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Black Lives Matter Movement is an international activism platform that seeks to advocate for the rights of the black people residing among Native Americans. Since the emergence of the movement in 2013, activists have protested under the movements' banner during several occasions demanding justice for perceived or real black victims. The movement is specifically famous for its commitment to protect black individuals from law enforcement brutality. In 2013, the United States government acquitted George Zimmerman from the allegations of shooting and killing a teenager Tryvon Martin. After the incident, and before the ruling of the court, people followed the case on social media platforms and widely shared their opinion. The black community called for justice for Martin claiming that he had surrendered. Although unproven, the black community in social media argued that George's action could have been different if Martin was white. Throughout the trial period, and following the availability of online evidence, the number of people demanding for justice increased drastically.

Therefore, the acquittal of George for the crimes presented an appropriate movement to increase the movements' cohesion. After the ruling, Alcia Garga wrote a Facebook post entitled, 'A Love Note to the Black People'. In the post, she explained her disappointment in the government's decision and created a feeling that the government actions reflected racism in the modern American society. In the note, she used the words, 'Black Lives Matter', which later turned to #blackLivesMatter hash tag. Due to the prior spread of the George Vs USA government's case, the hash tag received massive attention in the social media platforms leading to the birth of the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Nevertheless, the movement does not have formal structures as it seeks to handle day-to-day challenges thorough advocacy and a show of solidarity. For instance, in 2014, the movement

engaged in several demonstrations alleged racism-driven victimization of African-Americans. Despite the informality, the organization has an active website that acts as the center of communication between the members of the movement. The website also facilitates solidarity during protests by giving the protestors directions and advice on the same. In an example, in 2014, the members used the website to join a demonstration organized by an individual to the Union Square Manhattan.

From an impartial analysis, the movement serves a vital need in the society. Collins (2004) posits that, despite the constitutional policies that support equal rights, racism and discrimination remain rampant in the society. However, due to the need to have a cohesive society for development, the racism debate remains unexplored with people working on the forefront to shut down any movements that identify and criticize racism. The Black Lives Matter movement is an example of such organizations that not only identifies the needs of the marginalized black society.

However, notwithstanding the necessity of such a platform in the American societies, the movement poses national security issues and calls for government intervention or control. It is unarguably true that racism dictates the social and economic stratification in America. According to Lynch (2002) the crime index and poor development index in black dominated areas reflects the traditional stratification during the slave trade. As such, it is rational to conclude that the current position of the black race in America. Therefore, if the movement focuses on protests and social media subscriptions it might lead to social disintegration without making any tangible changes to the active civil right policies.

According to (Palumbo, 2016) Black Live Matters might also inhibit the police's ability to perform their duties. Following the marginalization of the black populations, and the low economic and social development, the crime rate in such areas is often higher than

white dominated areas. Following the high and increasing crime index, because of inherent socialization to deviance, the law enforcement officers' faces significant danger in their line of work. The trend also leads to high index of killing and police-criminal combats sometimes leading to either party casualties. If the Black Live Matters movement increases its focus on the extrajudicial killings, it will create an atmosphere of fear and criticism of the police thus minimizing their efficacy in service delivery.

As explained by Michelle (2014) the movement also affects the political landscape in the country. Despite the movement's lack of hierarchy structure for its management, it heavily relies on the agendas and policies followed by the earlier civil rights movement. One of the common traits with the civil rights movement is their ability to influence the black voters and mostly picked black candidates. Currently, the civil movements are likely to have higher influence on the voting due to their wide coverage using the social media platform. Additionally, the social media communication acts an information bank and works to influence the opinions of the others. For instance, despite the current position of a candidate, the social media users can use past positions to indicate commitment or uncover possible selfish intents. In other words, majority voters in America follow the common opinion from pollsters to choose their candidates. Black Live Matters movement can offer such platforms during the campaign and elections.

The analysis of the movement indicates that it serves a necessary social need for the marginalized populations by allowing them to present their grievances to the government and demand for social and constitutional changes. However, the movement also presents challenges to the national security stakeholders by limiting the ability of the police in performing their duties. Other challenges include the possible amnesty because of active participation in the party processes. Therefore, the USA government should initiate government control of the operation of the army. The primary source of the desired balance

in the party attempts to officiate the movements. Michelle (2016) argues that, the power possessed by the Black Lives Matter comes from its informality. Despite the actions of the movement that might lead to social challenges to other citizens, the government cannot blame it on one person as the social media calls for random and dynamic operations. Thus, the USA government should seek to officiate the party through legal procedures. The method would make the party more responsible for the course and responsible during its operation to avoid legal penalties from the government.

Summarily, the Black Live Matter movement is an integrated movement for black people that seek to use social, political, and economic aspects to advocate for the rights of the black people. Following then technological revolution, the party uses social media communication, thus making its influence more efficiency and timely. The large subscription to the movement increases its social power, which might eventually lead to national security challenges. As such, it is necessary for the government to adopt control measures on the operations of the movement in the future.

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