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Black Lives Matter being the new Civil Rights Movement

Movements in society bring to light social challenges in neighborhoods and promote improvements in areas such as politics, religion, schooling, medical care, governance, and various other structural affairs. Social movement organizations provide citizens with an open avenue to express worries regarding both their own and other people's liberties as well as wellness, primarily using demonstrations and discussion, with the goal to advance socioeconomic equality and democratic rule. In the course of past times, people have spontaneously started efforts just to enhance the standards of life, and these initiatives continue to result in significant transformation in societies. Humans have continuously longed to feel an element of a cause that surpasses their own from the start of history. Movements in society provide a safe sanctuary for those who lack the capacity to effect changes on themselves. This reduces opposition between individuals and promotes a concentrated attempt to tackle the improvements which the people in question desire. Among the main motives because individuals engage in organizations is to make an individual argument in support of something they truly value. Discrimination has grown increasingly common throughout worldwide as greater numbers of those who are from diverse backgrounds endure discrimination and mistreated cruelly. Racism is defined as any behavior, action, or opinion that displays a racially discriminatory view. The concept that individuals can be separated into

different and distinct biological classes as "racial groups as well as there's an association among hereditary physical characteristics and mental capacity, intelligence, and ethical behavior traits. Racism has never been a new emerging issue in society (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2023). Factors such as slavery along with political views depending on the circumstances of the political of the moment has been used as a form of domination against African Americans. Race has been an idea of society founded on economic and political issues which is nonetheless an urgent problem among Americans presently. The connection between individuals from Emmitt Till to Trayvon Martin's death sheds light on the prevalent issue that still plague our country showing how the Black Lives Matter organization contributes to being the modern-day Civil Rights Movement.

In the year 2013 Trayvon Martin took strolling around his Miami Gardens community after purchasing candies and bottled lemonade before being approached by an unknown man later to be identified as George Zimmerman. Zimmerman severed as a watchman for the neighborhood and targeted Martin simple because of his skin color along with his profile resulting in Zimmerman killing Martin. It is believed that there happened to be several incidents of African Americans being targeted because of their ethnic background prior to Trayvon's death. Trayvon Martin's death generated an uproar since the killer, George Zimmerman was found not guilty for the unprovoked killing of Martin. As a result of the ruling, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) organization was formed seamlessly continuing to grow through the numerous deaths later to follow.

The Black Lives Matter is an organization as well as political movement in a society spreading awareness to the African American lives that are continuously being deliberately targeted and purposefully taken (Alicia Garza,2014). The organization created an online campaign specifically aimed to end the violence against African Americans, the use of social media hashtags for example #BlackLovesMatter, #BLM, #SayHerName, #WeCantBreathe, #SayTheirNames allowed others around the world to join the fight gaining popularity on various platforms. Since the death of Trayvon Martin, the world has witnessed the murder of George Floyd by the hands of police officers displayed on social media going viral as well as broadcasted on televised news stations. The effect of this murder brought attention to the reform of police, the racist perspective law enforcement employees may have, the organization created a movement resulting in people using frustration and anger to protest out in the streets of Minneapolis performing tactics such as rallies, pickets, marching, along with sit-in were displaying non-violent action previous performed by Dr. Martin Luther King jr. However other tactics promoted violence resulting in the destruction of department stores including infrastructure damages, looting and other senseless crimes relating to Malcolm X's idea to act in "self-defense" while protesting pushing the idea of defunding police through the murders of Tamir Rice in Ohio, Freddie Gray in Baltimore, Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams in Ohio, Sandra Bland in Texas, Alton Sterling in Louisiana, Jonathan Ferrell in Charlotte, Laquan McDonald in Chicago, Philando Castile in Minnesota Michael Brown in Missouri, Eric Garner in Staten Island, Tyre Nichols in Memphis as well as Breonna Taylor from Louisville Kentucky **#SAYTHEIRNAME**. The organization interfered with political views with the efforts to ban the no-knock warrant after police utilized a

battering ram forcefully entering Taylor's home firing shots killing Taylor in her sleep along with bullets entering an apartment nearby.

The death of 14-year-old Emmett Till played a huge role in not only American history but in the civil rights movement. Similar to Trayvon Martin, Emmett Till was murdered by the hands of two Caucasian men after being accused of whistling at a white woman during the years of segregation being a form of disrespect. The two men who committed the crime didn't receive a repercussion due to no crime laws, the death of Till became a major role in the Civil Rights Movement. The Civil Rights movement is one of the biggest nonviolent social movements in history from 1954 lasting till 1968 led by historical figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Stemming from the end of the Civil War slavery was abolished, the discrimination against African Americans was at an all-time high. The assistance from the Jim Crow laws separated the African American people from White restricting their right to vote or use the same facilities. Once the event in regard to Rosa Parks happened the news about how Parks was treated reached the ear of Martin Luther King Jr. whom at the time was a minister. Throughout this movement leading up to Bloody Sunday King has shown the people of Alabama the act of being civil disobedience to disagree with the regulations created by the government, those demonstrations consisted of sit-ins and boycotts (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2023) with influence from Gandhi. However, leaders like Malcolm X encouraged protesters to physically fight authorities with the idea of demanding equality labeling it as self-defense promoting violence. During 1965 the event Bloody Sunday occurred a few days before Malcolm X's death turned into a violent protest resulting in activist Jimmie Jackson being murdered by police as well as numerous protesters being killed or hospitalized (History.com Editors, 2023).

From the Civil Rights Movement a variety of organizations stemmed the famous National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) to help spread the efforts of equality for African American people. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) formed in the 1857 in Atlanta assisting with the ongoing fight for equality (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2023). Led by Martin Luther King Jr. up until his assassination in 1968 the organization created campaigns to gain attention to participants becoming bigger than the Civil Rights Act continuing King's previous tactic of conducting a peaceful nonviolent protest. Groups in particular The Klu Klux Klan opposed the civil rights act with the desire of killing African American to reach the goal of decreasing the population. In correlation to the civil right movement other organization transpired such as Trans Lives Matter were created to protect the lives of transgender men and women who face various factors including homophobia, transphobia along with racism in lude of the death of 3 trans individuals Dominique Fells, Tony McDade, and Riah Milton. As a counter to BLM white supremacist adopted the term "White Lives Matter" to diminish the accomplishments BLM has achieved. The supremacist group created a misconception regarding the organization with ideas of individuals utilize protest to cause chaos in neighbors choosing to loot. Some refused to support feeling it was pointless due to the increase in the black-on-black crime occurring coming up with the Uptown Klan.

There are various differences between a social movement organization and social movements beginning with social movement organizations assisting with the creation of ideas on how to go about changing society while social movement focus on the carry out with the use of protest and other elements. There are differences between the Black Lives Matter Organization and the

Civil Rights Movement shown throughout this essay allowing one to become insightful on the ways the BLM organization strives for equality for not only black lives but for other groups such as the LGBTQ+ community fighting to protect transgender individuals. Besides the difference there are multiple examples connecting the two with the similarities mentioned, the death of Emmett Till along with Trayvon Martin becoming key factors in the efforts to change society and creating history. Through the use of both the organization as well as the movement one will be able to grasp the concept of the Black Lives Matter organization become the modern-day Civil Rights Movement Act continuing to strive the fight towards equality and social justice.

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