

# How should Gadfly feel about the Black Lives Matter organization?

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 *Latest in a series of posts responding to the Jacob Blake shooting* 

**Individual-1's argument** against the reality of systemic racism is largely based in his claim that the notion of systemic racism originates with the Black Lives Matter organization, which he claims is a severely tainted organization.

Can anyone better versed in these matters discuss the kinds of arguments he makes about BLM in such points listed below?

Gadfly feels very comfortable with the idea that black lives matter, but he is not sure what to make of the claims about the nature and roots and goals of the organization.

Does anybody else feel such a conflict?

Is Individual-1 right here? Or partially right?

Would anyone take a crack at that?

Or recommend something to read?

Gadfly just doesn't know enough about the BLM organization itself to comment on these arguments and statements. And he would like to know more.

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4) "The racism today is coming from politicians on the left and terrorist groups such as BLM and Antifa."

11) “Police officers are being wrongly portrayed in the media based on the lies of certain politicians and radical terrorist groups like BLM.

22) “The ‘systemic racism’ narrative is a complete lie and that BLM is nothing but a bunch of criminal thugs doing more harm to the black community than good.”

25) “Black Lives Matter or BLM is a criminal group, a domestic terrorist organization.

26) “Any support to BLM is an invitation for chaos and destruction to come to your area. . . . Get ready, because there is one restaurant business in town inviting BLM to come to Bethlehem and they should be condemned for doing so.”

27) “The entire BLM narrative is based on lies and has a long history of violence.

31) “The founders of BLM are self-described ‘trained Marxists’ who have called for outrageous demands to be met or else. One BLM leader said in July 2020 that if demands are not met, ‘then we will burn down this system.’ BLM has also openly advocated for the killing of police officers (we all heard pigs in a blanket, what do we want, dead cops). . . . Do any of you have children who are in law enforcement who may be a pig in a blanket someday, killed just because of a bunch of lies?”

32) “Black Lives Matter (BLM) was founded by radical extremists who use rioting, looting, vandalism, and violence as tools.

33) “The false narrative politicians and BLM want you to believe is that there are innocent people of color continuously being harassed and murdered by the police ‘every day.’