

HOW WE GOT HERE

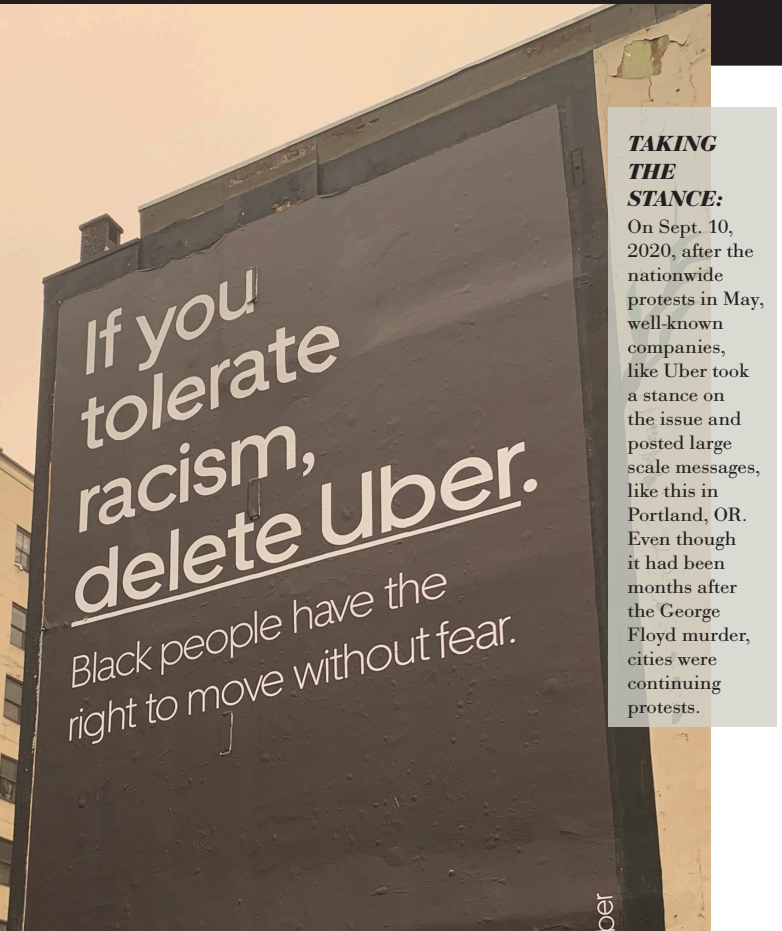
After the recent events relating to the BLM movement, a timeline lays out key events that began the movement

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<p>1968</p> <p>The iconic raised fist was popularized by African American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who raised their fists in the Olympic games during the national anthem for the Black Power movement, according to a National Geographic article by James Stout on Jul. 31, 2020.</p>	<p>1992</p> <p>The Los Angeles riots protested police brutality after Rodney King was severely beaten and the officers responsible were declared not guilty, according to a History article from Jan. 29, 2021.</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>Three Black women created the #BlackLivesMatter movement after the murderer of Trayvon Martin was declared not guilty. It aimed to be different from other Black movements by focusing on women, queer, and transgender people, according to the Black Lives Matter website.</p>	<p>2014</p> <p>Micheal Brown was killed by a white police officer in St. Louis, spurring the first BLM protest, according to the Underground Railroad Education Center.</p>	<p>2016</p> <p>Colin Kaepernick knelt during the national anthem in an NFL game to protest police brutality and racial inequality, according to a Cosmopolitan magazine article from Jun. 19, 2020.</p>	<p>2020</p> <p>25 year old African American Ahmaud Arbery was killed by armed white residents while jogging in Glynn County, Georgia, according to a Persnickety Prints timeline.</p>	<p>1968</p> <p>The iconic raised fist was popularized by African American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who raised their fists in the Olympic games during the national anthem for the Black Power movement, according to a National Geographic article by James Stout on Jul. 31, 2020.</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>Three Black women created the #BlackLivesMatter movement after the murderer of Trayvon Martin was declared not guilty. It aimed to be different from other Black movements by focusing on women, queer, and transgender people, according to the Black Lives Matter website.</p>	<p>2016</p> <p>Colin Kaepernick knelt during the national anthem in an NFL game to protest police brutality and racial inequality, according to a Cosmopolitan magazine article from Jun. 19, 2020.</p>	<p>MARCH 13, 2020</p> <p>Breonna Taylor, a Black medical worker, was shot 6 times and killed in her Louisville apartment by police, according to a BBC article from Oct. 8, 2020.</p>	<p>MAY 25, 2020</p> <p>George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis when a white police officer kneeled on his neck for almost eight minutes until he died, according to a BBC article from Jul. 16, 2020. This was the key event that led to the massive international protests.</p>	<p>JUN 05, 2020</p> <p>Vigils held for Breonna Taylor on what would've been her 27th birthday.</p>
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HOW WE PROCEEDED

Black students reflect on how they feel seen and how to move forward in terms of racism



TAKING THE STANCE: On Sept. 10, 2020, after the nationwide protests in May, well-known companies, like Uber took a stance on the issue and posted large scale messages, like this in Portland, OR. Even though it had been months after the George Floyd murder, cities were continuing protests.

“I personally feel most represented by athletes (mainly NBA players) that do good in their community. For example, Jalen Brown started an initiative to give over one million students financial literacy courses as well as a debit card to teach them the financial literacy that isn’t taught in school. I look up to those guys because I want to be like them someday. I think the country can get past racism if we see everyone for who they are on the inside. Who cares what your skin color is; we’re all humans who deserve equal opportunities, and the sooner we as a country recognize that the better off we’ll be.”

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“I feel like people of color are getting bashed and looked at as thugs because of the protests burning buildings, burning cop cars and etc. So, I feel represented as less than the white people around me. I don’t think we can get past this racism in this country. It takes time for people to come together. There’s a disconnect between your culture and mine, and it will always be around.”

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“I realized that discrimination is everywhere in this country and that unarmed Black people like me are getting shot for doing absolutely nothing and this makes me sad. It makes me have to wonder if I’m next or if something will happen to one of my siblings or even my dad.”

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“I feel represented pretty well right now with the BLM movement and what it does to highlight the issues. I think the country can get past this by actually listening to what each side has to say. We can try to understand each other’s point of view and make this country better without violence.”

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