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How should the BlackLivesMatters Movement be viewed in Oregon?

Our "learned knowledge" tell us that Black Americans do not use their citizenship powers enough to affect the political and economical processes that affect their lives, and they should. Politics plays a key role in everything we do. Understanding the role of the citizen in politics is essential to change. Getting Black Americans to know, understand and use politics and process (2Ps) will benefit themselves, their communities, and society-at-large will change Oregon and the United States of America.

State sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans in the USA is discrimination established by laws, actions and activities of the federal, state and local governments to deny opportunities, rights and citizenship to Black Americans.

BlackLivesMatters (BLM) is a national movement that exposes state sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans in the USA and that enlightens **ALL** Americans on how they are affected by this issue (state sanctioned discrimination).

When one examines how the State of Oregon was organized, one would see that it was to control White citizens in their interactions with Black citizens. The root of this issue can be viewed in the aftermath of one word. **WHITELANDIA** is a single word description of what **Oregon Original Constitution** defined in its Article I Bill of Rights, Section 35 and Article II Suffrage And Elections, Section 6 that stated: "and **No free negro, or mulatto, not residing in this State at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall come, reside, or be within this State, or hold any real estate, or make any contracts, or maintain any suit therein; and the Legislative Assembly shall provide by penal laws, for the removal, by public officers, of all such negroes, and mulattoes, and for their effectual exclusion from the State, for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the State, or employ, or harbor them.**" and "No Negro, Chinaman or Mulatto shall have the right of suffrage." Also **Whitelandia** is a film project to have the voices of Black Oregonians and White Oregonians to discuss this issue (State sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans in the USA) in Oregon.

The internal states and institutions that exist in the USA did not start their discrimination against Black Americans, just, during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. Because of this, we must begin to exam the USA history from its beginning and to exam the different state histories from their early constitutions Black Americans must own up to our being Black Americans and to the existence of **State sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans**. And, we must work with the many peoples in the United States of America who want to assist in dealing with **State sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans**. We must learn to ask the right questions.

The **BlackLivesMatters Movement** in Oregon must be viewed as helping **ALL** to understand how they have benefited or are benefitting from **state sanctioned discrimination against Black Americans**. Painful history is hard for people to share and understand, but it is easy for people to try to avoid knowing. Yet we need to know this history so that we can move forward to benefit all. The **BlackLivesMatter Movements** must be viewed as helping the people find answers to the questions that they have about this issue.

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