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## Annotated Bibliography

**Francis, Megan Ming, and Leah Wright-Rigueur. "Black Lives Matter in Historical Perspective." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, vol. 17, no. 1, 2021, pp. 441–58. *Annual Reviews*, <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-lawsocsci-122120-100052>.**

Annotation:

It is a brief  
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The author Francis and Wright-Rigueur (2021) provide a comprehensive overview of the Black Lives Matter movement, contextualizing it within the history of the African-American struggle for civil rights in the United States. The authors review key movements and events such as the Civil Rights Movement, Black Power Movement, and Obama Presidencies that serve as foundations for understanding the importance of BLM today. Additionally, they analyze how current manifestations of racism are deeply rooted in the nation's history, including disparities in policing and criminal justice systems, as well as how economic and political marginalization of African-American communities has served to reinforce those disparities. Drawing on a range of literature from various disciplines, they provide an in-depth analysis of the BLM movement by examining its origins, its goals, and its implications for broader social movements. Overall, this article offers an insightful look at both the past and present dynamics of racial justice in the United States. It provides an invaluable resource for understanding the history of African Americans' struggle for civil rights as well as the current manifestations of racial injustice today.

**Szetela, Adam. "Black Lives Matter at Five: Limits and Possibilities." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, vol. 43, no. 8, June 2020, pp. 1358–83. Taylor and Francis+NEJM, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2019.1638955>.**

Szetela (2020) examines the evolution of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement in its fifth year since being established. Szetela identifies both the successes and limitations of BLM as a social movement, including the progress that has been made to promote racial justice but also points out structural barriers faced by the movement. He explores how BLM has developed through grassroots charitable organizations like Dream Defenders, which focus on providing supportive services to marginalized populations; coalitions such as Standing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), which mobilizes white individuals to confront racism; and protest movements such as those organized by Campaign Zero and Color of Change against police brutality and mass incarceration. Szetela also discusses how racism is pervasive in higher education, media systems, and the criminal justice system, which serves to perpetuate racial inequality. The article provides a comprehensive overview of BLM's progress and limitations from both an academic and practical perspective.

**Rickford, Russell. "Black Lives Matter: Toward a Modern Practice of Mass Struggle." *New Labor Forum*, vol. 25, no. 1, Jan. 2016, pp. 34–42. SAGE Journals, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1095796015620171>.**

This author Rickford (2016), examines the historical roots, and current impact of the Black Lives Matter movement on American politics and culture. It argues that the movement is both rooted in and reflective of traditional practices of mass struggle in African American history, as well as part of an ongoing effort to push for racial justice today. The author draws

from personal experience, interviews with activists, and scholarly literature to explain the various components of the movement. Furthermore, he argues that BLM is part of a global trend towards “decolonial” thought and action, which has the potential to challenge oppressive power structures. Moreover, the author offers a detailed account of the organization’s structure and tactics, as well as its successes and failures. This article provides an informed, comprehensive overview of the Black Lives Matter movement, making it a valuable resource for scholars studying civil rights activism and contemporary politics.

**Leitch, Stephanie, et al. “Black Lives Matter in Health Promotion: Moving from Unspoken to Outspoken.” *Health Promotion International*, vol. 36, no. 4, Aug. 2021, pp. 1160–69. Silverchair, <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daaa121>.**

This author Leitch and Colleagues (2021) focuses on how the health promotion sector can embrace Black Lives Matter as a ‘means to address racism and promote equity’ in public health initiatives. The authors begin by giving an overview of the historical context of racism in the United States and other countries, then provide a discussion of the emergence of Black Lives Matter as a contemporary movement. They discuss how health promotion initiatives have largely left out discussions and acknowledgments of racism, leading to an unequal distribution of resources and power between marginalized communities and those in positions of privilege. The authors propose various ways that health promotion professionals can incorporate the rhetoric and principles of BLM into their work to combat racism, promote equity, and ultimately make positive changes within organizations and systems. It also provides some practical suggestions on how health promoters can adopt a more intersectional approach in their work.

Finally, it concludes with a call for greater collaboration and openness to different perspectives to create a more equitable environment for all.

**Hylton, Kevin. "Black Lives Matter in Sport...?" Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: An International Journal, vol. 40, no. 1, Jan. 2020, pp. 41–48. Emerald Insight, <https://doi.org/10.1108/EDI-07-2020-0185>.**

The author Hylton, (2020) conducts an exploration of the ways in which Black Lives Matter (BLM) has impacted sport. This includes a discussion of some of the notable examples of BLM in sport, such as NBA protests and NFL kneelings, as well as how universities have responded to BLM issues within their athletic departments. The article also considers the implications and potential consequences that may arise from BLM activism in sport, including economic impacts. Finally, it examines some of the initiatives being undertaken by governing bodies to support BLM causes. Through this examination, Hylton provides a comprehensive overview of how BLM has become part of mainstream sports culture and how organizations are responding to ensure equity across all levels of play. In doing so, he highlights the importance of understanding BLM from an intersectional context to ensure that all lives are valued and respected in the sporting world. His argument is well-supported by a range of sources, ranging from academic literature to interviews with industry experts. This article makes for essential reading for anyone seeking to understand this timely and important topic.

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