

What is Black Lives Matter and what are the aims?

Black Lives Matter is a phrase and notably a hashtag used to highlight racism, discrimination and inequality experienced by black people.

Its use grew in the US after high-profile killings by police but it has also been used in the UK and elsewhere.

Supporters point to the fact that black people are much more likely to be shot by police in the US. They say that in the US and many other countries, they also suffer many other forms of discrimination.

They want action to address unequal treatment and oppression that goes all the way back to the era of slavery, but which continues today.

How has Black Lives Matter grown?

The slogan was widely used after the death of Trayvon Martin in Florida, in 2012. The unarmed black 17-year-old was shot by neighbourhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman.

Support grew following other police killings, including Eric Garner who died in a chokehold, and Michael Brown, who was killed by an officer claimed he acted in self-defence.

In June 2020 George Floyd, an unarmed black man, was murdered by a police officer who knelt on his neck.

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The Black Lives Matter movement has spread globally, but in Germany, some feel the need to acknowledge their own problems.

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Thousands more people across Germany protested against racism and inequality with the Black Lives Matter movement. Estimates of crowds reaching as high as 15,000 in Berlin, 5,000 in Munich and 14,000 in Hamburg. The numbers reflect an international galvanizing of protesters after the death of George Floyd. Despite the overwhelming public show of support in June and July, many activists in Germany said that Germans seemed more eager to look outward at America than to look inward.

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The same day, thousands more people across Germany protested against racism and in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States, with police estimates of crowds reaching as high as 15,000 in Berlin, 25,000 in Munich and 14,000 in Hamburg. The numbers reflected an international galvanizing of protesters after the death of George Floyd.

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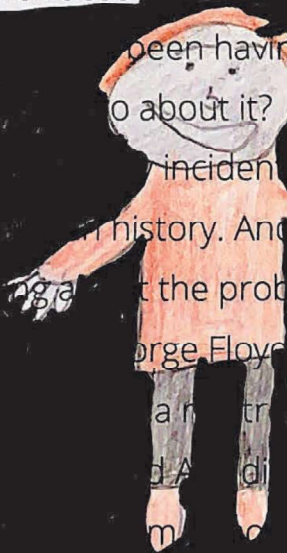
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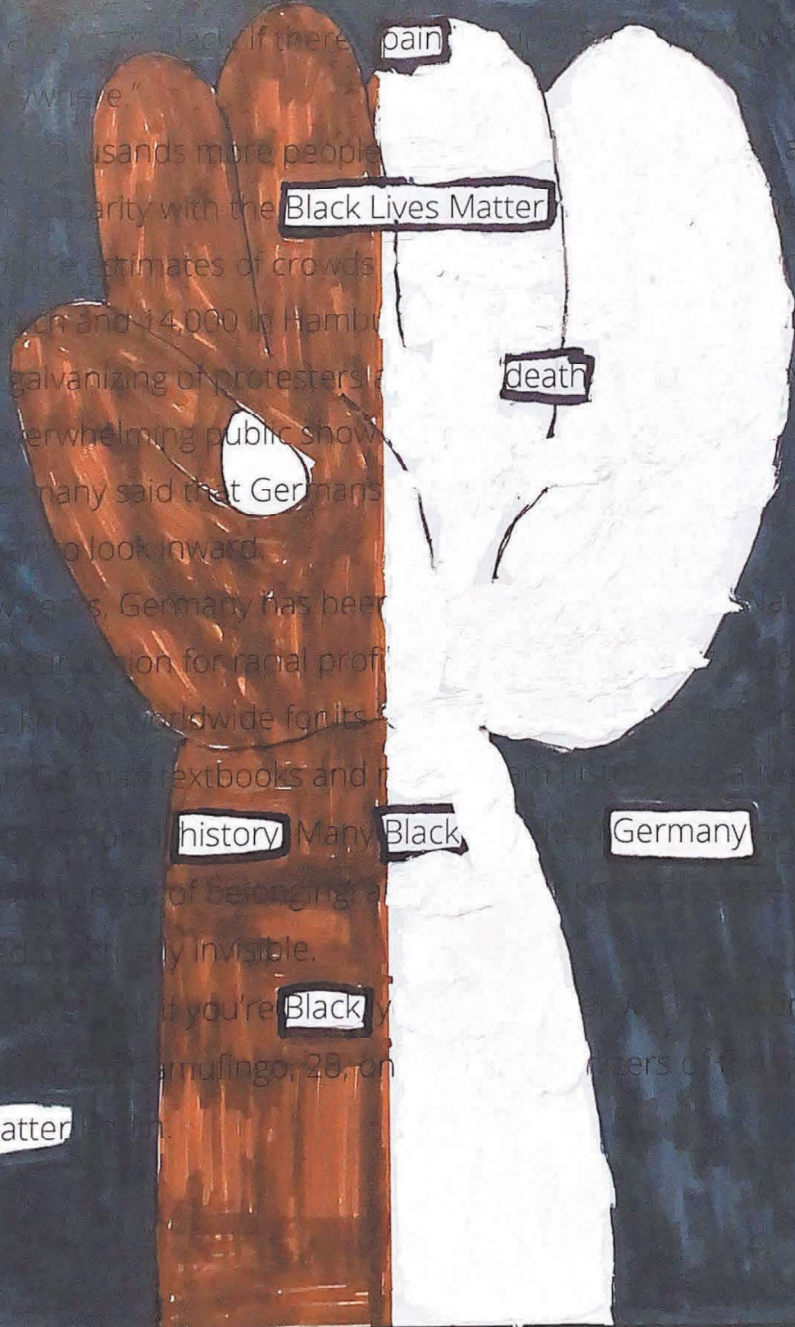
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but Germany, too, has its George Floyds. In 2005, a man named Oury Tallon was burned alive while tied to a mattress in his jail cell at a police station in Dessau. In 2001, a man named Achidi John died after police force fed him vomiting agent. In 2019, William Tonou-Mbobda died in a Hamburg hospital after being violently restrained by security personnel. There was outrage, and often protests, but a man

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racism. Black Lives Matter protests were held in the United States, with police violence in Minneapolis and the death of George Floyd.

Protests in Germany drew 25,000 in Munich, 14,000 in Hamburg, and 15,000 in Berlin.

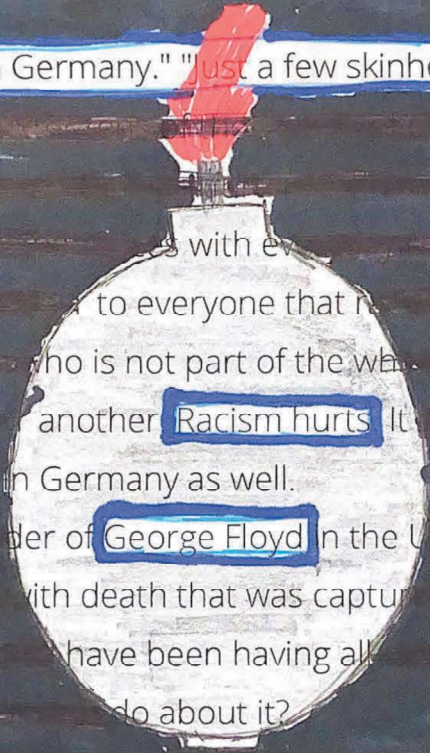
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