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Black Lives Matter (BLM) is, at the top, a Marxist-Maoist-Leninist trained and led revolutionary movement in the United States, and it could be argued that it is partly responsible for the billions of dollars of damage to U.S. businesses that resulted from the riots in the summer of 2020.¹ The New York Times reported that BLM “may be the largest movement in U.S. history” and Newsweek reported that more than 1,500 Minnesota businesses were damaged in the George Floyd protests.^{2,3}

BLM was created in 2013 by Alicia Garza (an American born African American),⁴ Patrisse Khan-Cullors (also an American born African American)⁵ and Opal Tometi (an African American born to Nigerian parents)⁶ “in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer, George Zimmerman.”⁷ Both Alicia Garza and Patrisse Cullors were trained by communist Eric Mann’s (American born to Jewish parents) organization called the Labor Community Strategy Center.

¹ Steven C. Cohen. “Coverage Dispute over 2020 Civil Unrest Shows ‘Occurrence’ Remains Hard to Define.” American Bar Association, September 1, 2021.

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/tort_trial_insurance_practice/resources/tortsource/archive/coverage-dispute-2020-civil-unrest/.

² Larry Buchanan, Quoc Trung Bui and Jugal K. Patel. “Black Lives Matter May Be the Largest Movement in U.S. History.” The New York Times, October 25, 2021. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/07/03/us/george-floyd-protests-crowd-size.html>.

³ Jon Jackson. “More Than 1,500 Minnesota Businesses Damaged in George Floyd Protests, Expect to Take Years to Rebuild.” Newsweek, June 1, 2021. <https://www.newsweek.com/businesses-year-after-floyd-1596610>.

⁴ Wikipedia. “Alicia Garza.” Accessed May 28, 2025. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alicia_Garza

⁵ Wikipedia. “Patrisse Cullors.” Accessed May 28, 2025. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrisse_Cullors

⁶ Wikipedia. “Ayọ Tometi.” Accessed May 28, 2025. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ay%E1%BB%8D_Tometi

⁷ “Editorials: Herstory.” Black Lives Matter, July 7, 2017.

https://blacklivesmatter.com/herstory/?__cf_chl_tk=.GKh4dSwzLHq92D6NMwpz7zjJ0RDme5pSpvfqU.dbXs-1748459536-1.0.1.1-F1jvaQtCacgfNutASNmAHzX889xEF5TuT9j_3iW.3xU

In an interview for the online magazine *Dazed*, and responding to a question about what skillsets are required to build a movement, Cullors stated that her training was “scientific”.⁸ She said she spent a year in the National School for Strategic Organizing which was led by Eric Mann’s Labor Community Strategy Center and that she spent “the year reading anything from Marx, to Lenin, to Mao...”⁹ During this training period, Cullors was actively recruiting people into the organization that was training her.

BLM co-founder Garza was also a product of Eric Mann’s organization. In an article for *Black Girl Nerds*, journalist Nicole Matthews states that “Cullors got her start, like her co-founder Garza, in California with the Labor Community Strategy Center. At the LCSC, she attended their National School for Strategic Organizing and joined various groups, including the Bus Riders Union [which Mann co-founded].”^{10, 11}

Both Cullors and Garza are confirmed as Marxist, Leninist and Maoist educated and trained. What about Tometi? I was unable to find an article saying Tometi is a trained Marxist like her colleagues. However, Tometi attended the Left Forum as a speaker.¹² That forum brings together people on the far left political spectrum including Marxists and communists such as

⁸ Rianna Walcott. “How the Founder of Black Lives Matter Started a Global Movement.” *Dazed*, April 5, 2018. <https://web.archive.org/web/20180405152718/https://www.dazeddigital.com/politics/article/39587/1/black-lives-matter-founder-interview-patrisse-khan-cullors>.

⁹ Rianna Walcott. “How the Founder of Black Lives Matter Started a Global Movement.” *Dazed*, April 5, 2018. <https://web.archive.org/web/20180405152718/https://www.dazeddigital.com/politics/article/39587/1/black-lives-matter-founder-interview-patrisse-khan-cullors>.

¹⁰ Nicole Matthews. “Meet Modern Activist Pioneers: Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Ayo Tometi.” *Black Girl Nerds*. Accessed March 10, 2022. <https://web.archive.org/web/20220310160124/https://blackgirlnerds.com/meet-modern-activist-pioneers-alicia-garza-patrisse-cullors-and-ayo-tometi/>.

¹¹ “Eric Mann.” Unitarian Universalist Association. Accessed May 28, 2025. <https://www.uua.org/people/eric-mann>

¹² “The Left Forum 2014.” Archived January 21, 2021. <https://web.archive.org/web/20210121045729/https://rosalux.nyc/events/left-forum-2014/>

Patrisse Cullors (BLM),¹³ Alicia Garza (BLM),¹⁴ Medea Benjamin (Code Pink) and Slavoj Žižek.¹⁵ The forum's history dates back to the 1960's when it was called the Socialist Scholars Conference.¹⁶

Tometi also participated in the World Social Forum (WSF) co-founded by former Workers Party member and Wikileaks advisory board member Chico Whitaker.^{17, 18} The WSF is largely a leftist and socialist event. Garza and Cullors were also participants in the U.S. Social Forum—a spinoff of the WSF.^{19, 20} Tometi's socialist connections extend to Venezuela where she volunteered as an election observer in 2015 and years later personally met Venezuelan President Maduro (of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela).

Eric Mann's Labor and Community Strategy Center was on the National Planning Committee for the WSF along with Marxist and Communist organizations like the Freedom Road Socialist Organization and the League of Revolutionaries for a New America.²¹ Revealing his political leanings, Eric Mann, in an article for Eurasia Review, stated that:²²

¹³ "Left Forum." Archived December 20, 2012. <https://archive.is/jV70>

¹⁴ Left Forum. "No Justice No Peace." Cryptome. Archived March 30, 2024.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240330010926/https://cryptome.org/2015/05/left-forum-2015.pdf>.

¹⁵ "History." Left Forum. Accessed May 28, 2025. <https://www.leftforum.org/history>

¹⁶ "History." Left Forum. Accessed May 28, 2025. <https://www.leftforum.org/history>

¹⁷ Opal Tometi, "Women from the Niger Delta at the World Social Forum." Black Alliance Blog, February 9, 2011.

<https://archive.is/yycVf#selection-413.1-413.53>.

¹⁸ Wikipedia. "Chico Whitaker." Accessed April 14, 2010. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chico_Whitaker

¹⁹ Pulltheroot. "USSF Oakland Meeting 001.AVI" posted March 12, 2025, YouTube, 10:03,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAUlaQm4sDA>

²⁰ TheStrategyCenter. "Pt 4 Transformative Organizing Theory (USSF 2010 Workshop)" posted August 23, 2012, YouTube, 17:22, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suN8QTMojEY&t=453s>; "Transformative Organizing Theory Workshop (US Social Forum, Detroit)." The Labor/Community Strategy Center. Accessed May 28, 2025.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20100806193310/https://thestrategycenter.org/transformative-organizing>.

²¹ "National Planning Committee (NPC)." U.S. Social Forum. Accessed July 28, 2011.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110728151244/http://www.ussf2010.org/npc>.

²² Eric Mann. "Is Lenin Still In? 100 Years After The October Revolution – OpEd." Eurasia Review, November 9, 2017.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20201027012626/https://www.eurasiareview.com/09112017-is-lenin-still-in-100-years-after-the-october-revolution-oped/>.

Those of us in the United States who participated in the great revolutions of the Two Decades of the Sixties...were all pro-Communists with our own concerns and even criticisms, pro-Soviet...If we believe a systematic revolutionary struggle is needed, what are the plans to build a disciplined organization that the communists were able to do? And what sacrifices are each of us willing to make for the revolution?

Mann was also a member of the Weather Underground and a Viet Cong supporter that believed in advancing the communist revolution.²³

Further evidence BLM is a Marxist and communist led movement is the case of former vice-presidential candidate for the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), Angela Davis, acting as a mentor to Cullors.^{24,25} Davis at one point traveled to the Soviet Union to receive the Lenin Peace Prize in Moscow during the Cold War when the Soviet Union was our enemy.²⁶

Black Lives Matter is also connected to the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), a group that was partially funded by a donor that helped stand up a Communist publishing house in the United States and helped (along with IPS) stand up the, at times, communist run Transnational Institute.²⁷

²³ Michael Kazin. "What I Saw at the Revolution That Didn't Happen." Dissent Magazine, 2023. <https://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/what-i-saw-at-the-revolution-that-didnt-happen/>.

²⁴ Dana Washington, "Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Patrisse Cullors Explains Her Fight for Prison Abolition." Teen Vogue, February 22, 2019. <https://web.archive.org/web/20190717160141/https://www.teenvogue.com/story/black-lives-matter-patrisse-cullors-interview-prison-abolition-angela-davis-yara-shahidi>.

²⁵ Walter Goodman, "HALL, AT 74, STILL SEEKS PRESIDENCY." The New York Times, November 2, 1984. <https://web.archive.org/web/20150524150218/https://www.nytimes.com/1984/11/02/us/hall-at-74-still-seeks-presidency.html>.

²⁶ "Angela Davis Receives Lenin Peace Prize." AP Newsroom, June 8, 2010. <https://newsroom.ap.org/editorial-photos-videos/detail?itemid=45045389d6759defac6845a2f3bdfcea&mediatype=video&source=youtube>.

²⁷ James A. Fulk. "Institute for Policy Studies and the Transnational Institute: Marxist and Communist Connections." Eyes of the Republic, July 31, 2024. <https://eyesoftherepublic.com/2024/07/31/institute-for-policy-studies-and-the-transnational-institute-marxist-and-communist-connections/>.

Tometi was a Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Awards presenter at an Institute for Policy Studies event.²⁸ Letelier was the defense and foreign minister under the socialist/Marxist Allende Government in Chile, and he was believed to be working for the Communist Cuban intelligence.²⁹

Another connection between BLM and IPS was a webinar on Cuba that was co-sponsored by BLM which featured as a speaker IPS trustee Danny Glover and IPS board member James Early who served as the moderator.³⁰

Also worth mentioning about BLM is the link to communist and would-be terrorist Susan Rosenberg who was arrested in 1984 with 750lbs of explosives.³¹ Susan was on the board of directors for an organization called Thousand Currents.³² Thousand Currents received a \$900,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to:³³

Enhance local and place-specific interventions to address issues impacting the lives of Black community members, families and children by building the infrastructure and capacity of the national #BlackLivesMatter to support and strengthen their local chapters' organizing capacity.

²⁸ "45th Annual Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Awards - Tickets." Institute for Policy Studies. Accessed May 28, 2025. <https://action.ips-dc.org/a/lm45-tix/>.

²⁹ James A. Fulk. "Institute for Policy Studies and the Transnational Institute: Marxist and Communist Connections." Eyes of the Republic, July 31, 2024. <https://eyesoftherepublic.com/2024/07/31/institute-for-policy-studies-and-the-transnational-institute-marxist-and-communist-connections/>.

³⁰ "Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation and Cuba." AfroCubaWeb. Accessed May 28, 2025. <https://afrocubaweb.com/blm-cuba.html>.

³¹ Wikipedia. "Susan Rosenberg." Accessed May 28, 2025. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Rosenberg

³² "Thousand Currents." ProPublica. Accessed May 28, 2025. <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/770071852/201901359349307325/full>.

³³ "Thousand Currents." W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Archived May 16, 2019. <https://web.archive.org/web/20190516090519/https://www.wkkf.org/grants/grant/2016/06/black-lives-matter-p3034683>.

The Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation founded by Cullors, Garza and Tometi “approached Thousand Currents to create a fiscal sponsorship agreement” back in 2016.³⁴ Since the time of that arrangement to 2020, Thousand Current’s revenue went from \$6.6 million to \$86.9 million.³⁵

In July of 2021, BLM Canada came under scrutiny when they purchased a property in downtown Toronto for 8.1 million Canadian dollars that was formerly the Communist Party headquarters of Canada.³⁶ The co-founder of BLM Canada is Rodney Diverlus a Haitian-Canadian that has participated in Marxist conferences, as a speaker, such as the Toronto Historical Materialism Conference (2012).^{37,38}

Before concluding, Kamala Harris’s support of Marxist-Maoist-Leninist trained and led (at the top) BLM should be noted given the U.S. presidential election coming up. Kamala stated in a June 18, 2020 video interview that she learned from her mother the “power of the people to take to the streets and force their government to address what is wrong...”³⁹ She participated in the Black Lives Matter summer 2020 protests as discussed by her in an article she penned to the

³⁴ Dan MacGuill. “Did a ‘Convicted Terrorist’ Sit on the Board of a BLM Funding Body?” Snopes. July 14, 2020, <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/blm-terrorist-rosenberg/>

³⁵ Sean Campbell. “The Murky Finances of Black Lives Matter.” New York Magazine, January 31, 2022, <https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2022/01/black-lives-matter-finances.html>

³⁶ Andrew Kerr, “Anger over BLM’s purchase of \$8.1 million Toronto mansion grows as group’s finances scrutinized.” Washington Examiner, January 28, 2022, <https://web.archive.org/web/20240307051405/https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/2882358/anger-over-blms-purchase-of-8-1-million-toronto-mansion-grows-as-groups-finances-scrutinized/>

³⁷ “TORONTO HISTORICAL MATERIALISM CONFERENCE.” York University. May 11-13, 2012, https://www.yorku.ca/hmyork/program/HM-Toronto_Preliminary_Schedule_12.pdf

³⁸ Andrew Kerr, “Anger over BLM’s purchase of \$8.1 million Toronto mansion grows as group’s finances scrutinized.” Washington Examiner, January 28, 2022, <https://web.archive.org/web/20240307051405/https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/2882358/anger-over-blms-purchase-of-8-1-million-toronto-mansion-grows-as-groups-finances-scrutinized/>

³⁹ The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. “Sen. Kamala Harris: The Nationwide Protests Are A Movement. They're Not Going To Stop.” Posted June 18, 2020, YouTube, 6:22, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTg1ynIPGIs>

Cosmopolitan.⁴⁰ In a video interview with Stephen Colbert, she said, “some of the success that we’ve been able to achieve around criminal justice reform would not have happened in recent years were it not for Black Lives Matter.”⁴¹

With other members of Congress, Harris took a knee in solidarity with the BLM protesters.⁴² In addition to the Colbert video interview, she also penned multiple articles in support of the BLM movement, besides the previously mentioned *Cosmopolitan* one, she co-penned an article to *Rolling Stone* titled “To Save Black Lives, and the Soul of Our Nation, Congress Must Act Boldly.”⁴³ Harris also posted many times in support of BLM on social media and she was congratulated by the official BLM website for winning the election with Biden.⁴⁴

Harris’s support for the BLM movement is troubling from an anti-communist perspective. She doesn’t appear to be merely supporting the movement out of political opportunism. There appears to be some political alignment between her and the movement in the sense that observers have noted she was one of the most liberal senators in Congress.⁴⁵

⁴⁰ Kamala Harris. “Kamala Harris: ‘To Be Silent Is to Be Complicit.’” *Cosmopolitan*, June 4, 2020. <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/a32766156/kamala-harris-black-lives-matter-protests/>.

⁴¹ Katherine Schaffstall. “Kamala Harris Says Protests Won’t Stop Despite Lack of News Coverage.” *The Hollywood Reporter*, June 18, 2020. <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/politics-news/kamala-harris-lack-news-coverage-black-lives-matter-protests-1299205/>.

⁴² Doreen St. Felix. “The Embarrassment of Democrats Wearing Kente-Cloth Stoles.” *The New Yorker*, June 9, 2020. <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/on-and-off-the-avenue/the-embarrassment-of-democrats-wearing-kente-cloth-stoles>.

⁴³ Cory Booker and Kamala Harris. “To Save Black Lives, and the Soul of Our Nation, Congress Must Act Boldly.” *Rolling Stone*, June 26, 2020. <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/political-commentary/cory-booker-kamala-harris-black-lives-congress-1020909/>.

⁴⁴ “Black Lives Matter Global Network Statement About Biden-Harris Victory.” *Black Lives Matter*, November 7, 2020. <https://blacklivesmatter.com/black-lives-matter-global-network-statement-about-biden-harris-victory/>.

⁴⁵ Mark P. Jones. “Kamala Harris Is Extremely Liberal — and the Numbers Prove It.” *The Hill*, August 8, 2024. <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/4816859-kamala-harris-is-extremely-liberal-and-the-numbers-prove-it/>. Note: For a counter argument see: Philip Bump. “No, Kamala Harris Is Not the Most Liberal Senator in History.” *The Washington Post*, August 27, 2024. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/08/27/no-kamala-harris-is-not-most-liberal-senator-history/>.

In conclusion, it is no secret that BLM is connected to Marxist and Communist staffed organizations and that two of the co-founders were trained in Marxist-Maoist-Leninist theory by an organization founded by a pro-communist. Anti-communists need to be following BLM and the groups connected to it, because they follow a revolutionary ideology that ultimately seeks the overthrow of the free market and the introduction of a socialist state which will lead towards a communist one.

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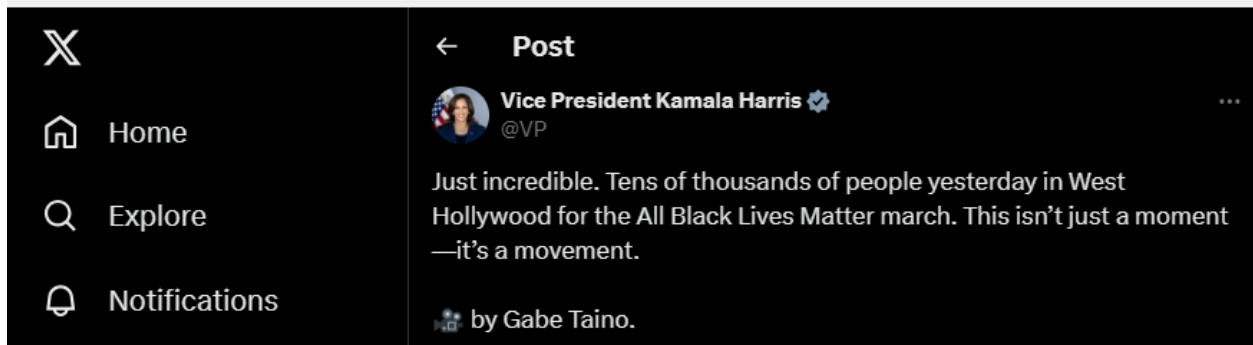
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