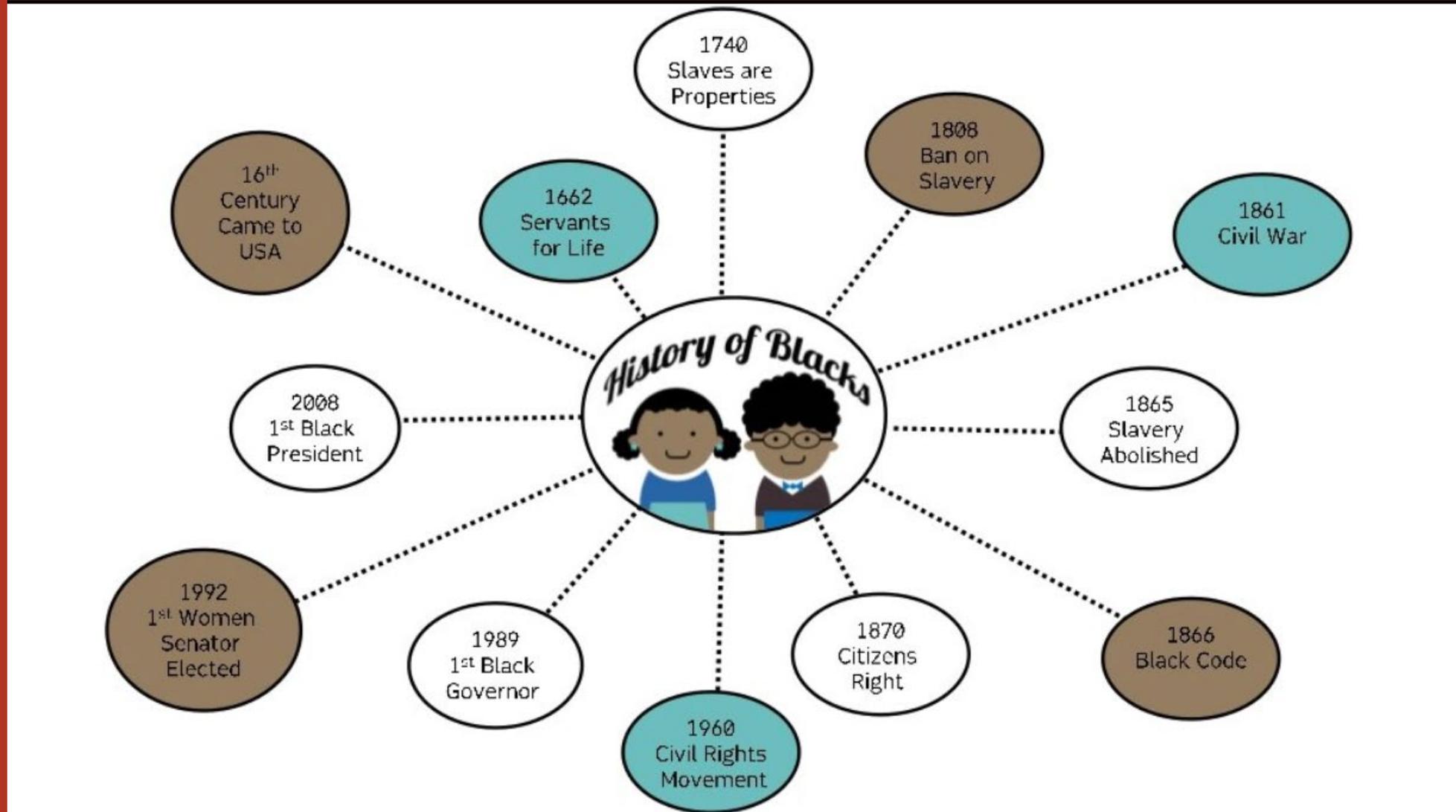
# Jim Crow laws

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**Jim Crow laws** were state and local laws that enforced racial segregation in the Southern United States. All were enacted in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by white Democratic-dominated state legislatures to disenfranchise and remove political and economic gains made by blacks during the Reconstruction period. The Jim Crow laws were enforced until 1965

# A Brief History of Black People in the US



# American civil rights movement (1950s – 1960s)



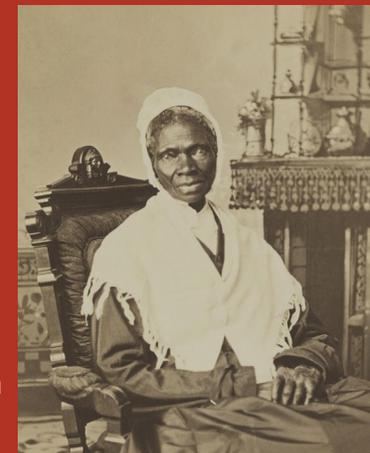
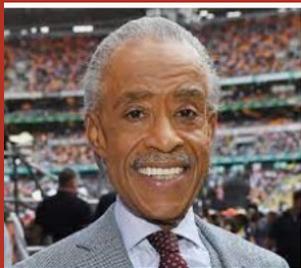
**Harriet Tubman**  
Died: 1913

**Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 – 1968)**  
American pastor, activist, humanitarian

**Rosa Parks Born: 1913,**  
**Died: 2005**

**Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois**  
Born: 1868, Died: 1963

**Malcolm X**  
Born: 1925, Died: 1965



**Rev. Jesse Jackson: 1941**

**Rev. Al Sharpton: 1954**

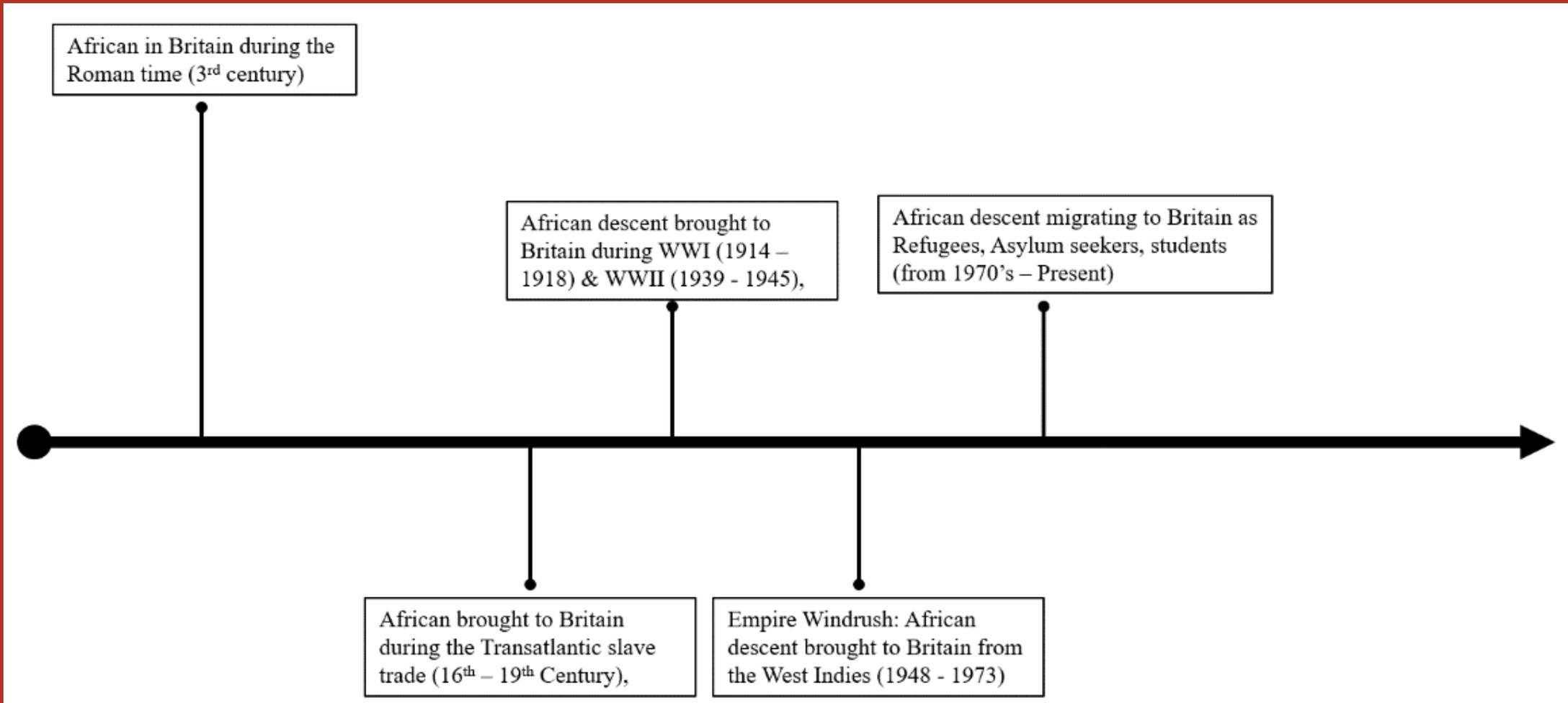
**Ku Klux Klan (KKK)**  
Since 1865

**Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam**

**Sojourner Truth**  
Died: 1883

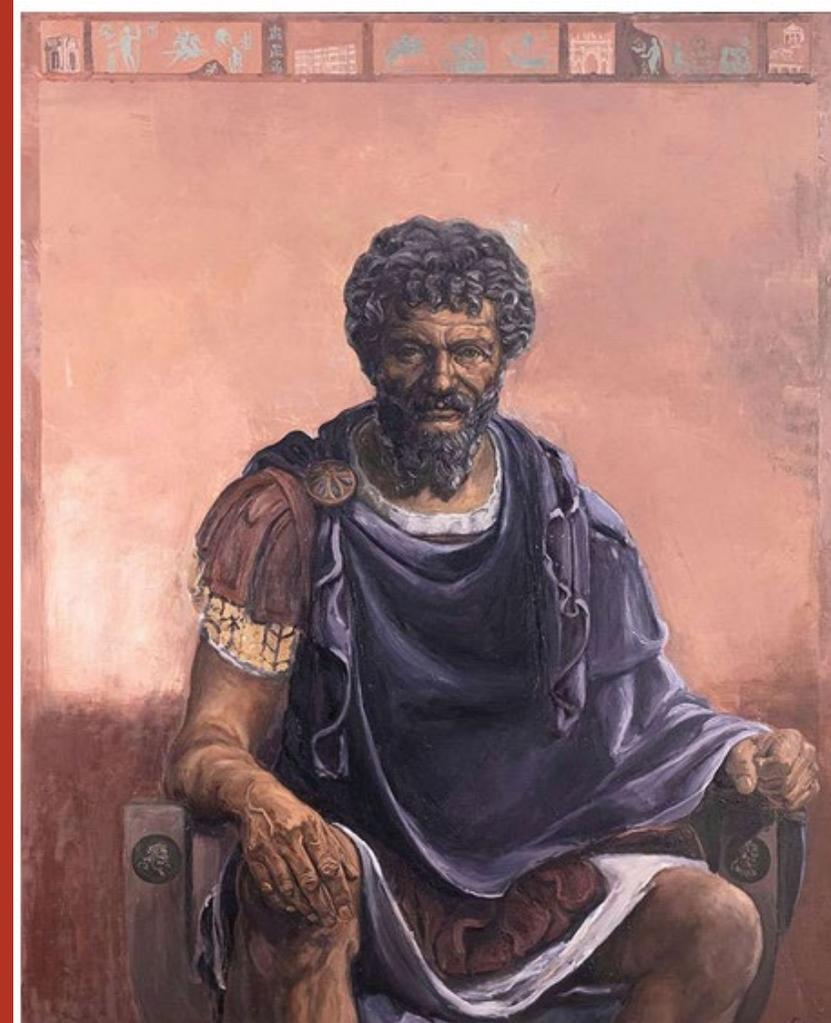
Mass protest movement against racial segregation and discrimination in the southern United States fight against social injustice and their lasting impact on the lives of all oppressed people

# A timeline showing African descent migration to Britain



# Black Roman Empire

In AD 193, **Lucius Septimius Severus** was named ruler of the Roman Empire and in doing so became Rome's first African Emperor. After emerging victorious from a period of civil war, Severus expanded the border of the empire to new heights, ushered in a period of imperial transformation and founded a dynasty.



# Characteristics of African descent groups in the UK

- Black British predominantly descendants of immigrants from Africa and West Indies – Slave trade – Roman period
- 2011 census: **1.85 million** of a total **Black population of 1.9 million (UK)** live in England with 1.09 million of those in London, where they made up 13.3 per cent of the population, compared to **3.5 per cent of England's population** and **3 per cent of the UK's population**
- Attainment gap for all ethnic groups, it is consistently worst for Black (Black African/Black Caribbean/Other Black Background) students across the HE sectors (Miller, 2016).



## Daily Experiences

- **Microaggression**
- **Micro assault**
- **Microinsult**
- **Microinvalidation**



Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth, Hackney, Croydon, Barking and Dagenham, Newham, Greenwich Birmingham, Manchester



In the context of ...

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## Is "All Lives Matter" ...

...a well-intentioned (albeit ill-informed) attempt at inclusiveness?

...a distraction from the Black Lives Matter Movement?

...an attempt to marginalize the Black Lives Matter Movement?

...an outright affront to the Black Lives Matter Movement?



## What some people think Black Lives matter means

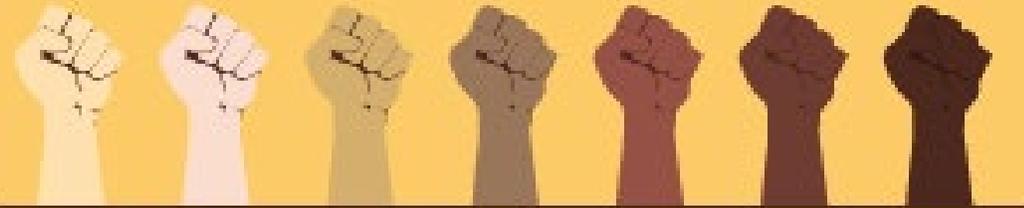
Matter



Lives

## What Black Lives Matter actually means

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# What is this image saying?

Foundation of the West

- Genocide
- Slavery
- Colonialism



Professor Kehinde Andrews  
Professor of Black Studies | Birmingham City University

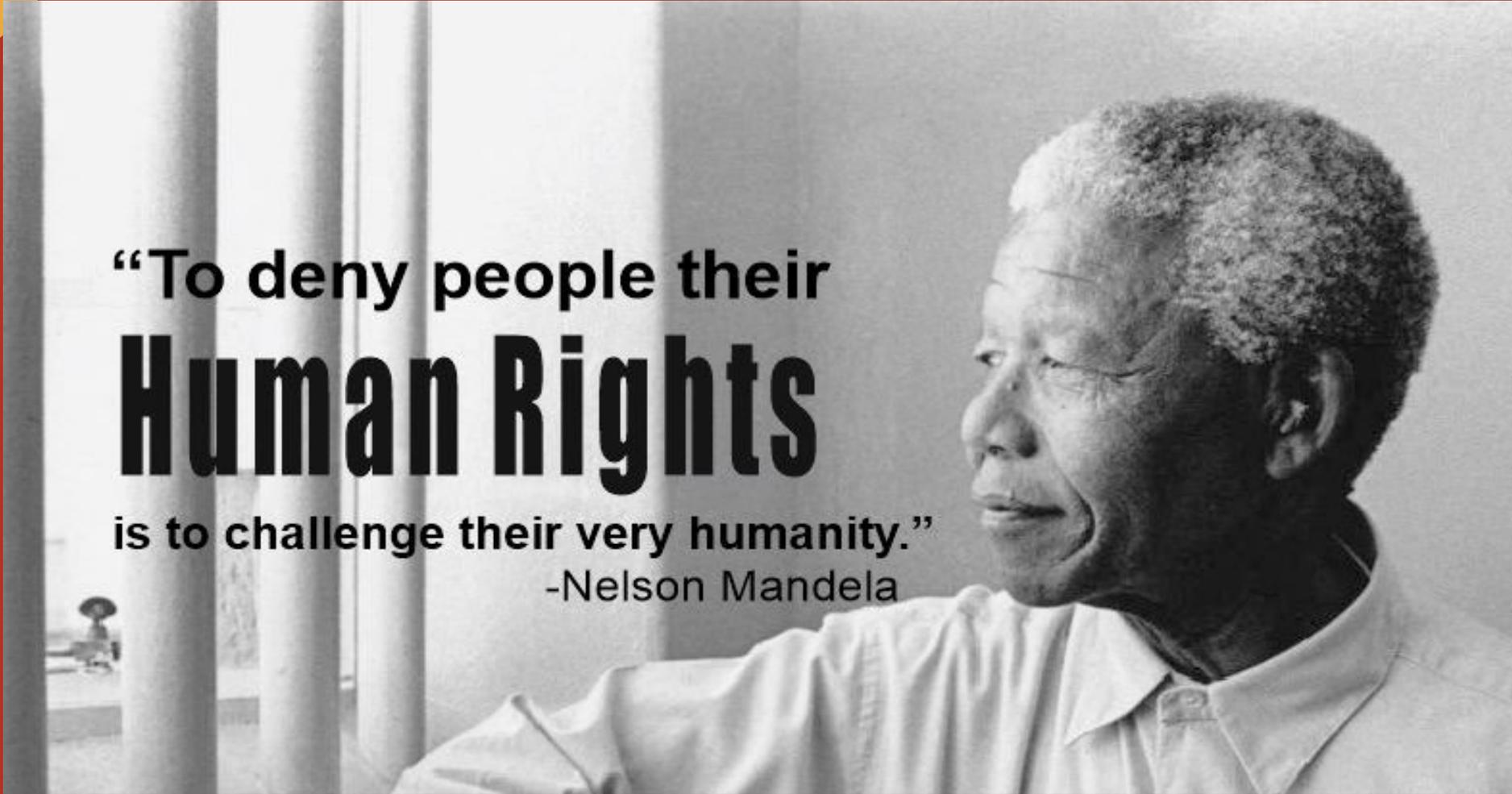
- Protesters
- Rioters
- Looters



**“To deny people their  
Human Rights**

**is to challenge their very humanity.”**

-Nelson Mandela



# Black People Representation in the Media



Akala in Natives growing up in the 1980's [Sport, Music, criminal (prison) or dead]

# The psychology of cruelty

In human history throughout, in order to convince a group of people to mistreat or exterminate another group of people, we convince the majority that this minority to be attacked is less than Human.



Nazi

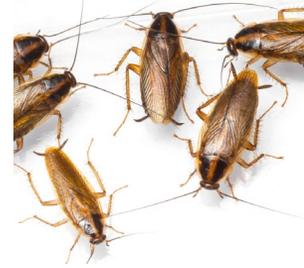


Jewish people portrayed as Rats to the population

## The Dehumanizing



Rwanda we saw this with the genocide



The Tutsis portrayed as cockroaches

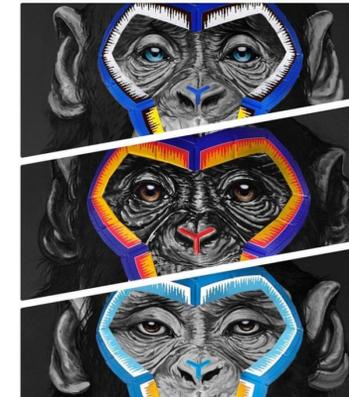


Slavery



Black people portrayed as Apes 3/5 of a person, Pets (written in law)

NO TO RACISM



ART BY SIMONE FUGAZZOTTO unfront

# Police Brutality



1960's



2020



2020

**Police brutality** or **police violence** is legally defined as a civil rights violation where officers exercise undue or excessive force against a subject. This includes, but is not limited to, physical or verbal harassment, physical or mental injury, property damage, and death



US Capitol stormed  
January 6, 2021

The Most Distinguished Order of  
Saint Michael and Saint George

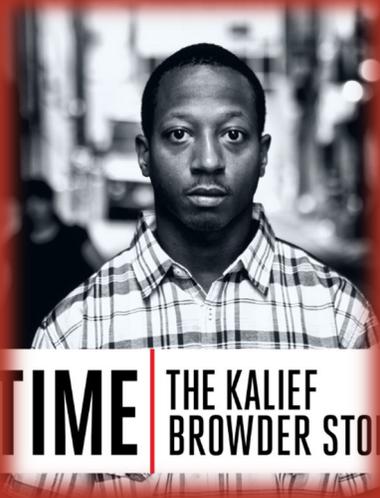


Collar and Badge of the Grand Cross

**Will Smith: "Racism Is Not Getting Worse, It's Getting Filmed"**

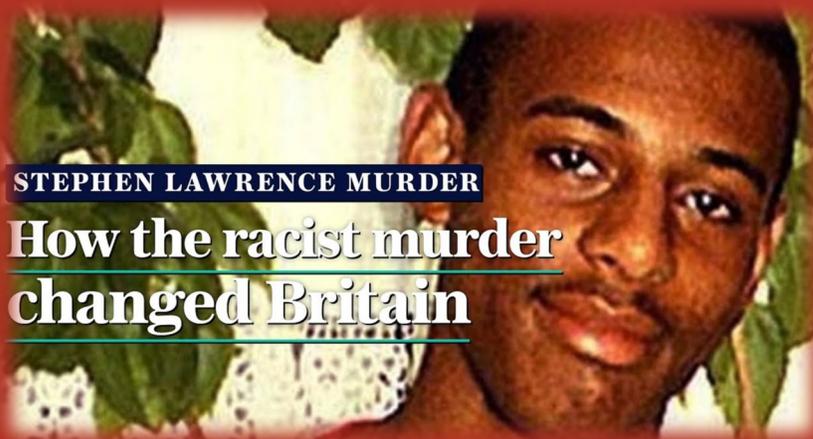
# #blacklivesmatter #socialjustice





**TIME** THE KALIEF BROWDER STORY

2015



**STEPHEN LAWRENCE MURDER**  
**How the racist murder**  
**changed Britain**

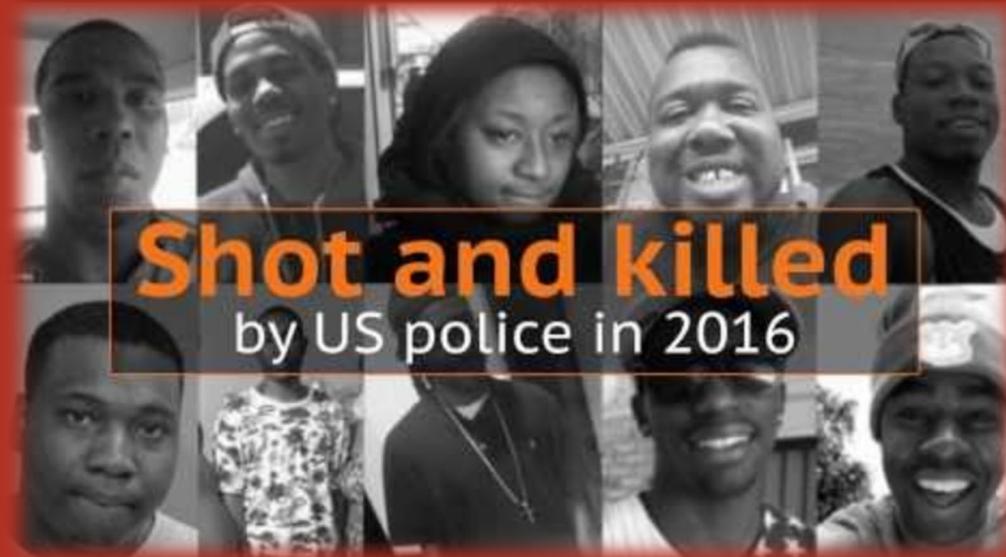
1993



2020



Colin Kaepernick'



**Shot and killed**  
by US police in 2016

## MARK DUGGAN (UK RIOTS)

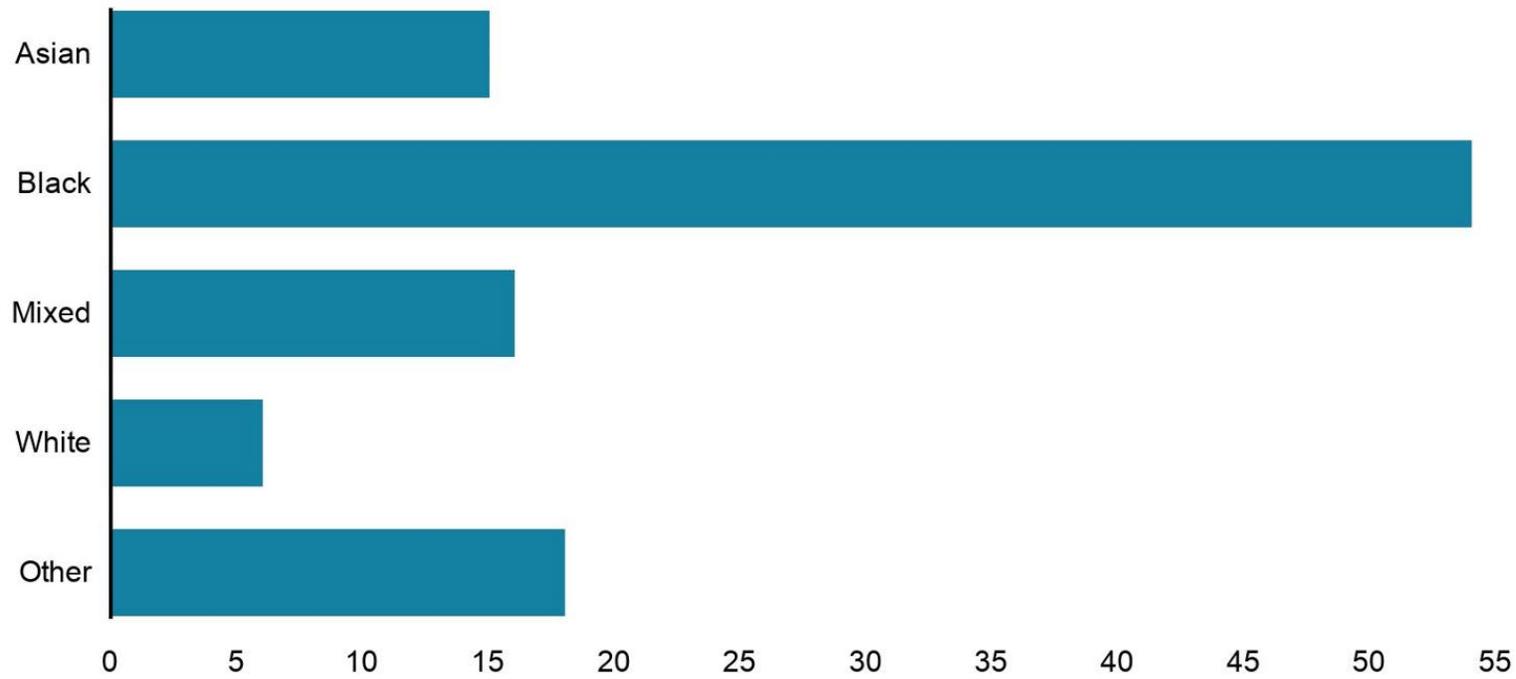
- Mark Duggan, a 29-year-old Tottenham resident, was shot and killed by police in Tottenham, North London, England, on 4 August 2011. The police stated that officers were attempting to arrest Duggan on suspicion of planning an attack, and that he was in possession of a handgun. Duggan died from a gunshot wound to the chest. The circumstances of Duggan's killing resulted in public protests in Tottenham, where youths used violence to make a stand.



# Stop-and-search in the UK

## Race and stop and search

Stop and search rate per 1,000 people, England and Wales, 2019-20



Source: Home Office

BBC



House of Fraser in Bluewater | He was wrongly accused of stealing suitcases by security | Cephias Williams (2021)

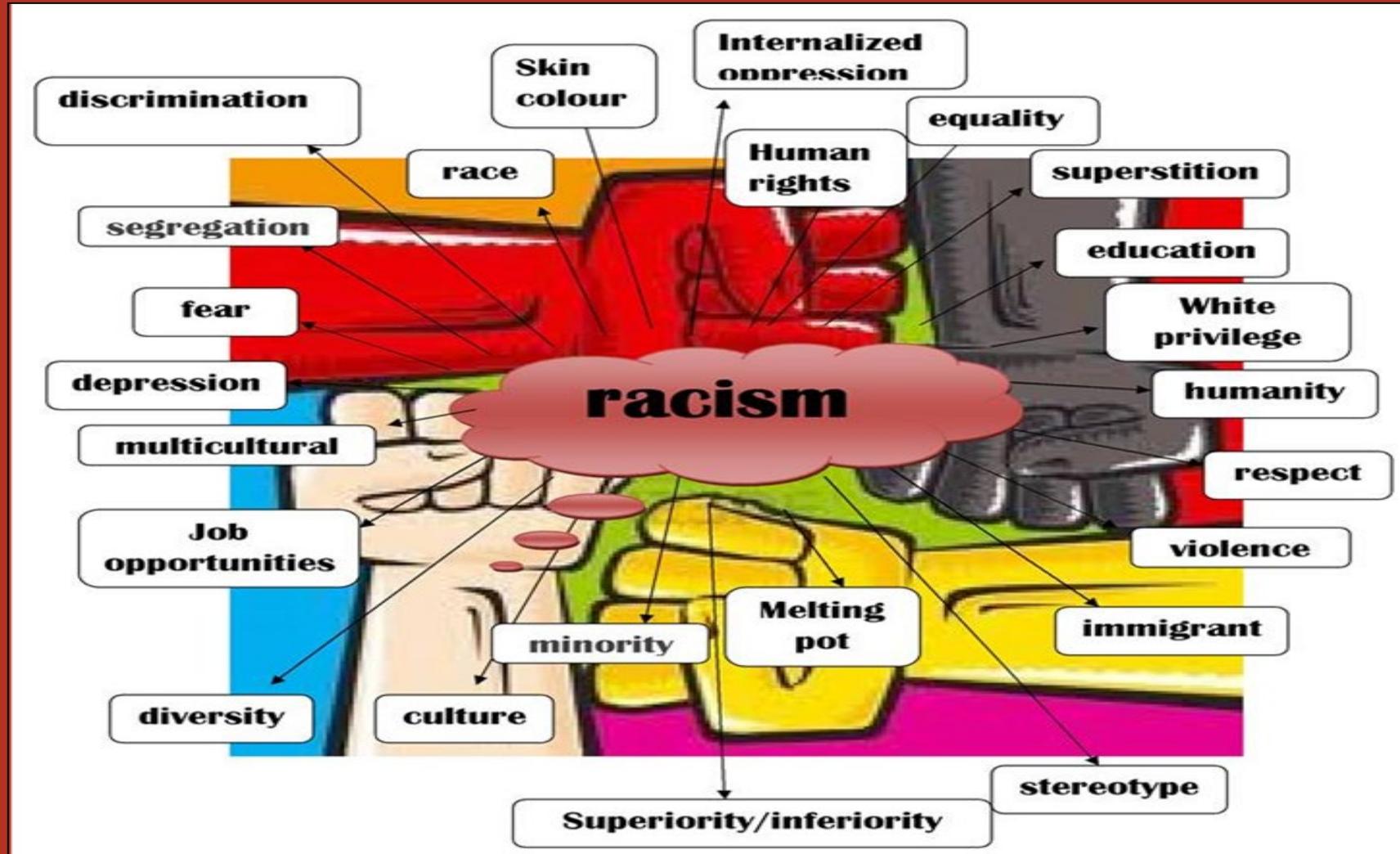
# Where is Racism to be found? Everywhere! – Critical Race Theory (CRT)

## How does it look...

- In sport?
- In the workplace?
- In shops?
- In schools?
- On the streets?
- On social media?

### “Theories of racism”

The belief that different races possess distinct characteristics, abilities, or qualities, especially so as to distinguish them as inferior or superior to one another.



# Racism in Sport, UK



Yorkshire cricket racism: Ex-England cricketer Gary Ballance admits using racial slur against teammate Azeem Rafiq



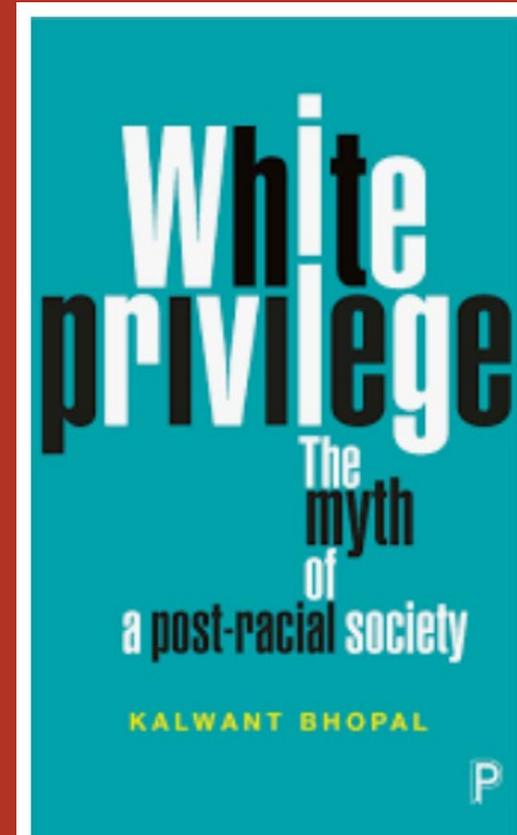
# From Macpherson to Sewell

- The **Macpherson report** (murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1999) acknowledged institutional racism and initiated top down change which in the absence of a bottom up movement proved short-lived.
- **David Lammy review** (Criminal Justice Systems, 2017)
- The **Sewell report** questioned the prevalence of institutional racism and delegitimised the demand for change emanating from the Black Lives Matter movement (March 2021, Dr Tony Sewell)
- What is remarkable over the period as a whole is the lack of urgency in promoting race equality

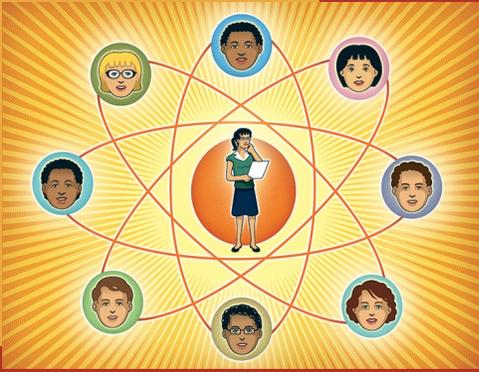
# White Privilege

**“Having white privilege doesn’t mean that your life isn’t difficult; it simply means that your skin color isn’t one of the things contributing to your life difficulties”**

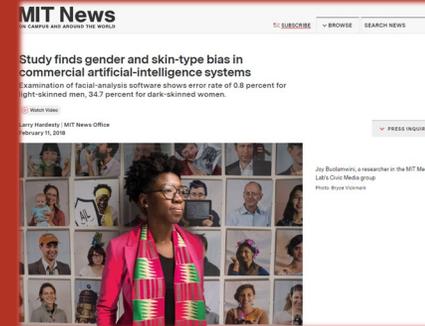
**Shola M Richards,  
Workplace Civility Activist**



# How can you be an ally?



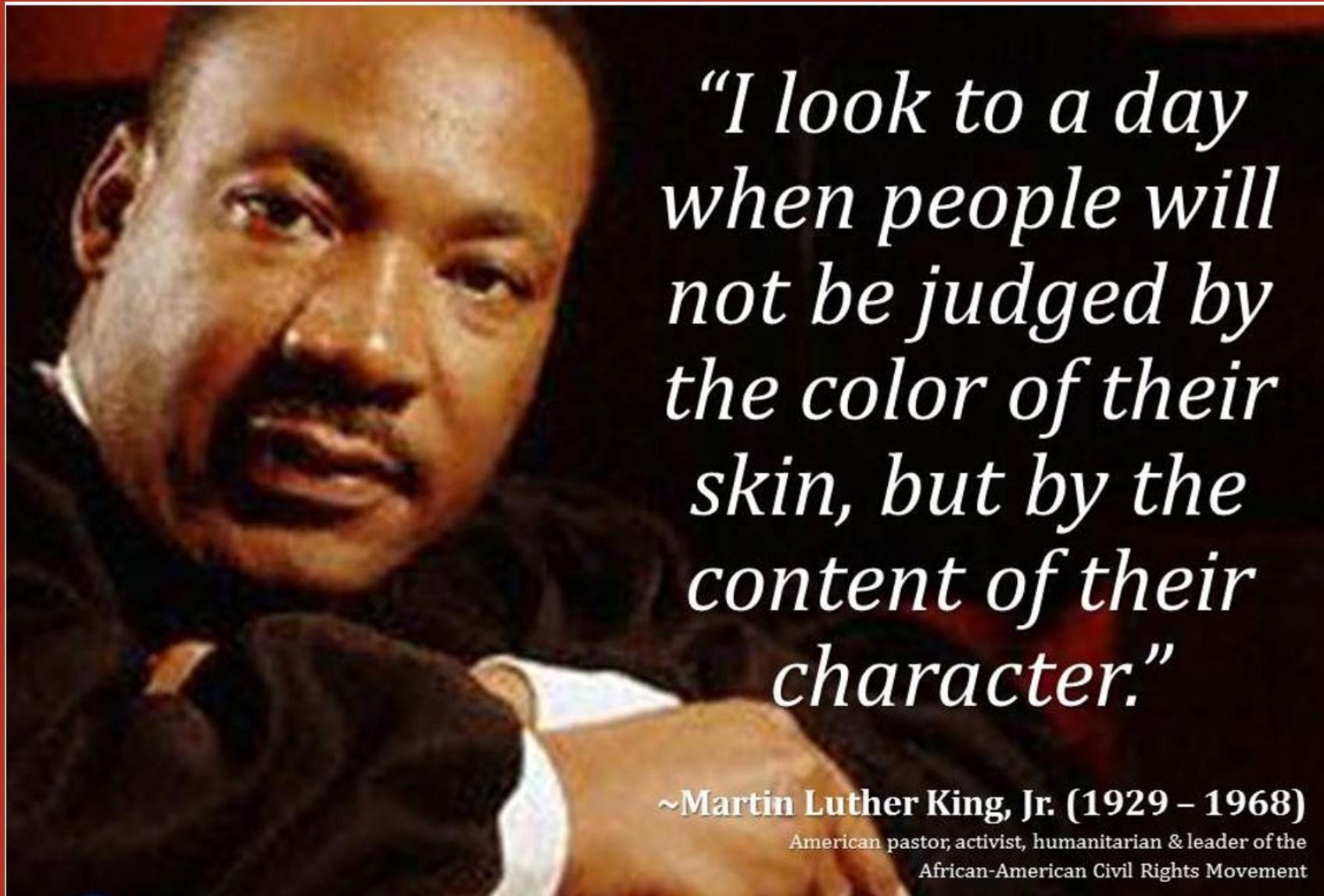
- Challenge inappropriate comments ‘banter’ amongst your friends/peers
- Report inappropriate comments/behaviour online or in person to the University
- Continue to educate yourselves and engage in active discussion – ask your lecturers questions and do additional reading such as the ones throughout this PowerPoint and beyond.



Is facial recognition too biased to be let loose?



“In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.” - Angela Y. Davis

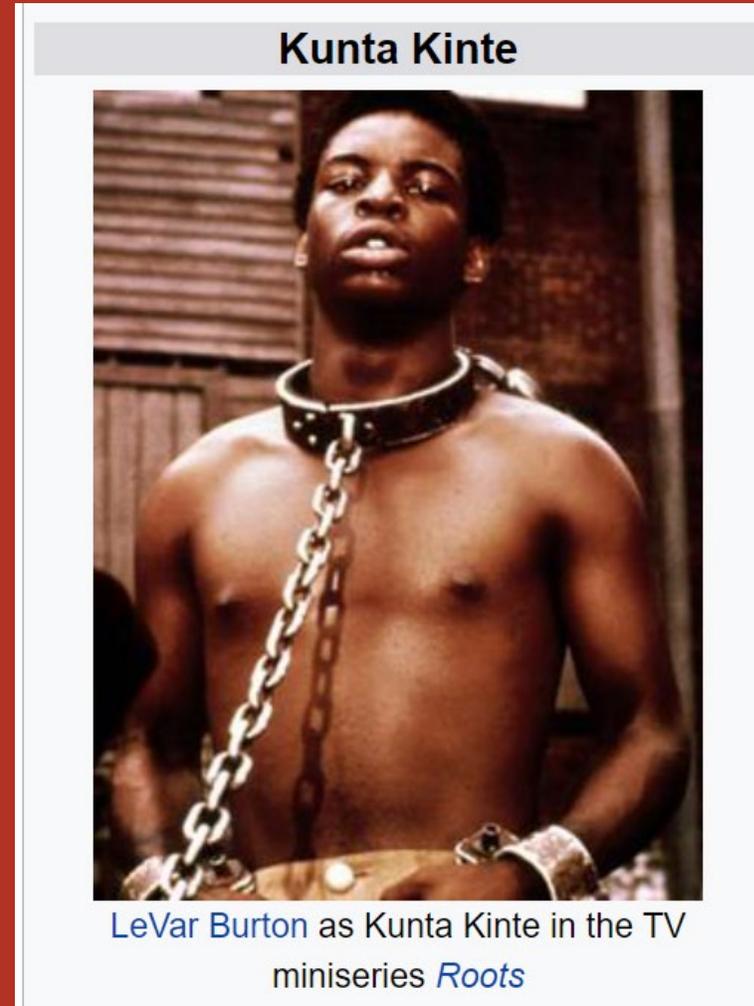
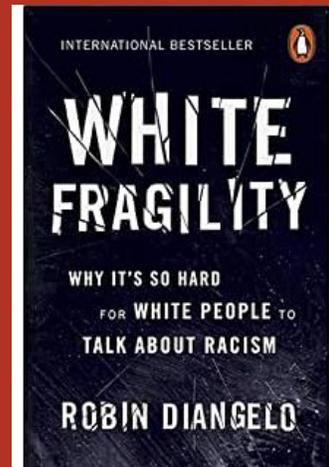
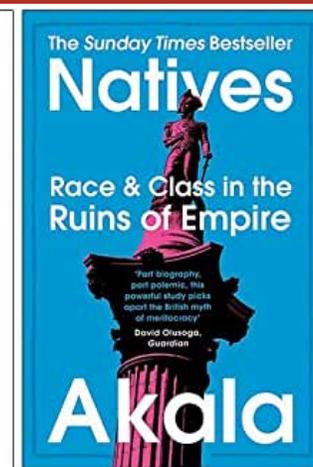
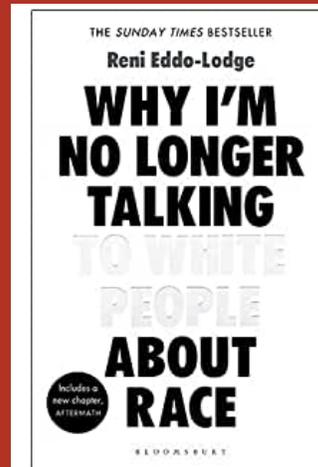
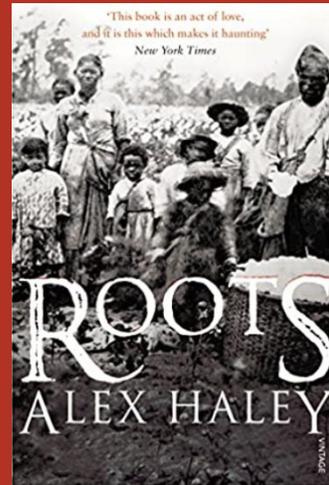
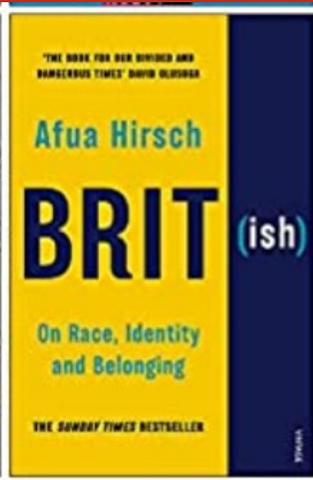
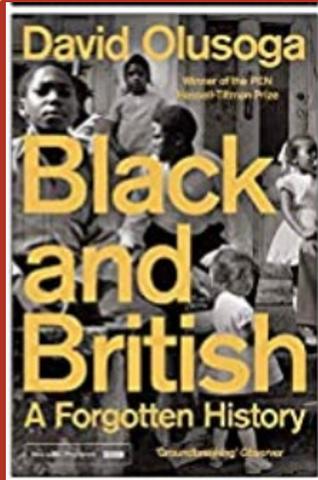


*“I look to a day  
when people will  
not be judged by  
the color of their  
skin, but by the  
content of their  
character.”*

**~Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 – 1968)**

American pastor, activist, humanitarian & leader of the  
African-American Civil Rights Movement

# The Journey to Allyship: Where to Begin





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